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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 10TH /11TH DECEMBER 2022

From Father Thomas Merton

Thomas Merton was a Trappist monk, poet, and prolific writer on spiritual and social themes. He was one of the most important American Roman Catholic writers of the 20th century. He writes with great insight:

The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise, we love only the reflection of ourselves that we find in them.

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

Parents and carers are asked to return enrolment forms this weekend at Mass with \$25 to meet the various costs associated with administering the programme. It is at this time and throughout the programme that the consciences of the children will be further developed.

Families will need to be committed to the requirements of the programme, particularly with attendance at Mass on the designated weekends.

The programme is paused in January to allow all our families the opportunity of having a summer break. However, even if enjoying a holiday away from home, it's still most worthwhile to have a presence at Mass in another church. Thanks in anticipation.

St Vincent De Paul ~ Christmas Appeal

Thanks to our many parishioners from The Oaks and Camden who contributed to the appeal last weekend. An amount of almost exactly \$6,000 was raised in Camden. Great effort. Charity directed to the world's great needs is a powerful expression of holiness. So grateful!

If any parishioners know of someone or a family who may benefit from a hamper could they please contact Pat O'Flynn 0417 463 979. May the infant child Jesus bless you for your generosity to those in need.

Ordination of Reverend James Arblaster

The life of the Reverend James Arblaster will be changed forever this Saturday morning 10 December when he's ordained at St John Vianney's Fairy Meadow.

Do you have a spare five minutes and a family bible?

Then open John's Gospel, chapter 17. This is the great '**Priestly Prayer of Jesus Christ**'. It contains the content of Jesus' own prayer to his heavenly Father.

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St Clare's Church

Advertisement appears in this week's edition of the Catholic Weekly. Certainly worth buying a copy. Place in family archives or maybe in a little picture frame as a keepsake. If kept on display in the family TV room, it will almost certainly capture the attention of visitors.

Confessions before Christmas

The Second Rite of Reconciliation is a communal gathering for penitents who make a heartfelt confession to any one of about six priests who are present.

Typically, penitents confess gently and softly, requiring the priest and penitent to have their melons very close to each other. But with the covid still in circulation, the transmission of the virus from penitent to priest and then back to other penitents is still too big a risk.

The parish has a duty of care to all who visit the church and other facilities. Furthermore, the days leading up to Christmas are not a good time for clergy to be crook.

Alternative arrangements for confessions will be provided in next weekend's Weekly Message.

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24 December

Christmas Vigils

Oakdale **5:00 PM** The Oaks **6:30 PM**

Camden **5:00 PM** **7:00 PM** **9:00 PM**

Midnight Mass at Camden **w. Carols from 11:30 PM**

Christmas Day **Camden** **9:00 AM**

More details about celebrants and musicians in next weekend's Weekly Message.

Saturday/Sunday 10th / 11th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday

Celebrant

Musician/Vocalists

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Fabian and Elizabeth
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

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

11th Dec	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Anthony McElhone	Kerry Todd	Robin Roberts	Diane Kennaugh	Kerry T
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Maureen Grisdale	Kathryn Hampton	Denise Carney	Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Maria Caridi	Meaghan Marchand	Michael Reardon	Maria Debrincat	Rafael Z
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Margaret Thornton	Judith Madsen	Dianne Garland	Brian Jenkins	Lo Cascio family

Saturday/Sunday 17th / 18th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda and Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday

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

For our Faithful Departed: Brett Gray, Giovanna Caltagirone, Gary Burton, Liviana Demurtas-Costa, *died recently*. Dorothy Dunn, Anne Garofalo, Dorothy Jones, Joseph Ellul, Jason Whitfield, Peter Mulholland, William Mulholland, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Patrick Harriden, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Cath Bourke, Louis Gauci, *RIP*.

We Pray for those who are unwell: Liam Cantarella, 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