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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 10TH/11TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Pastoral Insight on Christians

From Father Richard Rohr OFM

“Christians are usually sincere and well-intentioned people until you get to any real issues of ego, control, power, money, pleasure, and security. Then they tend to be pretty much like everybody else. We often give a bogus version of the Gospel, some fast-food religion, without any deep transformation of the self; and the result has been the spiritual disaster of “Christian” countries that tend to be as consumer-oriented, proud, warlike, racist, class conscious, and addictive as everybody else-and often more so, I’m afraid.”

Response from Father Michael: This is a rather harsh interpretation of Christians. But Father Rohr is a Franciscan priest who specialises in spirituality and who embraces the Franciscan spirituality of poverty, prayer, peace, humility, and gentleness. Without necessarily agreeing, it’s easy to understand his thinking.

Queen Elizabeth and King Charles

Now, after a life of service and love, that Queen Elizabeth has passed from this world, there will soon be two very deeply and moving ceremonies.

One will be the Funeral for Queen Elizabeth. And here’s a tip. The ceremony will almost certainly include the hymn “I Vow to Three My Country”

It’s very much worthwhile sharing with other family members the version from Winston Churchill’s funeral from 1965. Very moving. Available on YouTube.

The other ceremony will be the Coronation of King Charles. And here’s another tip. The ceremony will almost certainly include the magnificent hymn ‘Zadok the Priest’. Also very much worthwhile sharing with other family members. Divinely inspired music.

The Oaks

The next meeting has been planned for Thursday 29th September at 6:00 PM. The content of the meeting will be to review developments since the last meeting of 7 July 2022, and to discuss the short-term and medium-term future. Other incidental matters may also be discussed. Refreshments available afterwards.

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Catholic Enrichment for Adults ~ Next Meeting 14 September 2022

Our programme is now well advanced. The content for this coming meeting is on the Mass and The Eucharist, with both topics containing many truths at the heart of the Catholic faith. Our prayerful best wishes are extended to all the participants who are seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Bishop's Appeal ~ 17th/18th September

Offerings are dedicated to the dignified support and care for retired and retiring clergy, who have always cared for us, and also for a sound and holistic formation for our young seminarians. Bishop Brian seeks the prayers and practical support of the people in our parishes to help him meet these objectives.

To find out more, view the special appeal video and to make a secure on-line donation, please visit www.dow.org.au/giving, or call (02) 4222 2446 to make a donation over the phone. Our parish will also hold a special leaving collection after Mass. We invite you to use the Donation Point Tap device located in our foyer or the DOW Giving App or make a cash donation. For next week only the Donation Tap Point will be committed to the special appeal.

Church Piano ~ Bad News and Good News

Bad News: The piano that was in the church became seriously faulty and a specialist repairer was not available to assess the problem for at least a few weeks. The piano was bought in early 2003 and has been a great contributor to our sacred music for almost 20 years.

Good News: So rather than ruminate and deliberate and procrastinate, a decision was taken to purchase a new piano – a Yamaha 805 – which was expected to be delivered this week. However, we're still waiting for arrival but, hopefully, not for too much longer. In the meantime, one of our parishioners has generously loaned a piano which for a few weeks is fit for purpose.

First Holy Communion Programme

Notwithstanding a little initial nervousness and apprehension, the prayer evenings earlier this week were wonderfully successful. It was most apparent - and without exception – that the adults and children who were present (over 160 kids) were very well rehearsed.

That's a great credit to all those who were so seriously committed to supporting and affirming their children in prayer. And parents can be justifiably proud of their little sons and daughters. An excellent foundation has now been established for the children's own personal prayer and especially for the launching of the programme.

Accordingly, the following will apply this weekend:

- Families who were present at Mass in one of our parishes last weekend and who were present at one of the prayer evenings earlier this week have now had the names of their children included in the programme. Please collect an enrolment form after Mass to take home and return the following weekend with \$25.

- Families who were NOT present at Mass in one of our parishes last weekend but who were present at one of the prayer evenings earlier this week have now had the names of their children included in the programme. Please collect a timeline and an enrolment form after Mass to take home and return the following weekend with \$25.
- Families who have NOT been to one of the prayer evenings but who wish to be part of the programme should collect and fill in a name form, which they will then exchange for a timeline. They should attend the backup prayer session this coming Wednesday evening 14 September at 5.30pm where they can pick up an enrolment form which is to be returned the following weekend with \$25. Should any family be unable to be present at the prayer evening, please ring the parish office on Tuesday.

Truly, the programme is so much easier for the administrators if families are able to follow the timeline and oblige by its requirements. Thanks in anticipation.

It ought to be noted, however, that our small team of people in the parish office are always very happy and willing to make special provision for families in instances of sickness, genuine misfortune, and extenuating circumstances.

Diocesan News

Get connected with what is on around the diocese. Conscious that with many messages to choose from to put in your bulletins every week, we are continuing to include a short message near the top of the message suggestions that captures an opportunity for the faithful to stay connected with what is happening around the diocese.

Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. A simple way to stay informed and connected is to invite the faithful to subscribe:

<https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> or

visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

Diocesan News ~ Diocesan Liturgical Commission

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission (DLC) invites people from across the Diocese who have experience to submit an expression of interest to join the Diocesan Liturgical Commission (DLC). The DLC will then consider applications as vacancies become available. To submit an expression of interest, and to learn more, please see the following page on our Diocesan website: dow.org.au/news. For enquiries, please contact the liturgy@dow.org.au

Sunday 11th September ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 10th September

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday 11th September

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

11 th Sep	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Toni Sillis	Wal Glynn	Robin Roberts	Russell O'Brien	Kerry Todd
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Warren Johnson	Leonie Gray	Denise Carney	Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Helen Lanyon	Meaghan Marchand	Cathy Conwell	Maria Debrincat	Rafael Z
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Brian Jenkins	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Sharon Picken	Lo Cascio family

Sunday 18th September ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 17th September

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda and Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday 18th September

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

For our Faithful Departed: John Du Verge, Colin James Lloyd, James (Jim) Vella, Florence Devine, Neill Chapman, *who died recently*. Stephen (Tony) Crnek, Lucas Leveque, Lise Marchand, Maureen Ovington, Michael Antalffy, Julie Jenkins, Giovanni Bergamin, Vincent Grech, Louis Gauci, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Thurn family, Sutton family, Dunn family, Cath Bourke, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll. *RIP.*

We Pray for those who are unwell: Maria Irwin, Syd Hyett, Trish Hyett, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael