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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

Palm Sunday ~ Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. It marks the beginning of Holy Week and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is a time of joyful celebration and the final Sunday of Lent, when we complete our obligations of Penance, Fasting and Almsgiving. It marks the beginning of Jesus' final journey which ends with His arrest on Holy Thursday and crucifixion on Good Friday.

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
	Camden	10:30 AM	Fr Michael	Darko and Eva
Sunday Easter Evening	Camden	5:00 PM	Fr James	Tony and family.

Easter Reconciliation

To enable as many parishioners who wish to attend reconciliation before Easter to do so, both Father Michael and Father James will be available as Confessors after the 9.00am Mass this Saturday morning 12 April. Both Fathers will be staying as long as required. An additional evening session for Reconciliation with both Father Michael and Father James will also be held from 6.00pm on Wednesday 16 April.

Help with Cleaning of the Church

A reminder is given that due to our regular Church cleaner being away, this Monday morning from 9.00am volunteers will be cleaning the church. Everyone can assist, please do not discard Weekly Messages or other rubbish that the volunteers will need to pick up. Many hands make light work so if you are available to come on Monday morning to help you will be very welcome. Thanks are offered in advance.

Easter Volunteers

There are many behind the scenes jobs in preparation for Easter each year that not everyone realises the work involved. For our Palms for Palm Sunday, Easter Vigil candles, for the Holy water vials, this year the cleaning of the church, and the preparation of the church for the many ceremonies that are a part of Easter, it takes many, many hands. Our thanks are extended to everyone who has contributed.

To our families who chop and deliver their Palm fronds. To Michelle Roffe Funerals who supplies the funds for us to purchase the beautiful Easter candles for Saint Paul's Camden, Saint Joseph the Worker Oakdale and Saint Aloysius The Oaks. These candles will be lit throughout the Easter season, then at every Baptism and Funeral during the coming year. To Camden Pharmacy Focus who supply the vials for our Holy water, our gratitude is extended.

Parishioners are asked to be aware of the work involved in all this preparation and we ask that all consider others when taking advantage of the supply of candles, water and palms.

Easter Vigil Candles

The Parish has again purchased 300 individual candles which will be on sale before the Easter Vigil Mass. These candles enable parishioners to be part of the special blessing of the fire and the procession into the darkened church. Each candle will cost \$2.00, and all funds raised will be added to the Holy Land Collections that take place on Good Friday. The Holy sites need our assistance particularly at this troubled time.

Parish Event ~ Saturday 31 May

Our next Parish Event is scheduled for the 31 May, in our Heritage Hall. Numbers are capped at 90 as this is the number that can be comfortably seated in the Hall. Cost for the two course meal and refreshments is \$20.00. Please contact the Parish Office during normal hours to book your place and avoid disappointment.

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.

Early Closure of the Parish Office

Next Thursday, Holy Thursday 17 April, the Parish Office will be closing at 1.00pm to allow our secretaries to be part of the Easter Triduum. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday 22 April. Parishioners are asked to contact the office early in the week if they need any assistance.

Diocesan News

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

Good idea to visit the diocesan website

www.jubilee.dow.org.au

Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April ~ Palm Sunday

Saturday

Celebrant

Musician/Vocalists

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Father Michael
Father James

Belinda & Maria C
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
Steve
Choir
Tony

13th April	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Heather Cox	Sandra Skarsky	Pat O'Flynn, Ray Cusack	Fabian Menolotto, Angelina Vecchio	Elizabeth
		Narrator: Diane Kennaugh	Other: Pat O'Flynn			
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Rebecca Ward	Glenn Crawford	Simon Huntly	Cheryl
		Narrator: Cheryl Carroll	Other: Glenn Crawford			
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Oscar Marimbe	Helen Lanyon	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Joseph Hanson	Brad
		Narrator: Meaghan Marchand	Other: Michael Reardon			
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Ann Madsen	Judith Madsen	Clare Power	Dianne Garland	Lo Cascio family
		Narrator: Samantha Vergara	Other: Margaret Thornton			

For our Faithful Departed:

Eric Arblaster, Sylvia Sutton, Joseph Vella, Tony Martin, Kevin Bliim, Pauline Cassar, *who died recently*. Rosario Debono, 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:

June McCullough, 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, 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