



ST. PAUL'S  
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CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

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ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

### 5th Sunday in Lent ~ 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

This Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March is St Patrick's Day. The parish priest has a special devotion to St Patrick, having attended St Partick's College Strathfield and the former St Patrick's Seminary Manly.

Few quotes from St Patrick:

1. "in a single day I have said as many as a hundred prayers, and in the night almost as many?"
2. Daily I expect to be murdered or betrayed or reduced to slavery if the occasion arises. But I fear nothing, because of the promises of heaven.
3. Never trust a dog to watch your food.

### Aged Care ~ Midweek Mass ~ Heritage Hall

Final reminder of the presentation about aged care that is to be provided by our friends from CatholicCare. So far, 36 parishioners have registered their intentions to attend.

Details: Friday 22 March following 9:00 AM Mass and Stations of the Cross.

Because of the unexpectedly large numbers, the meeting will be in the HH (Heritage Hall) which is now operational, and inclusive of brand-new chairs.

CatholicCare to provide complimentary morning tea.

If walking to the HH from the Church after Mass, please walk along John Street. Access to the HH through the school playground is not available at this time.

Still not too late to register. For catering purposes and for the setting out of chairs, please RSVP to Elizabeth / Cheryl on 4655 8797 or email [camden@dow.org.au](mailto:camden@dow.org.au)

PS: Mindful of being in the Lenten Season and so very close to Holy Week, there's been a request for violet-coloured serviettes.

### Offerings of Food

Our St Vincent De Paul society assist many families throughout the year who require special assistance. At the moment, there is a need for food for distribution. There will be a table in the chapel at Camden, there will be a few clothes baskets for non-perishable food items. In particular, the following items are requested: pasta, rice, cereal, spreads such as vegemite and peanut butter, canned fish, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and long-life milk. Please assist if you can, this is a very good way to exercise our Lenten discipline. **Please no lollies or sweets.** Pantry staples are in extremely short supply and this is what is needed.

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## Palm Sunday ~ 24<sup>th</sup> March

Palm Sunday is just over a week away. We are still in need of donations of palms. Please advise our parish office if able to supply any at all. Many thanks in anticipation.

### St Clare's Church

The project is now on public exhibition on the Camden Council website until 18 March.

<https://planning.camden.nsw.gov.au/Application/ApplicationDetails/010.2024.00000033.001/>

Scroll down to DOCUMENTS

Go to the option on 'Architectural Plans' and hit VIEW. It consists of a whopping 68.45 megabytes.

So be patient as it might take as long as 20 minutes to download all the images. But it's worth the wait.

The church is (1) contemporary in architectural style, (2) built to a scale in keeping with the local area and (3) expected to be very beautiful by incorporating both devotional and local features that are unique to the Australian landscape.

### Confirmation Programme

Registration and the distribution of the programme timeline has been scheduled for all Masses on the weekend of 6/7 April. Enrolment into the programme is based upon 'mutual obligation'. More details will be communicated in coming weeks.

### Lenten Discipline ~ Digging Deeper ~ please read below.

These experiences of 'digging deeper' have been occasions of great **spiritual cleansing** and preparation to encounter God in a new way and to also serve as excellent models for our Lenten disciplines and expectations.

Lent has long been the primary time for **renewing** our discipleship by adopting some more **rigorous discipline** to heighten our spiritual awareness. The idea of discipline relates to the experience of being a disciple. The disciple is a learner, and **discipline is the way of learning**. It includes instruction for the mind and exercises for the body.

### Diocesan News

Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. A simple way to stay informed and connected is to invite the faithful to

<https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> or

visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

## Holy Week ~ Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday: Masses as usual at Oakdale, The Oaks and Camden

*Please note, however, that at Camden at 10:00 AM,  
Mass begins outside the church with the Blessing of Palms*

Day	Church	Time	Celebrant	Music
Holy Thursday	The Oaks	7:00 PM	Father Michael	Nicole
	Camden	7:00 PM	Father James	Choir
Stations	Oakdale	9:00 AM	Father James	Congregation
	Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Iлона and Tasha
Passion	Camden	3:00 PM	Father James	Craig
Easter Vigil	Camden	6:00 PM	Fr M and Fr J	Choir
Easter Morning	Camden	7:30 AM	Father James	Iлона and Bill
	Oakdale	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Jo
	Camden	9:00 AM	Father James	Craig, Brian, Colin
	The Oaks	9:30 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
	Camden	10:30 AM	Father James	Eva and Darko
Easter Day	Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Tony and family

## Penance Programme

Leaflets will be distributed this weekend to confirm the assignment of families to the three ceremonies this Tuesday at 6:00 PM, Wednesday at 7:00 PM and Saturday at 9:30 AM.

There will be a short homily at the weeknight ceremonies for the children. Those who have selected the Saturday morning will be part of the normal parish confessions following the 9:00 AM Mass.

Parents are required to assist their children prepare their children's consciences so that they (the children) will be able to make a thoughtful and considered confession.

And BTW, the overwhelming number of workbooks were completed with a noticeable care and attention to detail.

On the weekend of Palm Sunday, small mementos will be distributed after Masses to the children who have made their first confession.

## Saturday/Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Belinda & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

### Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Trent
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Craig

17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	John Roberts	Diane Kennaugh, Ray Cusack	Russell O'Brien, Trish O'Flynn	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Rebecca Ward	Lisa McFadzean	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Brad McAllister	Meaghan Marchand	Michael Reardon	Cathy Conwell	Che Kristo
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Samantha Vergara	Margaret Thornton	Judy Musso	Sharon Picken	Craig

## Saturday/Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March ~ Palm Sunday

### Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria & Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father James	Jo

### Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father James	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Craig

*For our Faithful Departed:* Ivy Gleeson, Lyn Simich, who died recently. George Cepak, Lillian Grech, Emanuel Grech, Mary Feehan, Juliet Benedict, Brian & Julie Jenkins, Pat Rheinbeger, Faye Humphries, Dorothy Dunn, Margaret Thurn, whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. Clare Marousis, Gemma Veness, Cath Bourke, Thurn Family, Sutton Family, Dunn Family, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Maria Irwin, Barry Myles, Mary and Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *Requiescat in Pace.*

*We Pray for those who are unwell:* Alexia Nawaling, Robert & Margaræt Roach, Anne Hyeronimus, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Anne Lonsdale, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Wayne Fletcher, Betty Aquilina, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

**Kind Regards**

**Father Michael**