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## *Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks*

**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 24<sup>TH</sup>/25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **Pastoral Insights from Dr Morgan Scott Peck**

Morgan Scott Peck (1936–2005) was an American psychiatrist. He died at the age of 69. The cause was complications of pancreatic and liver duct cancer. His following two quotes were formulated after decades of clinical experience:

- ❖ By far the most important form of attention we can give our loved ones is listening... True listening is love in action.
- ❖ Human beings are poor examiners, subject to superstition, bias, prejudice, and a PROFOUND tendency to see what they want to see rather than what is really there.

### **The Oaks**

Final Reminder: Meeting scheduled for this coming Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6:00 PM. Not expected to take too long. Refreshments afterwards.

### **Mass for Loss of Pregnancies, Infants and Children ~ 10:00 AM, 8 October**

Reminder to our parishioners that this very special Mass will be offered on Saturday 8 October at 10:00 AM. The usual 9:00 AM Mass and confessions have been cancelled for this Saturday only.

Our normal 9:00 AM Saturday Mass attendees – as well as all our parishioners – are encouraged to have a presence at the 10:00 AM Mass and, by their presence, offer prayerful support to families who have experienced such deep loss and an enduring sorrow.

Mass will have sacred music with the principal celebrant being myself. Complimentary morning tea available afterwards in the parish meeting room.

### **St Clare's Church**

In financial terms, we're just about ready to go. But there's a slight hurdle needing to be overcome, and that is: that an architect still needs to be appointed. It's not as if architects are not available. The challenge is in having an architect that's 'fit for purpose'.

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## Midweek Mass Times

From Tuesday 27 September to Friday 30 September

Father Victor will be on retreat this coming week, accordingly midweek Mass times will be as follows:

Camden	Mass on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Communion service on Wednesday
Narellan Vale	Mass on Wednesday and Friday. No Mass Thursday

## Pastoral Visitation

Parishioners with a devotion to Mass and with a deep reverence for the Blessed Sacrament are asked to consider joining a parish team that takes Holy Communion to the elderly, especially in the aged-care complexes within the parishes.

During 2020 and 2021, the pandemic led to the imposition of serious limitations upon our lives. Our parish – like so many communities, businesses and organisations – needed to scale back.

But 2022 has been a turning point, and the time has come for a pastoral rebirth. This process actually began in May when in Camden, there was a one-month pastoral and financial renewal programme that was professionally managed – and quite successfully.

The next step is the rejuvenation of the parish pastoral council. But even before then, we need to have special consciousness and care for those who have reached a venerable old age and who are no longer able to join us at Mass.

The ideal would be to have a very large pastoral team with members needing only to have a singular monthly commitment. If interested, please contact the parish office or see one of the priests. Care for the elderly really needs to be among our highest priorities.

## First Holy Communion Programme

Owing to the cooperation and dedication of the overwhelming number of families, the programme has been progressing exceptionally well. There's expected to be almost 190 children. So after such a promising start, we're now about to begin a two-week pause to allow families to have a holiday away from the parish without slipping behind.

If any families have outstanding business, please see one of the attendants near the musicians after any of the Masses.

The next stage of the programme begins with the distribution of personalised workbooks, offering a wonderful opportunity for families to share time together in preparing for their children's First Holy Communion. This is such a precious time for the children and – on their behalf – should really be treasured by parents and carers.

And BTW, from the perspective of being a PP, one of the truly wonderful innovations has been the introduction of kids learning prayers more confidently than ever. The whole process has achieved the intended objectives of bringing

- (i) an appropriate sense of prayerful learning and achievement to the children
- (ii) a noticeable fulfilment to the parents/carers who have assisted, and
- (iii) considerable reassurance to the clergy.

Gratitude extended to the parents and carers who dedicated their time, and to our teachers who also took a close interest and assisted as needed.

## Bishop's Appeal ~ 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September

Thanks to all who contributed to the appeal last weekend. An amount of almost \$800 was raised. There's still the opportunity to contribute on-line. See diocesan news below for contact details.

## *The Oaks ~ Next Sunday 2 October*

On Sunday 2 October there will be morning tea after 9.00am Mass with little delights brought along by the families. Custard tarts a specialty. All invited, especially the kids. And yes, Father Michael will be present and will indulge but with restraint and moderation. Hard to resist a good custard tart at morning tea! Preferable to lamingtons.

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September ~ 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 25<sup>th</sup> September

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria and TBA
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent, Damian and Betty
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Patrick O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Patrick O'Flynn	Maria Kosiak	Maria Kosiak	Trish O'Flynn	Brian Jenkins	Eugene Kosiak
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Kathryn Hampton	Lisa McFadzean	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl/Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Michael Reardon	Maria Caridi	Cathy Conwell	Maria Debrincat	Julie Sligar
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Joseph Hanson	Judith Madsen	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Craig

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October ~ 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 1<sup>st</sup> October

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Steve, Damian and Betty
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jenny and Tasha

## 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.

*For our Faithful Departed:* Nichole Knox, Anton Joseph, John Du Verge, *who died recently.* Barry Myles, Michael Antalfy, Julie Jenkins, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Annie Giles, Joan Stanfield, Louis Gauci, Cath Bourke, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll. *RIP.*

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

Kind Regards

Father Michael