



**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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR A ~ 25/26 APRIL 2026

Tuesday 28 April ~ Saint Peter Chanel ~ priest, martyr

Saint Peter Chanel who was born in 1803 devoted his life to spreading Christianity in the Pacific. He was sent to Futuna a volcanic island within the western Polynesia region in 1837. He gained the trust of locals through kindness and service, but his growing influence angered the island's king, whose men killed him on April 28, 1841.

Wednesday 29 April ~ Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

Born in Siena in 1347 Saint Catherine wanted to devote herself to God from an early age. She was canonised in 1461, and is revered as a saint and as a Doctor of the Church due to her extensive theological authorship. She was declared a co-patron saint of Rome in 1866.

LAUNCH OF OUR PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAMME

This weekend is the LAUNCH of our special Parish Renewal Program – the first in four years - and we would love you to be involved! Over three weeks, the Program is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our role in parish life, and to 'review and renew' our commitment to each other and the mission of our parish. We must ensure we provide the human and financial resources for mission, vibrant liturgy, faith formation, and pastoral care and outreach – as well as the significant funding required for the development of our new St Clare's Church. The Program will feature at Mass, and you can also follow through regular updates via our parish website and weekly message, as well as school newsletters. This weekend parishioners will share their love of parish at each Mass and copies of the special Program brochure will be distributed on arrival. Our Program Coordinator, Stephen Littleton from Parish First, will be with us at each Mass over the three weeks of the Program.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

Q: Why is celebrating our faith as a parish community important to you?

"Celebrating as a faith community enables me to become one in heart and mind with others at Mass. We listen to the words of Scripture, celebrate Eucharist, and together renewed and revitalised, go out to live and share our faith."

"Showing my children how to follow Jesus is important to me – how to come together at Mass as part of our faith community on a regular basis."

POPE LEO:

"Together we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming with open arms."

SHARING FROM OUR PARISHIONERS

With the Launch of our Parish Renewal Program four of our long-term Parishioners will be sharing their experience of life in our Parish.

Vigil	Damian Ward ~ Local CPA Accountant
8.00am	Elizabeth Paparo ~ Marketing Manager
10.00am	Trent Sinclair ~ Financial Consultant
5.00pm	Sheereen Brunetta ~ Principal Saint Paul's Primary School

The choice of Parishioners to share their experiences was not easy. We have so many very capable and willing members of the Parish who could have filled these positions, but we are very grateful to each of our speakers.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~ 2026

Families who submitted their child's name at Masses last weekend need to have their attendance at Mass recorded by the attendants and to pick up an Enrolment form to take home and complete.

Families who were away last weekend need to collect a small form from the attendants, fill it in with their child's name and the church you will be attended most often during the programme, then exchange this for a timeline as well as the enrolment form.

Enrolment forms need to be taken home to be completed, please do not abbreviate any of the required information, if your child was not baptised at Camden you will need to supply a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

Attendance as a worshipping family is an integral part of all Saint Paul's programmes and families should arrive at Mass on time; this shows the children respect for God and their community. Late arrival causes disruption to other parishioners. The practice of arriving at the end of Mass just to have your child's name marked off and to pickup any paperwork is highly discouraged, this is not in the children's interest as when the beautiful Confirmation ceremonies are held they are unfamiliar with the rhythm of Mass and as a result do not get every benefit from the occasion that they should.

THE BISHOP'S YEAR 6 ANNUAL SCHOOL MASS

Each year the year six students of the Macarthur and Southern Highland's High Schools gather at one of the Parish Churches and our Bishop celebrates Mass with them, to witness their commitment to the risen Christ.

On Thursday 23 April year six students from all the schools within Camden, Bowral, Gregory Hills, Moss Vale, Mittagong, Oran Park and Picton gathered here at Saint Paul's to celebrate this very special Mass. Unfortunately, Bishop Brian was unwell and forced to cancel attending at the last moment, Father Michael stepped in to be the celebrant with Father Sean Cullen from Mittagong Bowral as concelebrant. Father Hung Tran our own Assistant Priest, Father Feleki Tautunu from Oran Park and Father Peter Tien from Tahmoor all assisted making the occasion even more special.

The director of Catholic schools for the diocese Mr Peter Hill, staff from the various schools were in attendance and the church was full with 600 students who had mostly travelled by bus from around the diocese. The Mass was beautifully presented with the students showing their reverence for their Church and respect for their peers.

Morning tea was offered to staff and clergy from the Heritage Hall at the conclusion of Mass.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE REVERENCE OF THE CHURCH

All who enter our Church are asked to please refrain bringing in fizzy drinks, coffee, lollies and treats, especially chewing gum. Our church is cleaned to a very high standard, and sweets and spills left by those who attend early Masses leave those who attend at later times unable to enjoy the same cleanliness. Our electronic sign has this request on it at all times.

ACCESS TO THE CHURCH TOILETS DURING MASS

Access to the church toilets will continue to be through the rear single door of the church only. Gentlemen need to proceed straight ahead to the rear of the buildings and then turn right up the short ramp. Lady's facilities are still in the toilet block at the rear left-hand corner of the church. Please follow the signs.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CatholicCare

Cross+Gen is a free technology programme for older parishioners where students support seniors with everyday technology in a friendly relaxed setting held at St Benedict's College Oran Park.

Bring along your mobile phone, tablet or laptop and join other people who also struggle with technology.

The dates and times are:

Tuesday 28 April	12.45-2.30pm
Tuesday 12 May	12.45-2.30pm
Tuesday 16 May	12.45-2.30pm
Tuesday 9 June	12.45-2.30pm

Please contact Jane Hollier from CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 25TH/26TH APRIL ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Maria B & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo
Sunday			
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Hung	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Trent & Damian
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Sally, Brian, Colin

26 th Apr	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	Olivia Kosiak	Diane Kennaugh	Maria Kosiak	Heather Cox, Barbara Spiteri	Mary Bartolo, Arthur Samcam	Eugene Kosiak
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Kimberley Logue	Glenn Crawford	Lucy Aquilina	Lily Crnek	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Colleen Collins				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Joseph Hanson	Leonie Gray	Lisa Alvaro, Kristen King	Mary Velardi, Michael Reardon	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Margaret Thornton	Grace Quinnell	Annemarie Lauricella	Samantha Vergara	Damien

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 2ND/3RD MAY ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda & Maria C
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Steve & Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Hung	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Jenny

For our Faithful Departed:

Winifred Tegg, Margaret Britton, Joyce Lawler, Elaine Belleville, Alice Thew, Jennifer Johnson, Angela-Maria Arcuri, Mauricio Garcia, *who died recently*. Joseph Calleja, Michael Vella, Paul Barry, Lilian Grech, Raymond Noel King, Jessica King, Matthew Dunn, Elizabeth Thurn, Faye Humphries, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, Thurn family, Dunn family, Sutton family Msgr Pastor Bolivar Virginia, Cath Bourke, Sammy Fenech, Barry Myles, Thurn, Dunn and Sutton families, Pat O'Flynn, Fr Allan Hartcher, Fr David Catterall, Fr John Whitty, *Requiescat in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Ladislaus Parragi, Mason Bayliss, Patricia Stubbs, Jan & Terry Chanter, Helen Parragi, Oliver Franklin, June McCullough, Dean Masciocchi, Abigail Chan, Kylieann Back, Kerri Haughton, Fr Rick McCann, Diana Lee, Noel Lowry, Betty Aquilina, Stephen Goonan, Ralph Sawyer, Tarnia Pisano, Michael O'Sullivan, Nell Glynn, Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Bob & Margaret Roach, Dianne Koen, Myra Dozzi, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP