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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING ~ 19TH / 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

From Saint Therese of Lisieux

I learned from experience that joy does not reside in the things about us, but in the very depths of the soul, that one can have it in the gloom of a dungeon as well as in the palace of a king.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

There's the true story about the legendary Monsignor John Purcell who was parish priest at Nowra from 1956 until 1991.

A new year had begun and various financial details from the previous year had just become available. Parishioners were advised at Mass that a personalised envelope with their 'giving details' had been provided on a table in the foyer to the side entrance of the small church.

The Monsignor arrived in Australia in 1928 and his Irish accent had remained as strong as ever, even after more than 60 years. So in the announcements at the end of Mass, the Monsignor advised:

"The 'giving details' are now available for pick-up. To avoid congestion, those who have no need to collect an envelope would be best advised to leave the church through the back door. And those to collect an envelope will need to be leaving through the side door"

He then added with a grin: "And while this is happening, I'll be saying a few little prayers that those who this year are leaving through the back door might next year be able to leave through the side door".

Gotta love our church!

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

Enrolment opportunity on the weekend of 26th / 27th November. Children need to have been baptised and in at least Year 2 at school.

The programme (1) requires the participation of parents/carers with their children. And (2) provides a unique opportunity for personal conversion. Humility of heart is an indispensable quality.

And all intending to enrol must be committed and motivated, and without any kind of aversion to Mass.

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Adult Initiation

Congratulations are extended to 14 adults who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church last Saturday morning. From among the 14, seven were also baptised.

It's sometimes easy to be overwhelmed in thinking that the Church is in terminal decline.

But the full initiation of these adults is a fresh sign that the Holy Spirit will always preserve a faithful remnant to lead the Church into the future.

Parish Pastoral Council

Introductory meeting took place last Wednesday with 10 people in attendance and a couple of apologies. Few ideas and possibilities were raised and will be on the agenda for the next meeting which will be scheduled in early February. A little convivium was enjoyed afterwards. Opportunity is still available to join. And if interested, please advise the parish office.

November ~ Month of the Holy Souls

Beautiful option from the Mass of All Souls:

Grant we pray, O Lord, that your departed servants,
For whom we celebrate the sacred mysteries,
May pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.

Publications

Big volume of sales last weekend. The pockets-size publication is still available but only about 15 copies remaining. Cost is just \$2.50. Hurry while stocks last.

INCARNATE, Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2022

Mass Counts in November

Because of FHC, no Mass count on this weekend. The final week of counting is next weekend, the First Sunday in Advent.

Weekly Advent programme beginning Thursday 24 Nov

Commencing after the 9.00am Mass on Thursday 24 November, and for the period of Advent, there will be a group of parishioners participating in an Advent programme. The programme will be held in the parish meeting room, adjacent to St Paul's church. All invited and encouraged to attend, an enhancement to this very spiritual time of the year. Everyone welcome to stay for a cup of tea and fraternity afterwards.

Spiritual Christmas Cards

Hand made Christmas cards will be sold before and after Masses at St Paul's on the weekend of the 19th and 20th of November. \$5 Each. Money raised goes towards feeding the poor of India. Such an admirable endeavour at this particular time of the year.

First Holy Communion Programme

The big weekend has arrived with the overwhelming number of children quite well prepared because of the partnership between families and parish, and the extra assistance provided from our teachers.

And the following information may also be of interest. That from among the 181 candidates:

80 children were at Mass for each of the eight weekends in which attendance was monitored. 56 children missed only once, and 27 twice. Congratulations to the parents, carers, and children. Highly commendable.

And BTW, about a dozen books that were not collected last weekend can be collected this weekend from tables set up in the chapel. Hopefully, all these books will have a stamp on the inside front cover.

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

Saturday 19th November

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
Camden	3:00 PM	Father Michael / Father Victor	FHC
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	FHC
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	

Sunday 20th November

Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	FHC
Camden	12:00 Noon	Father Michael / Father Victor	FHC
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	

Please note that at the Parish Masses of Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM, there will be plenty of room for our normal parishioners especially on the presbytery side of the church. All welcome.

20 th Nov	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Patrick O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 3.00pm	Ray Cusack	Cheryl Carroll	Matthew McCormack	Maria Debrincat	Cheryl Carroll	Elizabeth
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Patrick O'Flynn	Kerry Todd	Diane Kennaugh	Trish O'Flynn	Angelina Vecchio	Valentina
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Anthony McElhone	Glenn Crawford	Kathryn Hampton	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Stephen Barrett	Nada Simich	Cathy Conwell	Michael Reardon	Brad M
Sun 12 noon	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Brad McAllister	Cheryl Carroll	Michael Reardon	Craig
Sun 5.00pm		Maria Kosiak	Joseph Hanson	Sharon Picken	Dianne Garland	Eugene K

Saturday/Sunday 26th/27th November ~ First Sunday of Advent

Saturday

Camden 9:00 AM
Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Victor
Father Michael
Father Victor

Musician/Vocalists

Quiet Mass
Maria and Sarah
Jo

Sunday

The Oaks 9:00 AM
Camden 8:00 AM
Camden 10:00 AM
Camden 5:00 PM

Father Victor
Father Michael
Father Michael
Father Victor

Choir
Trent, Damian, Betty
Craig

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.

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

Kind Regards

Father Michael