



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 The Oaks and Camden

### Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Year C ~ 5/6 April 2025

The fifth Sunday of Lent calls us to embrace God's mercy. It reminds us to leave behind our old ways and to grasp the hope that comes from trusting in God's plan and the power of faith. John's gospel shows us how Divine Mercy changes not only the person forgiven, but also those who offer forgiveness.

### Holy Week ~ Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday: Masses as usual at Oakdale, The Oaks and Camden

*Please note, however, that at Camden at 10:00 AM,  
Mass begins outside the church with the Blessing of Palms*

Ceremony	Church	Time	Celebrant	Music
Holy Thursday	The Oaks	7:00 PM	Fr Michael	Nicole
Holy Thursday	Camden	7:00 PM	Fr James	Craig
Good Friday Stations	Oakdale	9:00 AM	Fr Michael	
Good Friday Stations	Camden	10:00 AM	Fr James	Tasha & Ilona
Good Friday Passion	Camden	3:00 PM	Fr James	Choir
Saturday Easter Vigil	Camden	5:00 PM	Fr M & Fr J	Choir and Darko
Sunday Easter Morning	Camden	7:30 AM	Fr Michael	Ilona and Bill
	Oakdale	8:00 AM	Fr James	Jo
	Camden	9:00 AM	Fr Michael	Craig, Brian, Colin
	The Oaks	9:30 AM	Fr James	Nicole
Sunday Easter Evening	Camden	10:30 AM	Fr Michael	Darko and Eva
	Camden	5:00 PM	Fr James	Tony and family.

## St Clare's Church

Developments with St Clare's Church are continuing among the many professional people involved with the project. Most recently, the structural engineers provided a framework to accommodate all the design work that has been prepared by the architects.

This coming Tuesday morning 8th April, there's a meeting with the project manager and the architect at St Clare's at 11:00 AM. The subject of the meeting will be the flooring of the church. Possibilities include tiles, polished concrete with a colour, carpet, or a combo.

An hour earlier, parishioners are invited to a meeting at 10:00 AM at St Clare's to share their opinions on exactly this topic. So please feel most welcome to come along. Could be a good idea to let Fr Michael know if you'd like to come. Just send him a text. Too easy.

## Palms for Palm Sunday

Our Parish is grateful to those who always answer our call for assistance. This year as always, our usual suppliers of Palms will be delivering them to the Parish from Wednesday 9 April. We will have volunteers cutting our Palms on Thursday morning the 10 April. If you have a Palm tree and are able to assist us by donating more branches, could you please call the Parish office on 4655 8797 during normal hours so we can advise the volunteers of the numbers of fronds to be cut. Our thanks are extended in advance.

## Ascension Evening

Advance notice that the parish will be hosting another social event on the Saturday evening 31 May which is the Vigil of Ascension Sunday.

Generally, our parishioners attend Mass at 5:00 PM and then casually walk afterwards to the Heritage Hall for pre-dinner drinks. The main meal is scheduled for 6:30 PM and followed by dessert. All guests are assigned to a table in advance.

For those who haven't attended before, Father Michael always provides a few discussion topics that invariably result in a range of opinions. It's all very interesting and fraternal.

Parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office, during normal hours, and register their intention to attend. Numbers will be limited to 90, as this is the comfortable number for the Heritage Hall. Early registration is advised to avoid disappointment.

More details of the evening will be provided after Easter. The cost of the evening is just \$20 and includes beverages. Really, it just all seems to be too good to be true.

## Parish Men's Group ~ Wednesday 2 April

Last Wednesday evening 15 men of the Parish gathered for their April meeting. The topic for discussion was "Why Lent Matters" Our Men's group has now been meeting for a year, with the idea first being raised at a Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in April 2024. At that meeting the format of Prayer, Scripture, reflection and discussion was decided upon. At the end of 2024 Father Michael suggested that bi-monthly the Parish would supply Pizza and refreshments to attendees at no cost, at each second monthly meeting the attendees would still adjourn to one of the local pubs to enjoy a meal and fraternity.

As has been the case over the past twelve months Wednesday evening's meeting was very lively with everyone participating and the agreement of another very successful evening. This month all adjourned to the Crown, a new venue, the food was excellent and the company first rate. Anyone wishing to be a part of the group as it heads into its second year, is most welcome to come along, the next meeting will be on Wednesday May 7 at 6.30pm.

## Easter Volunteers

The red folder where we are asking for volunteers for the Easter ceremonies will again be on the magazine table in the Chapel this weekend. Acolytes, lectors and Special Ministers will all be needed, we have been able to fill many of the places required. If you are currently on the rosters and will be available to assist over the Easter period, could we please request that you fill in the appropriate section of the form to let us know when you can help. Many thanks in advance.

## Monthly Morning Tea at The Oaks

This Sunday after the 9.00am Mass our parishioners at Saint Aloysius The Oaks will be holding their monthly morning tea. Please come along to join your fellow parishioners, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, bring a plate to share and join in the sociability of friends.

## Rosary ~ Saturday Evening at Oakdale

Being the first Saturday of the month, after the 5.00pm Mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Oakdale the Rosary will be said. Everyone is very welcome and encouraged to stay after Mass and join in these most beautiful prayers.

## Confirmation Programme 2025

Families will be invited to submit their child's name for our Sacrament of Confirmation programme at all Masses over the weekend of 26/27 April. Names will be taken and timelines distributed. Children must be in year 6 or higher and completed their Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion. Further information will be made available over the next few weeks through our Weekly Message.

## Help with Cleaning of the Church

Our regular Church Cleaner will be on Annual Leave next week and we are looking for volunteers to help while she is away. The church will need to be vacuumed and cleaned after Palm Sunday and be prepared for the Easter ceremonies. If you are able to assist, we are organising a working bee for Monday 14 April from 9.00am.

The church has 2 vacuum cleaners, but as many hands make light work if you are able to assist and bring your own machine it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office during normal hours to let us know if you are able to come along either with your own vacuum or to use one that is here. Thanks are offered in anticipation.

## Macarthur Social Justice Network

Macarthur Social Justice Network Invites Parishioners to afternoon tea at the Vinnies Outreach Cottage, 38 Elizabeth Street (Corner. Station Street), Camden NSW 2570 on Saturday 12th April at 2.30pm to meet Fr Sylvain Mbunsu msc who is visiting from Africa. All welcome. RSVP to [mscmisio@mscmission.org](mailto:mscmisio@mscmission.org).

## Diocesan News

Did you know that our Diocese has a weekly podcast accessed by thousands all over the country every week? Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) to subscribe to weekly emails.

For 2025, there's a very strong emphasis on Year of Jubilee.

Good idea to visit the diocesan website [www.jubilee.dow.org.au](http://www.jubilee.dow.org.au)

## Saturday/Sunday 5/6 April ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Belinda
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

### Sunday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
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	Jenny & Tasha

6 <sup>th</sup> April	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Kerry Todd	Jim Gallagher	Diane Kennaugh	Trish O'Flynn	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Glenn Crawford	Dante Roldan	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Michael Toweel	Maria Caridi	Maria Debrincat	Nada Simich	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Olivia Kosiak	Dianne Garland	Eugene

## Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April ~ Palm Sunday

### Saturday

### Celebrant

### Musician/Vocalists

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria C
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father James	Jo

### Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father James	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Tony

#### *For our Faithful Departed:*

Eric Arblaster, Sylvia Sutton, Joseph Vella, Tony Martin, Kevin Bliim, Pauline Cassar, *who died recently*. Maurice Ellis, Janelle Clifton, Edwin Thurn, Les Thomas, Matthew, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Cath Bourke, Sutton, Thurn and Dunn families, Burns family, Vaughan family, Lilian Grech, Valtin Thurn, Margaret Thurn, Dorothy Dunn, John Dunn, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Anthony Paul, Paul Barry, Jeremy Barry, Fr John Whitty, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Barry Myles, *Requiescat in Pace*.

#### *We Pray for those who are unwell:*

Dean Masciocchi, Abigail Chan, Kylieann Back, Kerri Haughton, Luigi Zanatta, Fr Rick McCann, Diana Lee, Noel Lowry, Betty Aquilina, Mary Murphy, David Schwarb, Fr David Catterall, Marie Saba, Stephen Goonan, Ralph Sawyer, Tarnia Pisano, Ilona Maros, Michael O'Sullivan, Nell and Wal Glynn, Pauline Cepak, Joseph Camilleri, Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Margaret Roach, Anne Hyeronimus, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Ilona Somoracz.

**Kind Regards**

**Father Michael**