



**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

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A ~ 13/14 FEBRUARY 2026

Wednesday 24 June ~

Saint John the Baptist

Saint John the Baptist was a prophetic voice, calling people to repentance and preparing the way for Jesus. Known for his humility, courage, and devotion, he baptised crowds in the Jordan River and challenged corruption. His life embodies spiritual renewal, moral clarity, and unwavering commitment to truth, his baptising of Jesus marks a powerful moment of revelation. As Jesus entered the Jordan River, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. John recognised Jesus' greatness, declaring him the one who would bring a deeper, transformative baptism.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~ 2026

This week Confirmation medals will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. The medals are a gift to each candidate from the Parish and are intended to be worn on Confirmation Day. Our young ladies could wear theirs on their dresses or collars and our boys either on their shirt pockets or collars.

There are still a few workshop books and posters that need to be collected after marking. They will again be in the chapel near our statue of Saint Paul, please ensure if your child has prepared a large poster that you take it from the tub that is separate but nearby to the books.

A reminder is offered that this coming Tuesday and Wednesday evenings our scheduled rehearsal are being held.

If your ceremony is 1.00pm Saturday 27 June ~ your rehearsal is Tuesday 23 June at 5.00pm

If your ceremony is 3.00pm Saturday 27 June ~ your rehearsal is Tuesday 23 June at 6.00pm

If your Mass is 5.00pm Saturday 27 June ~ your rehearsal is Wednesday 24 June at 5.00pm

If your Mass is 11.30am Sunday 28 June ~ your rehearsal is Wednesday 24 June at 6.00pm

If you are unable to attend the rehearsal that you are intended to, you can attend another. Please do not take a pew allocation if you are not at the correct rehearsal, an allocation will be made by the Parish office after all rehearsals. Father Michael will be asking families who should be at another time to sit in an area that he will indicate to you. There is no necessity for Sponsors to attend the rehearsals.

Please consider if you would like to be a part of the Mass or ceremonies by assisting with the readings or the introduction of the Confirmation symbols. Father Michael will be asking for volunteers at each rehearsal.



RCIA ~ ADULTS INTO THE CHURCH 2026

The next meeting for the 2026 RCIA Programme is scheduled for next Wednesday evening 24 June at 7.00pm in the Parish meeting room. Father Michael will be the facilitator, the topics for discussion are The Meaning of Life, Creation and the Fall and Salvation History. It is not too late if any parishioner would like to be part of the programme, please either contact the Parish Office during normal hours or just come to Wednesday evening's meeting.

BACK-UP PENANCE PROGRAMME ~ CAMDEN ONLY

Early notice is given of our 2026 Back-up Penance programme which will commence at all Masses over the weekend of July 4th and 5th at Camden only. Names can be submitted of children who are baptised and currently in year 3 or higher by filling in a short form which is then exchanged for a timeline and enrolment form. As with all our programmes all notices and distribution happen within the church only, at the conclusion of Mass. Names and enrolments cannot be taken through the Parish Office.

RESULTS OF OUR 2026 PARISH MASS COUNT

Parishioners will be aware of our counting of Mass attendance during the month of May. The Parish Office has had several enquiries as to the results so for those who may be interested, we have listed them below.

Week1	Attendance at all Masses	1336
Week2	Attendance at all Masses	1319
Week3	Attendance at all Masses	1316 (made up of 548 Males and 768 females)
Week4	Attendance at all Masses	1285 made up of ages
	0 – 17	349
	18 – 29	96
	30 – 49	333
	50 – 69	264
	70+	243

We again express our thanks to all those parishioners who assisted us each week to collect the data which has now been passed to the Diocese for future planning.

60TH ANNUAL MASS & COMMUNION LUNCHEON ~ SUNDAY 26 JULY

Each year at this time a Mass and Luncheon are held for the faithful of the Diocese. This year the Mass will be held at Saint Thomas More Church, 43 Acacia Avenue Ruse at 10.30am. Bishop Brian and Father Michael Healy will be the concelebrants. At the conclusion of Mass a luncheon is served at The Cube within the Campbelltown Catholic Club. There will be a guest speaker, Bridget Sakr who is the founder of Heartfelt, a community which assists Catholic families going through grief and bereavement. Tickets are \$30.00 which includes the 2-course lunch. Bookings close Friday July 17 and can be made by phoning 4629 7208, or emailing to jcarlia@cathclub.com.au.

Ageing with Confidence – What's age got to do with it? Wednesday 22 July 2026 – Campbelltown Catholic Club

Join CatholicCare for a free community event with Dr Emily Steel from the Australian Human Rights Commission, sharing practical approaches to ageing well. Morning tea and info stalls included. Register via the QR code, call 1800 967 894 or www.catholiccare.dow.org.au. Enquiries to Jane Hollier 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au.



2026 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Registration is essential and must be completed online at dow.sh/ma26 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

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, as well the consuming of these items show disregard for the reverence of the church. Our electronic sign has this request on it at all times.

ACCESS TO 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.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 20TH/21ST ~ 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

21 st Jun	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	Mark Coleman	Diane Kennaugh	Heather Cox	Trish O'Flynn, Barbara Spiteri	Ray Cusack, Angelina Vecchio	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Traci				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Deanna David	Glenn Crawford	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Colleen Collins				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Kayla Ryan	Nada Simich	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson, Michael Reardon	Mary Velardi, Michael Toweel	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Samantha Vergara	Grace Quinnell	Therese Easter	Clare Power	Craig

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27TH/28TH ~ 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B & St Paul's School Choir
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

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

For our Faithful Departed: Benito Cavallaro, John Hickey, Bettie Small, *who died recently*. Daniel Perinich, Michael Thornton, Veronica Sargeant, Jerry Leonardi, Ronald Valentine, Zoe Valentine, Joseph Tonna, Eric Busby, Michael Busby, *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: Amelia Breaden, 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