



ST. PAUL'S  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
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ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

### ASCENSION ~ 12 MAY 2024

There has been no sweeter reunion in the history of the world than Jesus's return to his Father!

Perhaps the closest analogy is a courageous, wounded soldier returning to his loved ones after a hard-fought victory.

Jesus fully accomplished his mission and glorified the Father on earth, and at Jesus's Ascension the Father glorifies the Son in heaven.

Take heart that Jesus's homecoming to his Father prepares the way for our homecoming to be with Jesus forever.

### Mother's Day

May all our mums have a happy and loving Mother's Day.

*A mother's love is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
it never fails or falters, even if the heart is breaking.*

And another little verse on behalf of all the sons and daughters  
of all ages from within our two parishes:

*No matter how much I say I love you, I always love you more than that.*

### Confirmation Programme

Parents and carers are asked to collect a 'help page' after Masses this weekend. In previous years, the big majority of books have been completed with distinction. The quality of work invariably reveals the extent to which the adults have worked (or have not worked) alongside their children. Please excel in this regard. There are still about a dozen workbooks not collected, families whose books are still remaining after this weekend it will be assumed have left the programme.

For the weekend of 22/23 June, the Confirmation ceremonies are now as follows:

Saturday 1:00 PM (Ceremony); Saturday 3:00 PM (Ceremony); Saturday 5:00 PM (Mass)  
Sunday 11:30 AM (Mass)

Please have your child's attendance at Mass recorded as you collect this week's assistance sheets.

## **Funeral for Michael Nathan Vella RIP ~ 11 May**

Michael passed away so very tragically on Friday 19 April. His funeral – which is expected to be quite large – is this Saturday 11 May at 10:00 AM.

### **SATURDAY MORNING MASS ~ 11 MAY**

Normal 9:00 AM Mass will still be celebrated. Preparations for the funeral will commence from 9:30 AM.

### **CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK ~ 11 MAY**

Because of the funeral, our parishioners are asked to postpone confessions for a week if possible. However, the hearing of confessions will still be available for a short time after 9:00 AM Mass, for those who feel a very intense need.

### **PENTECOST EVENT ~ 18 MAY**

Apologies to those parishioners who wanted to attend but were unable to be accommodated, the event is fully sold. We are planning the next gathering to be an Advent Event on a Saturday evening in November. Please keep an eye on the weekly message closer to this time – advance notice will be given.

### **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**

Scheduled for Wednesday 29 May at 7:00 PM.

### **THE OAKS**

Work on the floor in the foyer of the hall has been completed. High quality workmanship. The floor will eventually be covered with a vinyl. But there are other jobs requiring priority.

## St Paul's School Fete

St Paul's Catholic Primary School will be holding their annual school Fete on Saturday 25, May. 9am - 4pm. There will be plenty to see and do with various food stalls, amusement rides, pony rides and a petting farm for the kids. There will be great prizes on the chocolate wheel and a raffle on the day with a \$2500 visa card up for grabs and many more prizes on the day. Come along and join in the fun!

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION, ROSEMEADOW

Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHC) will be holding their Annual Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2:30 PM. The procession includes Scripture Readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction. The procession is intended for all parishioners in the Macarthur region.

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea ~ The Oaks ~ Saturday 25 May

You are invited to come to help raise vital funds for the Cancer Council in the hope of one day having a Cancer free future. Entry fee is \$5, donations of baked goods welcome. There will be raffle tickets available 5 for \$10. 10:00am to 12 noon, St Aloysius Church at 15 Merlin Street, The Oaks. Please come along if you can and support this worthy cause.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May ~ The Ascension of the Lord

### 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  
Eva & Darko  
Tony

12 <sup>th</sup> May	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Sandra Skarsky	Pat O'Flynn	Sharon Picken, Trish O'Flynn	Diane Kennaugh, Angelina V	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Kimberley	Deanna David	Cheryl Carroll, Glenn Crawford	Lorraine Phillips, Clare Power	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Oscar Marimbe	Nada Simich	Michael Reardon	Michael Toweel	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Judith Madsen	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Jody Musso	Lo Cascio family

## Saturday/Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May ~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM  
Oakdale 5:00 PM

### Celebrant

Father James  
Father Michael

### Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Tasha  
Jo

### Sunday

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

Father Michael  
Father James  
Father James  
Father Michael

Nicole  
Cheryl  
Choir  
Craig

*For our Faithful Departed:* Michael Vella, Russell Demenezes, Angelina Imbruglia, Anthony Piscopo, *who died recently.* Fr John Whitty, Jack Powell, Powell family, Emma Patty, Brian & Julie Jenkins, Faye Humphries, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Cath Bourke, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Maria Irwin, Barry Myles, Mary and Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci,

*We Pray for those who are unwell:* Brian Ovington, Wal Glynn, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, 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**