



**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**

Pentecost Sunday ~ Year A ~ 23rd and 24th May 2026

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

Pentecost Sunday ~ Year A

Pentecost marks the moment the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' disciples, empowering them to speak in many languages and to share the gospel boldly and courageously. Celebrated fifty days after Easter, it is often called the birthday of the Church, symbolising renewal, unity, and the beginning of Christian mission in the world.

ST CLARE'S CHURCH ~ SOD-TURNING CEREMONY

An invitation is offered to all parishioners who would like to attend the ceremonial turning of the first sod of the new church at Saint Clare's. The ceremony is planned for next Thursday 28 May at 1.30pm with Bishop Brian turning the sod on the site at Narellan Vale. Dignitaries are being invited and following the ceremony, which we expect will be about 30 minutes in duration, afternoon tea will be offered. If you would like to attend, please feel encouraged to do so, but to assist with catering purposes please notify the Parish Office on 4655 8797.

Two other matters for consideration:

1. Most people in attendance will be able to stand for the duration of the ceremony. But if seating is required, please bring your own camping chair.
2. Parking in the grounds should be avoided as far as possible. There is plenty of spaces available adjoining Liquidamber Reserve, which is a short walk to the site, estimated at about 400 metres. If such a walk is unmanageable, then please advise the parish office. One of our parishioners has a shuttle bus and is happy to provide complimentary transportation that would depart from Liquidamber car park at 1:15pm.

DIOCESAN CLERGY IN-SERVICE

From time to time our Clergy have various commitments outside of the Parish. This coming Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all Clergy of the Diocese of Wollongong will be attending an In-Service at Campbelltown Catholic Club. Due to our priests attending the In-Service there will be Communion Services at Camden on Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28. There will be no Masses at Narellan Vale on Wednesday 27 nor Thursday 28 in their absence. Masses at both Camden and Narellan Vale will resume at the normal times on Friday 29 May.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Annual Mass count on behalf of the Diocese will continue this weekend for the third of four weekends. The count this weekend is a little different as we need the volunteers to divide the numbers by gender, this could take a little extra time and we are very grateful to the volunteers who count and apologise to parishioners for any disturbance it may cause.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~ 2026

This weekend families need to pick up the third week's Assistance sheet. Every puzzle and question must be answered parents/carers could check weekly to ensure nothing is being missed.

Forms will also be distributed for families to submit their choices for a Ceremony or Mass time. Forms should not be taken home but completed and returned to the attendants. **ALL** forms **MUST** have at least two choices recorded. Forms with one choice only cannot be accepted. If your family has a compelling reason for a particular Mass or Ceremony, please write a short explanatory note on the form and every effort will be made to assist where at all possible. Please be aware that every time slot will have a set number of candidates that can be accommodated at that time and consideration goes to families where parents are possibly police personnel, nurses, para-medics and other professions who are on strict time constraints. Please be understanding and be assured that every effort is made to make every family happy.

A reminder is also offered of the Prayer Assessment evenings that are scheduled for next Tuesday 26 May and Wednesday 27 May at 5.00pm and 5.30pm on both days.

Candidates whose birthdays are an even number are asked to attend on Tuesday 26, those whose surnames begin with a letter A to K coming at 5.00pm and those with surnames with a letter L to Z at 5.30pm. Candidates with birthdays on odd dates are asked to attend on Wednesday 27, again those with surnames A to K at 5.00pm and those L to Z at 5.30pm. If your family has a commitment and you would be unable to attend the scheduled time it is alright to come to another session that would suit you. All candidates must be prayer assessed before Ceremony or Mass times are confirmed.

2026 ST PAUL'S WINTER WONDERLAND SCHOOL FETE



Saint Paul's Annual School Fete will be held on Saturday 30 May from 9.00am until 4.00pm. The theme for 2026 will be "Winter Wonderland". Come along and join the P and F and parent volunteers for a fun-filled day with games, food, live entertainment, crafts and community spirit. Bring your family and explore the colourful stalls, enjoy the carnival rides and support our school. There's something for everyone.



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.

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 26 May and Tuesday 9 June from 12.45-2.30pm

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

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 23RD/24TH MAY ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Belinda & Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

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

23 rd May	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	John Roberts	Heather Cox	Diane Kennaugh	Fabian Menolotto, Barbara Spiteri	Heather Cox, Russell O'Brien	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Claire				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Glenn Crawford	Kimberley Logue	Cheryl Carroll	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Maria Caridi	Kristen King	Mary Velardi, Kristen King	Lisa Alvaro, Michael Reardon	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Samantha Vergara	Grace Quinnell	Therese Easter	Margaret Thornton	Craig

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 30TH/31ST MAY ~ TRINITY SUNDAY

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda & Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Jo

Sunday

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

For our Faithful Departed:

John Barrs, Shirley Chapman, Barry Sheil, Grace Sewell, Josephine Micallef, Raymond Cashman, Barry Devine, *who died recently*. Alenka Zuvela, Miljenko Zuvela, Joseph Calleja, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Lilian Grech, Theresa Borg, Bersa Grech, Carmen Teuma, Carmela Teuma, Delores Spiteri, Cath Bourke, Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, Thurn family, Dunn family, Sutton family Msgr Pastor Bolivar Virgenia, 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:

Betty Small, Evelyn Duck, 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 Koens, Myra Dozzi, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP