



ST. PAUL'S
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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

5th Sunday of Easter 28 April 2024

From Pope Benedict:

Re: Marriage

There are three combinations of words which can help you to live out your married life, because in married life there are difficulties.

Marriage is something so beautiful and so wonderful that we have to look after it, because it is forever.

And the three combinations of words are: 'May I?', 'Thank You', and 'I'm Sorry'.

Confirmation Programme

The Confirmation Programme recommences at Masses this weekend requiring the return of the enrolment forms with \$25 to meet associated costs. With information from the enrolment forms, personalised booklets will be available for collection on the weekend of 4/5 May. Thanks to all the parents and carers who have so far committed to the programme requirements. Much appreciated.

Men's Gathering

So, the men from our parishes – **The Oaks and Camden** – are invited to gather on 1 May in St Paul's meeting room at 6.30pm. Bring a mate. A flyer has been attached to this edition of the Weekly Message. The gathering is in two parts:

First One hour meeting inclusive of 20 minutes prayer, 20-minute presentation (Fr. James) and 20 minutes discussion. Time allocations are approximations.

Second (optional) Fraternity at one of the local establishments (please see flyer).

Pentecost Event

Parishioners from Camden and The Oaks:

So, what are your plans for Saturday evening 18 May?

Why not attend the Vigil Mass and then our Pentecost Event afterwards? For just \$20, all who have gathered will be able to enjoy a two-course meal and complimentary beverages.

So what's on the menu?

- Main: Glazed hot ham, lamb and marinated chook.
Accompanied by roast veg, spuds and something green.
Might also be some fried rice but – so far – BYO Kikkoman.
- Dessert: Mouth-watering flavoured ice cream.
The ole fashioned sticky date.
- Beverages: Beer, wine, juice and fizzy drink. Sparkling water on all the tables.
Tea and coffee also available.

The procedure is that all who have registered will have been allocated to a table. If there are people who would like to be at the same table, please advise the parish office when registering or as soon as possible afterwards. The night generally wraps up at about 8:00 PM although guests are welcome to stay a little longer.

The caterer will need to be advised about a week in advance. So an early registration would be greatly appreciated. It will be a very good night. Money-back guarantee.

Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass 25 August

Save the date. If married couple are having a milestone anniversary this year, the Bishop would like you to be included in a special Mass. More details will be announced in coming months. But please feel free to advise our own parish office for future reference.

Parish Finance Council

Members of our PFC are advised that a meeting has been set for Wednesday 29 May at 7:00 PM. Currently there are no dramas. Everything plodding along. But the meeting will be an opportunity to review the finances for 2023 and to track developments so far this year.

The Oaks

Developments with the cemetery land have been progressing, albeit at a glacial pace. Need to be patient. And Wollondilly has provided permission to remove some of the hazardous trees on site and prune others. Arrangements have been made concerning an upgrade – as well as a further inspection – of the floor in the hall. Necessary work is not expected to be too far away.

Warning of Scam Emails being sent.

Another reminder of the scam emails circulating from “Father Williams”. More reports to the Parish Office of parishioners having received one this week. Please be vigilant Father Michael would not send emails in the format that these emails appear in.

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 27th/28th April ~ The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

Maria & Sarah
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
Trent & Damian
Craig

28 th April	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Maria Kosiak	Pat O'Flynn	Diane Kennaugh, Fabian M	Angelina Vecchio, Trish O'Flynn	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Warren Johnson	Kathryn H, Clare Power	Lucy Aquilina, Glenn Crawford	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Leslie Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Caridi	Michael Reardon	Julie Sligar	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 4th/5th May ~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Belinda & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Celebrant

Musician/Vocalists

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

For our Faithful Departed: Theresa Neal, Peter John Mayo, died recently. Emma Patty, Janelle Clifton, George Cepak, Lillian Grech, Emanuel Grech, Brian & Julie Jenkins, Faye Humphries, 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