



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

3rd Sunday of Easter 14th April 2024

About Easter Sunday

All of us, when we let ourselves be mastered by sin, lose the right way and end up straying like lost sheep.

But God himself, our shepherd, has come in search of us. To save us, he lowered himself even to accepting death on the cross.

On Easter Sunday especially, and during the Easter season, the Church proclaims that *the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep and who willingly died for his flock has risen from the dead so that we may have new life.*

Parish Pastoral Council

Reminder of the coming meeting this Wednesday 17 April at 7:00 PM. Snacks and beverages available afterwards. Meeting scheduled for no longer than 90 minutes. There are various agenda items requiring discussion and discernment, especially Bishop Brian's pastoral plan 'Go See, Come Make'.

Catholic Schools

The three systemic schools in our parish – St Paul's, St Clare's and Magdalene – have received an enormous number of applications for enrolment next year, far more than the number of places available. Huge demand.

It's not too hard to understand the intense interest. Teachers and ancillary personnel work with serious commitment to providing intellectual, physical and spiritual formation for all the children and teenagers in a pastoral setting where all students are respected. Very good learning and fraternal environment at all three schools.

The liturgies at St Clare's and St Paul's before and after Easter were exceptionally good. Children were enriched by the ceremonies and were able to participate in prayer and in sacred music. And the standard of behaviour could best be described as excellent. Wonderful work by our schools.

The situation at Mater Dei is seriously different from our systemic schools. Children and teenagers have special challenges and require teachers and ancillary personal who, themselves, have a high level of personal development.

Mater Dei school – Mother of God – is among the most important schools in our nation. And the teachers do a remarkable job in preparing students for the sacred ceremonies.

We pray that under the patronage of Mary, the school will continue to be able to devote the necessary resources to all the students who have a such a wide variety of different needs. God bless Mater Dei.

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Confirmation Programme

Almost 160 families have registered so far. Enrolment forms to be distributed this weekend. If away from Mass in our parishes at The Oaks and Camden last weekend, it's still possible to enrol and to also collect the programme timeline. At this stage, it's anticipated that only four Masses/ceremonies will be required. If there's a late rush this week, and enrolments climb towards 200, then five Masses/ceremonies will be available.

Vinnies Pantry Appeal

Again, most sincere thanks are extended to all who have donated staple food items to our Vinnies Pantry Appeal. The non-perishable items are gratefully received. The baskets for deposit will be at all weekend Masses for a few more weeks. If families could add one item from their weekly shop, it makes a huge difference to the stocking of the shelves at The Hub.

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.

Saturday/Sunday 13th/14th April ~ The Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

TBA & Rachael
Jo

Sunday

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

Father James
Father Michael
Father Michael
Father James

Nicole
Choir
Eva & Darko
Tony

14 th April	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Toni Sillis	Jim Gallagher	Diane Kennaugh, Russell O'Brien	Angelina Vecchio, Pat O'Flynn	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Anthony McElhone	Deanna David	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Oscar Marimbe	Nada Simich	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Michael Reardon	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Joseph Hanson	Judith Madsen	Jody Musso	Clare Power	Lo Cascio family

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Cheryl
Choir
Craig

For our Faithful Departed: Theresa Neal, Peter John Mayo, Dawn Hassett, died recently. Janelle Clifton, George Cepak, Lillian Grech, Emanuel Grech, Mary Feehan, Juliet Benedict, Brian & Julie Jenkins, 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