



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*

### Trinity Sunday ~ 26 May 2024

The Father loves the Son, and the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other.

We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father who created us, God the Son who redeems us, and God the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

God our Father,  
You revealed the great mystery of your Godhead to all people  
when you sent into the world the Word who is Truth and the Spirit who makes us holy.  
Help us to believe in you and worship you as the true faith teaches:  
three Persons eternal in glory, one God infinite in majesty

### Parish Finance Council

Meeting this Wednesday 29 May at 7:00 PM.

### Men's Evening ~ 5 June

The next evening has been scheduled for 5 June at 6:30 pm in the parish meeting room at Camden. The evening is in two parts:

- Part One: Prayer, Presentation, Discussion ~ each about 20 minutes.
- Part Two (optional): Meal at one of the local establishments.

Almost one month ago, the very first gathering was blessed with the presence of 38 men. The invitation to attend is extended to all our men in our parishes of Camden and The Oaks.

### Sacred Music

At funerals and weddings, especially, our parishioners are asked to be mindful that musical accompaniment for our sacred ceremonies should be sacred or, as in the case of weddings, to at least be classical. In every experience of life, there's always many options from among the church's huge reservoir of sacred music that are beautiful and appropriate.

## Pentecost Meal Event ~ Wrap Up

Wonderfully enjoyable evening last Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. For just over two hours, about 90 of our parishioners from Camden and The Oaks enjoyed each other's company, delicious food, good selection of beverages, and some thoughtfully chosen conversation topics.

Feedback from each of the nine tables was interesting and at times entertaining. The setting was perfect and – after a substantial restoration process – our Heritage Hall is once again a great facility for parish and school activities. Great night!

And BTW, because the floor is a combination of vinyl and carpet, and because of the beautiful curtain, and because of the ceiling, the acoustics are about perfect. No reverberation of sound. And no need for people to be virtually yelling at each other to be heard from 50 cm away. What a blessed relief! To be 100% honest, this really resulted from a little good fortune rather than from any conscientious planning.

## Love for our Parish.

Many of our parishioners will remember a dear parishioner, Mr Clem O'Brien. After having been such a wonderful parishioner for many decades, Clem inherited eternal life on 7 August 2023 at the age of 91. He could be truly described as one of nature's gentleman. His love for our parish at Camden will live long in the hearts of many people. As part of his Will, he left a substantial financial gift of many thousands of dollars to the parish. Thanks Clem. May you already be included as a heavenly citizen in the City of God!

## Holy Communion to those in Aged Care

Our parishes are a mixture of older well-established houses coexisting virtually alongside the emergence of modern residential estates. Not surprisingly, therefore, there's a demographic profile ranging from of a huge number of children right up to those who have long since retired from an active and vigorous lifestyle.

Sometimes, a walk among the shops at NTC feels like having a presence at 'kid city'. That's one of the beautiful features of our LGA.

In a somewhat less visible way, there are also lots of people whose days of boyhood and girlhood have long since become a distant and fading memory. And it is to these older citizens who are of the Catholic faith, that Holy Communion needs to be available. Though largely out-of-sight, they should never be out-of-mind. Meeting their spiritual needs and providing the sacraments has to remain as among the highest priorities within our parishes.

So if you can assist for about an hour a fortnight, then please contact the parish office for more information, or consult with one of the priests after Mass. Thanks: *PS: The more the merrier!*

## 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!

## 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.

### Confirmation Programme

This week, parents/carers need to have their child's attendance at Mass recorded, and pick up the final week four workshop assistance sheet. Bookmarks will be blessed and distributed by Father Michael and Father James at all Masses. Books need to be completed this week and returned next weekend. This will be the last opportunity for parents/carers to check that every question/puzzle has been done. Books that are not satisfactorily completed will be returned for further working.

Many thanks to all the families who filled in their ceremony/Mass selection sheet last weekend. The Masses and ceremonies have been allocated, only 5 candidates didn't return their sheet, and as a result have been allocated by the parish office to a ceremony that was able to accommodate them.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May ~ The Most Holy Trinity

#### 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

26 <sup>th</sup> May	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Wal Glynn	Maria Kosiak	Angelina V, Diane Kennaugh	Chris Keun, Sharon Picken	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Maureen Grisdale	Kimberley Logue	Cheryl Carroll, Glenn Crawford	Lorraine Phillips, Clare Power	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Melissa Duck				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Julie Sligar	Brad McAllister	Peter Grizelj	Michael Reardon	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Margaret Thornton	Judith Madsen	Samantha Vergara	Melissa Scavo	Craig

## Saturday/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June ~ The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM  
Oakdale 5:00 PM

### Celebrant

Father James  
Father Michael

### Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Sarah  
Jo

### Sunday

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Nicole  
Steve & Damian  
Choir  
Jody & Tasha

*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.* Clem O'Brien, Brian Jenkins, Diane Vella, Cath Bourke, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Maria Irwin, Barry Myles, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *Requiescat in Pace.*

*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**