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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 30 June 2024

Saturday 29th June **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**

On the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, we celebrate both apostles who share the same day. As St. Augustine of Hippo expressed so beautifully, "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood.

Prayer: God, you give us holy joy as we celebrate the solemnity of the Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul. Grant that your church may follow their teaching and example in all things, for it is through them that Christianity began its development. Amen

Catholic Enrichment Programme

Another very productive evening with over 25 adults present. Still not too late for newcomers to attend the next meeting on 10 July at 7:00 PM.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Some key recommendations from the meeting on Thursday 27 June:

- In keeping with a recommendation from the Parish Finance Council, the PPC also recommended financing for the installation of solar panels on the presbytery roof depending upon a favourable assessment of the strength of the 38-year-old roof.
- Seek professional advice concerning the cost and upgrade of the sound system in the church
- After the success of the 'Pentecost Event' in the HH, to definitely organise an Advent Event later in the year. Discussion topics always interesting and engaging.

Men's Evening ~ 3 July

This coming Wednesday July 3 being the first Wednesday of the month is our parish Men's Group evening. The evening of two parts, begins at 6.30pm with prayer, reflection and discussion in the Parish Meeting room, this month led by Father Michael. Wednesday is the feast of Saint Thomas and the topic is 'Doubt'. The second half, for those interested we adjourn to The Plough and Harrow to enjoy a subsidised meal. An invitation is extended to all the men of our parish to come along, the evenings are very well attended and the discussion is enjoyable and lively.

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Confirmation Wrap-up

Extraordinary Weekend. The two Confirmation ceremonies and the two Confirmation Masses during the weekend of 22nd/23rd were among the most impressive ever – and certainly in living memory.

- Great credit needs to be extended to the administrative personnel in the parish office and the Catholic school offices at St Paul's and St Clare's.
- Teachers were 100% supportive and cheerfully obliging in every way.
- Our adult servers were highly reliable and competent.
- The musicians, choristers and vocalists provided sacred music with distinction.
- And our IT people on the Church computer were sharp and accurate.

Big expression of thanks to all those parents and carers who prepared the kids over a period of about two months. They deserve enormous credit. Big challenges were met and overcome in meeting programme requirements. The adults are making (as would be said in rugby league) the hard yards especially when bringing the children to Mass. This is quality parenting, especially in turning away from short-cuts and easier options.

Special thanks also extended to all the family guests and dear friends who attended and who were so quietly reverent and generous in supporting the financial collections. Big effort. And really well done.

And big hearty congratulations to the 181 children confirmed.

Bishop Brian, himself, was wonderfully personable and endearing. Big connection with the kids. Feedback from parents has been hugely positive. Great experience for all involved.

Anointing of the Sick

At the 9:00 AM Mass this coming Tuesday 2 July, the Sacrament of Anointing will be administered to those who require any form of healing. All welcome. Fraternity afterwards with a cuppa and cake. Fr Michael enjoys a free morning tea and especially fond of custard tart and vanilla slice.

Holy Communion to those in Aged Care

Wonderful response from our parishioners. Two weeks ago the initial meeting for this important ministry was held in our parish meeting room, followed by the usual fraternity of a cuppa and further discussion. Very encouraging.

The next meeting has been scheduled for 9 July at 9:30 AM. Good idea to attend 9:00 AM Mass if possible. A cup of tea and fraternity will be on offer afterwards.

Mass Roster for June, July and August

Last weekend in June 29/30:

- Oakdale: There will be a HC service on Saturday 29th June.
- The Oaks: Mass at 9:00 AM but homily delivered after the recessional hymn.
- Camden: Masses as usual except for the Sunday 8:00 AM Mass where the homily will be delivered after the recessional hymn.

Months of July and August (weekends):

- Oakdale Holy Communion services until the end of July.
Holy Communion services during August so long as weekly attendances during July averaged over 15.
- The Oaks Mass each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM with Father David O'Brien as the celebrant.
- Camden Mass time table as usual

Midweek Timetable ~ July

- Camden Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
Holy Communion Services on Wednesday and Friday
- Narellan Vale Masses on Wednesday and Friday.

Backup Penance Programme ~ at Camden only

The programme begins on this coming weekend, 29/30 June. Families planning to enrol their children should only do so if able to meet the programme requirements that include attendance at Mass each weekend over the following two months. Please do NOT enrol if NOT motivated.

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

On Saturday May 25, eight very energetic volunteers ably lead by Teresa Gimellaro organised one of Australia's Biggest Morning Teas held at Saint Aloysius, The Oaks. Teresa and her assistants arranged some marvellous prizes that were raffled. Donations of cakes and slices were of a very high quality and all who attended were very impressed. An entry fee of \$5.00 was charged, an amount of \$1,588.00 was raised and has been sent to the Cancer Council. where last year 14.6 million dollars was raised. The Council is hoping that 2024 will break the 15 million mark in an effort to find a cure for this devastating disease. Father Michael thanks all who attended, volunteered and supported this day.



Ignite Conference 2024 ~ Rise Up

Ignite Conference 2024: Rise Up! Brisbane 19-22 September 2024

A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship.

Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.

For more information, go to ignite.conference.com.au and contact Arnie Hurdoyal at 0431 611 128 or Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au to be part of our Diocesan Group attending this amazing event.

Wollongong Diocesan Youth Council

Bishop Brian Mascord invites suitably qualified and eager persons to apply for the Diocesan Youth Council, an advisory and implementation body, tasked with initiating missional outcomes for youth and young adult (Y&YA) ministry.

The council will meet quarterly. Applicants should be aged between 16-40, have a range of experiences, and be passionate about outreach, formation and building community amongst Y&YA.

Does this sound like you? Applications are now open for those interested in serving on the council. To apply, head to: <https://tinyurl.com/5668bfmf> For more information, please contact the our youth ministry leader; Arnie Hurdoyal Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au / MOB: 0431 611 128

MenALIVE National Conference

The gentlemen of our parishes are invited to a National Conference at the Mount Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville from 19-21 July.

The theme for this year is Mountains. Many men, families and parishes have benefited from these conferences. More information available from

<https://menalive.org.au/events/max-weekend-2024>

More 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.

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Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda & Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	None	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father David O'Brien	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Cheryl/Maria C
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Tony

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Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Maria Kosiak	John Roberts	Chris Keun, Russell O'Brien	Angelina V, Diane Kennaugh	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Rebecca Ward	Kimberley Logue	Maryann Ace, Lucy Aquilina	Lisa McFadzean, Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Maureen Grisdale	Helen Lanyon	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Maria Debrincat	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Samantha Vergara	Joseph Hanson	Dianne Garland	Margaret Thornton	Lo Cascio family

Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th July ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	None	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father David O'Brien	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Steve & Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jody & Tasha

For our Faithful Departed: baby Grace Taseski, Christine Deguara, Hugh Crawford, Santina Mazzaferro, John Schneider, John Murray, *who died recently.* Ron Valentine, Jane Micallef, Antonio Bono, Winifred Golden, Maria Grech, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Brian & Julie Jenkins, Faye Humphries, Clem O'Brien, 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