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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 13TH/14TH AUGUST 2022

Pastoral Insight into the Church

From Father Ron Rolheiser OMI

The Church is always God hung between two thieves. Thus, no one should be surprised or shocked at how badly the church has betrayed the gospel and how much it continues to do so today. It had never done very well.

Conversely, however, nobody should deny the good the church has done either. It has carried grace, produced saints, morally challenged the planet, and made, however imperfectly, a house for God to dwell in on this earth.

To be connected with the church is to be associated with scoundrels, warmongers, fakes, child molesters, murderers, adulterers, and hypocrites of every description.

It also, at the same time, identifies you with the saints and the finest persons of heroic soul within every time, country, race, and gender.

To be a member of the church is to carry the mantle of both the worst sin and the finest heroism of soul...because the church always looks exactly as it looked at the original crucifixion, God hung among thieves.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ 15th August

On Monday 15 August we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day of Holy obligation. We have very few days of Holy obligation now and as a result, Father Victor will be celebrating Mass at 9.30am and 7.00pm in recognition of this most important feast day. All most welcome to attend. The school children from St Paul's will be in attendance at the morning Mass.

Camden
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9:30 AM
7:00 PM

Father Victor
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50th Anniversary Celebration ~ Lesley and Stephen Barrett

Last Friday 5 August Father Victor was very honoured to be the celebrant at the renewal of wedding vows and presentation of a Papal Blessing in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Lesley and Stephen Barrett. Father Victor joined Lesley, Stephen and their family and friends in the beautiful Macarthur Park on Menangle Road, Camden where in wonderful sunshine they spoke the vows that they had written themselves. Warmest congratulations are extended to Lesley and Stephen on behalf of the parish.



First Holy Communion Programme

As a result of Father Michael's commitment to Magdalene's year 12 graduation Mass, we would like to give advance notice that the previously advised evening sessions on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th September for the children to be able to recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and Act of Contrition will now be commencing at 5.30pm on each day.

A reminder that the programme will begin on the weekend of 3rd/4th September. It will be administered in much the same way as the past two years when parents and carers needed to work in partnership with clergy and parish office staff to take responsibility for preparation of the children. With the exception of the School holidays, when as usual our programmes are suspended, an attendance at Mass is part of the participation requirement.

St Paul's School Fete ~ 3 September 2022

After being cancelled due to Covid for the past two years, St Paul's School Parents & Friends Association are pleased to announce the return of our school fete 9.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 3 September. All the activities we have had in the past – food, rides, and various stalls – are back, as well as pony rides and a petting zoo. Unlimited rides passes are available for sale. For all information, please see <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsFete>.

Sunday 14th August ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 13th August

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Maria and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Rick	Jo

Sunday 14th August

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Rick	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Eva & Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony Lo Cascio

14 th Aug	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Toni Sillis	Toni Sillis	Trish O'Flynn	Robin Roberts	Kerry Todd
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Maureen Grisdale	Warren Johnson	Denise Carney	Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Oscar Marimbe	Meaghan Marchand	Michael Reardon	Cathy Conwell	Rafael Z
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Joseph Hanson	Brian Jenkins	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Lo Cascio family

Sunday 21st August ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 20th August

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda and Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Rick	Jo

Sunday 21st August

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Rick	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Maria C and Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

For our Faithful Departed: Florence Devine, Neill Chapman, Denise Grissell, Colleen Bombaci, Catherine Hudson, *who died recently.* Giovanni Bergamin, Vincent Grech, Louis Gauci, Patrick (Bill) O'Reilly, Mary Winifred Thurn, Lydia Perinich, Braz Goes, John Lock, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Cath Bourke, Thurn family, Sutton family, Dunn family, Lewis family, Ryan family members, Michelle Rooney, Tom Rooney, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll. *RIP.*

We Pray for those who are unwell: Brian Ovington, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Fr Michael & Parish Office