



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 16/17 OCTOBER 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Father Ronald Rolheiser, in his book 'Sacred Fire' writes the following:

The fuel we need to resource ourselves for our journey in life does not lie in the strength of our own willpower, but in grace and community. We access that through prayer. We are mature to the degree that we open our own helplessness and invite in God's strength and to the degree that we pray with others that the whole world will do the same thing.

The classical definition simply defines prayer as "lifting mind and heart to God".



The Oaks and Oakdale

Reminder: A meeting in the hall at The Oaks has been scheduled for Thursday 2nd December at 6:00 PM. There's a couple of big items for discussion. In terms of the future of the parish, this will most likely be one of the most significant meetings in many years. All invited.



Sacraments for Children

Penance

From the penance programmes administered earlier this year, there remain about 10 families whose children have completed the preparation but yet to make their first confession. A date for first confession has now been scheduled for Saturday 6 November at 9:30 AM in the chapel.

A short rehearsal has also been scheduled for Wednesday 3rd at 6:00 PM in St Paul's Church. This is expected to take less than 30 minutes. Children are asked to bring their penance books.



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First Holy Communion (FHC)

- The partial easing of lockdown measures has allowed the FHC programme to begin from this Friday and Saturday:
- Download the Information Form and the Enrolment Form from the parish website.
- Return during school hours this Friday 15th at either St Clare's or St Paul's school offices with \$20.
OR
- Return to St Paul's parish office in Camden on this Saturday morning 16th between 8:30 AM and 10:30 PM.
- Please be extra attentive to reading and understanding the timeline. Books will be distributed from the following weekend with each candidate's name attached.



Recorded Mass from our Parishes ~ from 5:00 PM Saturday

Please tune in again from this Saturday evening at 5:00 PM. The celebrant is Father Victor and the highly accomplished music has been provided by Maria and Sarah. And our production crew is quite outstanding. Very good quality.



Roadmap for our Parishes ~ October/November

In keeping with NSW Public Health Orders (PHO) and procedures formulated by the Diocese of Wollongong, the Vigil and Sunday Masses will recommence in our own parishes on the last weekend of October. According to projections by NSW Health, Stage 2 will officially begin on Monday 25th October when it's expected that 80% of people 16 and over in NSW will be fully vaccinated.

From the final weekend in October and during November (Stage 2), a maximum of 140 people will be allowed in Mass at Camden, with 16 at The Oaks and 36 at Oakdale.

Baptisms will be celebrated every Sunday at Camden with a maximum of 6 infants/children and 20 people per family.

Funerals will be conducted and may have 100 people in attendance. However, if an unvaccinated person wishes to attend, a maximum of only 10 people are permitted in the church.

Weddings will be celebrated and may have 100 people in attendance. However, if an unvaccinated person wishes to attend, a maximum of only 5 people are permitted in the church.

Comment: Could be a very good idea to be fully vaccinated.



Weekend and Mid-Week Masses Resumption of Masses

MIDWEEK MASSES:

- Recommencing at St Paul's on Tuesday 26th October 2021.
- Recommencing at St Clare's on Wednesday 27th October 2021.

VIGIL/SUNDAY MASSES

- ✓ Recommencing at St Joseph the Worker on Saturday 30th October 2021 at 5:00 PM
- ✓ Recommencing at St Paul's on Saturday 30th October 2021 at 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM
- ✓ Recommencing at St Aloysius' on Sunday 31st October 2021 at 9:00 AM
- ✓ Sunday Masses at St Paul's: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM



Kind Regards

Father Michael

Patronal Feasts this Week

18 October: St Luke, Evangelist

Born of a pagan family, and converted to the true faith, he was the companion of the apostle Paul and wrote his Gospel in accordance with the apostle's preaching. He also wrote the account of the early days of the Church in the book called *The Acts of the Apostles*.