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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 12TH /13TH NOVEMBER 2022

From Pope Francis

Saint Therese of Lisieux invites us to practise the little way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship. An integral ecology is also made up of simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness.

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

Families with children who have been baptised, and in Year 2 and be going into at least Year 3 in 2023 at school or higher, are invited to enrol in the Sacrament of Penance Programme over the weekend of 26th/27th November.

The various requirements of the programme are not demanding but do include a commitment to Mass. If families – especially children – have an aversion to Mass, please do NOT enrol.

It's much better to wait – possibly even years if necessary – until parents and children are committed to a process of genuine formation.

For families who truly value the life-giving experience of Holy Mass, the Penance Programme promises to be wonderfully rewarding.

Adult Initiation

This Saturday morning 12 November at 10:00 AM, 15 adults will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. For seven of the adults, the process will include baptism. For the entire 15, the initiation will also include Confirmation and FHC.

Everyone has a spiritual pathway that includes many unique experiences. For those baptised into the Catholic Church, the opportunity for spiritual strengthening and renewal is always available through Word and Sacrament. So important.

Our prayerful support reaches out to the adults soon to be fully initiated.

Parish Pastoral Council

Inaugural meeting for new PPC is confirmed for Wednesday 16 November at 7:00 PM in St Paul's meeting Room. Good opportunity to share ideas and meet other parishioners in an atmosphere of friendliness. Can't ever recall any instances of raised voices, fist thumping or finger waving. Our parishioners have a long history of being remarkably calm and respectful.

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Reminded of an occasion many years ago when a spirited young priest is having a difficult conversation with his Bishop. Feeling exasperated that little progress was being made, the Bishop began to raise his voice slightly and wave his finger. As quick as a flash, the athletic young priest jumped up from his chair, reached across the desk, and grabbed the episcopal finger. Not sure for how long he kept hold, but it certainly seemed a response His Lordship was least expecting.

At our PPC, there will be convivium afterwards for those not needing to hurry away. Please advise parish office if interested in attending. Thanks

November ~ Month of the Holy Souls

Beautiful option from the Mass of All Souls:

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son, having conquered death,
should Passover into the realm of heaven,
grant, we pray, with the mortality of this life overcome,
they may gaze eternally on you, their Creator and Redeemer.

Publications

1: Diocesan-produced publication entitled:

INCARNATE, Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2022

This little pocket-size publication has a one-page daily meditation for each of the days in Advent and over Christmas. Beautiful artwork also included. Love the pictures in which angels are drawn as little babies with wings. So heavenly! Highly recommended and just \$2.50.

2: Publication produced by St Paul's Book and Media, entitled:

GOD'S WORD Daily Reflections 2023

This book is very much like a companion on the journey. For each day of the year, the readings have been provided along with a reflection. Ideally suited for use before Mass or at home. Priced at just \$12, it translates as great value at a cost of only a dollar a month. Book is quite meaty and has seasonal colour-coding.

Saturday morning 9:00 AM Mass ~ 12th November ~ Cancelled

For this Saturday only – 12th November – there will be no 9:00 AM Mass because of the Mass of Christian Initiation at 10:00 AM. No confessions on this weekend.

Our usual Mass goers are invited and encouraged to have a presence at the 10:00 AM Mass which will be resourced with beautiful sacred music.

Mass Counts in November

The process continues this weekend. Thanks to all for cooperating. So far, so good.

St Clare's New Church

Initial meeting with Project Manager has taken place. Further initiatives underway towards the appointment and engagement of an architect.

First Holy Communion Programme

Books have been reviewed and assessed. Quality of work varied enormously.

- A large number of books were completed with an obvious care and dedication. Wonderful expression of love from parents and carers.
- Quite a few dozen were ok but could have been better.
- Rather unfortunately, too many were underdone. A wonderful opportunity for evangelisation and spiritual bonding between parents/carers and their children was seriously eroded.

Notwithstanding some measure of disappointment, it's important to remain positive and reflect upon the majority of families that were seriously committed, motivated, and prepared to make sacrifice to meet the programme requirements. Lots of families did a great job.

BTW, last weekend there were 17 adults who returned books without the children at Mass. It was explained that they were sick. Must surely have been a nasty little bug in circulation.

'Would be prepared to bet a \$100, however, that on the weekend of First Holy Communions, the nasty little bug will be dead and buried, and almost all those who were too sick to be at Mass last weekend will have recovered to be enjoying the fullness of health and vitality. Just a hunch!

Contingency plans are now under consideration for another FHC ceremony in mid-January for those who have not handed in their books and, therefore, not completed the requirements of the programme.

Books assessed as worthy will have been stamped on the inside of the front cover, and can be collected by the children this weekend after Masses.

Please be mindful of rehearsal details this coming week.

Tuesday 15 Nov	at 5.00pm	for Saturday 3.00pm Mass
Tuesday 15 Nov	at 6.30pm	for Saturday 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday 16 Nov	at 5.00pm	for Sunday 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 16 Nov	at 6.30pm	for Sunday 12 noon Mass

Sunday 13th November ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 12th November

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

Sunday 13th November

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

13 th Nov	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Jim Gallagher	Brian Jenkins	Diane Kennaugh	Chris Keun	Elizabeth
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Deanna David	Warren Johnson	Denise Carney	Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Helen Lanyon	Joseph Hanson	Michael Reardon	Cathy Conwell	Rafael Z
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Samantha Vergara	Judith Madsen	Dianne Garland	Brian Jenkins	Lo Cascio family

Saturday/Sunday 19th /20th November ~ Feast of Christ the King

Saturday 19th November

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

Sunday 20th November

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	<i>Quiet Mass</i>

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

Kind Regards

Father Michael