



ST. PAUL'S  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### About Holy Saturday

Today a great silence reigns on earth, a great silence and a great stillness. A great stillness because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still, because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and has raised up all who have slept since the world began . . . 'I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead.

*(From an ancient homily for Holy Saturday)*

### About Easter Sunday

Easter is a time when God turned the inevitability of death into the invincibility of life.

So let everything you do be done in love, and let Easter fill your heart with hope and joy. Easter is the dawn of a new beginning, a time of joy, and a symbol of hope.

## Holy Week Ceremonies

Huge numbers of people attended the ceremonies in Camden. Expecting the same next year. The following year of 2026 will be interesting as the new church at St Clare's may well be open for business.

Sincere gratitude needs to be extended to the many, many people who not only attended, but who also assisted in the preparations. There was a very devoted group of people who participated in the sacred ceremonies with care, reverence and attention to detail.

There were big jobs and there were little jobs, but all of them important. The sacred music was extra special and certainly added great festivity to our celebrations. Special mention should also be made of Sister Geraldine Kearney, who again has most beautifully hand-painted the decorations on our paschal candle. The Australian bush flowers that adorn the candle are very unique and make our candle truly extraordinary.

At our next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, an added agenda item will be focused upon our Holy Week ceremonies as a way of formalising feedback. Could be a good idea to find ways of streamlining where possible. Because of the very large number of people attending, some of the ceremonies were rather lengthy.

## The Oaks

There were some positive developments just before Easter. A meeting will be scheduled within about a month.

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## **Parish Pastoral Council**

Next meeting set for Wednesday 17 April at 7:00 PM. Snacks and beverages available afterwards. Meeting scheduled for no longer than 90 minutes.

## **Parish Finance Council**

As soon as the Audited Report for 2023 becomes available, a meeting will be called. There'll also be an update on projected costs for the new church.

## **Good Friday Appeal for the Holy Land**

As a result of the generosity of our parishioners, plus a few hundred dollars from the sale of our Easter Vigil candles, an amount of \$4,000 will be sent to the Commissariat for the Holy Land. Really quite amazing. Very grateful.

## **Holy Cards**

Still some holy cards remaining and well worth taking home. Lovely words from Bishop Brian. Ideal as a bookmark.

## **Confirmation Programme**

Registration and the distribution of the programme timeline will be conducted this weekend. Children who have (a) been baptised (b) celebrated First Confession and (c) are in Year 6 or higher, are able to enrol. Small forms will be distributed by attendants on both sides of the altar at the conclusion of all Masses. Pens will be available, a small form should be clearly filled in with your child's/children's names and the church where you will be attending for the duration of the programme, this form should then be exchanged for the timeline. Do not take the small form home as your child's name will not be recorded unless the form is handed back this weekend.

On behalf of the children, parents/carers need to accept that mutual obligation applies between the parish and the families. This is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual development and faith sharing within the family. Surely, a time to be embraced!

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April ~ Healing Mass ~ 9.00am

This Tuesday 9th April our normal morning Mass is a Healing Mass. All parishioners who are unwell and wishing to have extra blessings are extended a most heartfelt invitation to attend. A cup of tea is offered in the Meeting Room adjoining the church afterwards. If you are unwell please consider joining in, the fraternity is uplifting.

## St Aloysius The Oaks Morning Tea

This Sunday, The Oaks will be holding the monthly morning tea after 9.00am Mass. If you enjoy a little conversation and community after Mass, please bring along a plate and enjoy the company and celebration.

## St Joseph the Worker Oakdale ~ Rosary

This Saturday evening, the first of the month, the Rosary will be said in the church at Oakdale after normal Saturday evening Mass. Everyone is very welcome to stay and to be a part of these beautiful prayers and to enjoy the company of other parishioners.

## CatholicCare Aging with Confidence Forum

CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning to Campbelltown on Wednesday 8th May at Campbelltown Catholic Club (20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown) at 9am-1pm. This half-day information session provides seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing, with presentations from CatholicCare staff, Seniors Rights Services NSW and NSW Fire & Resue Service. Places are limited. To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events).

## Saturday/Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April ~ The Second Sunday of Easter

### Saturday

|         |         | <b>Celebrant</b> | <b>Musician/Vocalists</b> |
|---------|---------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 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   | Steve & Damian |
| Camden   | 10:00 AM | Father James   | Choir          |
| Camden   | 5:00 PM  | Father Michael | Jody & Tasha   |

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.

| 7 <sup>th</sup> April | Acolyte           | Lector            | Lector              | Special Minister              | Special Minister               | PC     |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Sat<br>9.00am         | Enzeigh<br>Thomas |                   |                     |                               |                                |        |
| Sat Vigil<br>5.00pm   | Ray<br>Cusack     | Wal Glynn         | Diane<br>Kennaugh   | Pat O'Flynn,<br>Trish O'Flynn | John Roberts,<br>Sharon Picken | Kerry  |
| Oakdale<br>Vigil 5pm  | Chris<br>Billett  | Albino            |                     |                               |                                |        |
| Sun<br>8.00am         | Enzeigh<br>Thomas | Cheryl<br>Carroll | Rebecca<br>Ward     | Lorraine Phillips             | Maryann Ace                    | Cheryl |
| The Oaks<br>9.00am    |                   | Melissa<br>Duck   |                     |                               |                                |        |
| Sun<br>10.00am        | Peter<br>Grizelj  | Michael<br>Toweel | Helen<br>Lanyon     | Maria Debrincat               | Kylie Crnek-<br>Georgeson      | Brad   |
| Sun<br>5.00pm         | John<br>Marchand  | Maria<br>Kosiak   | Meaghan<br>Marchand | Melissa Scavo                 | Margaret<br>Thornton           | Eugene |

### Saturday/Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April ~ The Third Sunday of Easter

#### Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM  
Oakdale 5:00 PM

#### Celebrant

Father Michael  
Father James

#### Musician/Vocalists

Maria & Rachael  
Jo

#### Sunday

The Oaks 9:00 AM  
Camden 8:00 AM  
Camden 10:00 AM  
Camden 5:00 PM

Father James  
Father Michael  
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Father James

Nicole  
Choir  
Eva & Darko  
Tony

*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**