



Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

Easter Ceremonies

For the adults

"What is good about Good Friday? Why isn't it called Bad Friday? The reason is because out of all that was appallingly bad came what was inexpressibly good. And the good trumps over the bad, because although the bad was temporary, the good is eternal."

And now, the resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.

People come together with their families to celebrate Easter. So what better way to celebrate than to spend a few hours going on the journey of Christ's life."

And for the little children:

"It's not about the bunny; it's about the lamb."

Easter Triduum ~ Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday

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

Good Friday Appeal for the Holy Land

Reminder of the serious importance of this collection. Churches, shrines, and care for the Franciscan priests in the Holy Land are totally dependent upon the proceeds from this universal appeal to meet costs. Please support with customary generosity.

Holy Cards

Very lovely holy cards containing an Easter message from Bishop Brian have been produced by the Diocese of Wollongong. They are available for collection from the magazine tables. Please be sure to take one home as the holy card may also capture the interest of other family members.

Chrism Mass

Well our diocesan Chrism Mass for 2024 was celebrated last Tuesday evening in Wollongong. The Chrism Mass includes a part in which the priests renew their ordination vows. And even more importantly, the sacred oils are blessed so as to be administered over the following 12 months in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, holy orders and anointing of the sick and dying.

Very lovely Mass in which our seminarians assisted as MC and servers.

And here's a tip:

If interested in having a glance at a Chrism Mass, then go to YouTube and call up:

Our Lady of the Angels Los Angeles Chrism 2024.

Just watch for the procession for 15 minutes. LA is the largest diocese in the US. Feel sure the kids will be absorbed for a short time.

Confirmation Programme

Registration and the distribution of the programme timeline has been scheduled for all Masses on the weekend of 6/7 April.

Sincere Thanks

Sincere thanks are offered to all those who have contributed to our Holy week celebrations. Beginning with Palm Sunday the generous supply of palms enabled our churches to be adorned with Palms in a very impressive way, as well as providing the opportunity for a great number of our parishioners to take a palm home.

Michelle Roffe Funerals has generously donated the costs of the new Easter candles for our churches, Saint Paul's, Saint Joseph the Worker and Saint Aloysius. The candles will be lit for the entire Easter period, as well as for every Funeral and Baptism over the coming year. Mario Cocco from Camden Pharmacy has again supplied the vials that will contain the Holy Water blessed at the Easter Vigil and made available for families to also take home.

We express our most sincere thanks them as well as to all those parishioners who have chopped palms, filled vials, stuck on labels and most generously made themselves available for all the little jobs that have needed to be done.

Healing Mass

For the month of April only, the normal monthly Healing Mass has been moved from the first Tuesday to the second. The Mass will now be held on Tuesday 9 April at 9.00am, all those who are unwell and would like to receive extra blessings are extended a most heartfelt invitation to attend. A cup of tea is shared in the meeting room afterwards where the fraternity is most uplifting. If you are feeling unwell, please consider attending.

Lost Property

From time to time parishioners as well as visitors into the church can unintentionally leave behind small items. Every effort is made to return these items to their owners. Last weekend a small set of keys were handed into the office and despite every enquiry we have not been successful in their return. If you are missing your keys please contact the office on 4655 8797 during our normal hours.

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.

31st Mar	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Pat O'Flynn Ray Cusack	1. Wal Glynn	2. William Degeling	Trish O'Flynn		Elizabeth
	Fire: Michael & Enzeigh	3. Maureen Grisdale	4. Dianne Garland			
		Epistle. Helen Lanyon				
Sun 7.30am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Kathryn Hampton	Lucy Aquilina	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Carol Ann Meiklejohn				
Sun 9.00am	John Roberts	Cheryl Carroll	Michael Reardon	Maria Debrincat	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Craig
Sun 10.30am	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Caridi	Cathy Conwell	Enzeigh Thomas	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Joseph Hanson	Margaret Thornton	Clare Power	Simon Abernethy	Lo Cascio family

For our Faithful Departed: Theresa Neal, Peter John Mayo, Dawn Hassett, Ivy Gleeson, Lyn Simich, *who died recently.* Janelle Clifton, 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.* Sammy Fenech, Thurn Family, Sutton Family, Dunn Family, Clare Marousis, Gemma Veness, Cath Bourke, 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: Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Robert & Margaret 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