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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 22ND /23RD OCTOBER 2022

From Mother Theresa

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass - grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.

Catholic Mission Appeal

In all parishes throughout the diocese, there is an appeal this weekend for Catholic Mission. There will be a four-minute film clip that will replace the homily. A special collection will follow. Envelopes are available for those who would like to make an offering via credit/debit card.

No need for parishioners to contribute to every collection. Please be discerning. Thanks.

BTW: For those interested in the occasional movie, there's a new release this week called 'Woman King'. It opened in the US about a month ago with very good reviews. Duration of 135 minutes.

Pastoral Visitation ~ Ministry for Aged Care

Meeting scheduled for 10:30 AM on Saturday 29th October still on track. Whether experienced or just beginning, we're asking all who are involved with this ministry to come along. Please ring the parish office during business hours to notify of your attendance. Ph: 4655 8797. Many thanks

Covid Update

Extract from Most Reverend Brian Mascord, Bishop of Wollongong:

Now that the authorities have removed restrictions, it is appropriate to revoke diocesan restrictions:

- 1. Holy Day Dispensation ~ reinstated**
- 2. Receiving the Eucharist "on the tongue" now permitted from the priest only, but please come to the priest and towards the end of the line.**
- 3. Holy Water stoups ~ now being refilled with water changed weekly; unused water tipped onto church gardens.**

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Parish Pastoral Council ~ Camden and The Oaks

Confirming that the first post-covid meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 9th November at 7:00 PM. Meetings are followed by a little convivium afterwards for those not needing to depart quickly.

Please contact the office if intending to attend. The gathering will offer an opportunity to review the pastoral life of the parish with scope for new initiatives.

November ~ Month of the Holy Souls

Did you know?

If a priest celebrates more than one Mass during All Souls Day, the second is to be offered for the souls of all the faithful departed and the third for the intentions of the Pope.

Is that not so very interesting!

And please keep in mind that November is a special time to pray for the dead.

Mass Counts in November

With the exception of the weekend for First Holy Communions, the other three weekends will involve a Mass count. As a parish, there is a need to comply with diocesan directives.

St Clare's New Church

Meeting for this Wednesday 26th October at 7:00 PM confirmed as scheduled.

First Holy Communion Programme

Workbooks ought to now be half completed. Notes for the coming week will be distributed this week. Please also complete a form to indicate preferred times for the FHC Masses. And many thanks to the overwhelming number of parents/carers who are committed to the requirements of the programme. Please direct any inquires to the clergy or parish secretarial staff during office hours.

BTW, in terms of dress, the girls traditionally wear white dresses. There's no need for veils. A neat hair arrangement is quite appropriate and can be enhanced with a ribbon. The boys are asked to wear neat casual attire as a minimum. Some boys dress more formally with coats and ties that are also appropriate to the occasion. No need to apply too much gel to the hair.

Some years ago, there was a dad who was dressed in a suite in fashionable style. Looked very formidable. And his little son was dressed in exactly the same style but, of course, in a proportionate way. Even the ties were a perfect match. They both seemed to be very proud of each other. Would have made for a great photo.

Please try to avoid over-spending on clothes. The interior preparation is much more important than external appearance. And kids like receiving time from their parents. And that's too true!

Mater Dei Fair ~ Sunday 23 October 2022

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the Mater Dei Country Fair is back on this Sunday 23 October 2022 from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Free entry to all, over 50 stalls are booked, including rides, live entertainment, Devonshire tea, white elephant, the ever favourite chocolate wheel, and one lucky attendee will also win \$1,500 in the amazing raffle!

Sunday 23rd October ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 22nd October

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

Sunday 23rd October

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

23 rd Oct	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Patrick O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Maria Kosiak	Wal Glynn	Angelina Vecchio	Russell O'Brien	Eugene K
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Rebecca Ward	Maureen Grisdale	Kathryn Hampton	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Toni Sillis	Meaghan Marchand	Michael Reardon	Julie Sligar	Julie Sligar
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Margaret Thornton	Samantha Vergara	Brian Jenkins	<i>To be advised</i>	Craig

Sunday 31st October ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 29th October

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

Sunday 30th October

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

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: David Howard, Joan Keoghan, Jean Jabour Nicholson, Alice Barrett, Terence Heron, Nichole Knox, Anton Joseph, John Du Verge, *who died recently*. Michael Busby, Dolores Morgan, Barry Myles, Michael Antalfy, Julie Jenkins, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Dayne Mackie, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll. Cath Bourke, Annie Giles, Joan Stanfield, Louis Gauci, *RIP*.

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

Kind Regards

Father Michael