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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 8 September 2024

Friday 13th September

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor

Saint John was born in 347 in Antioch, Syria and died in 407 in what is now Türkiye. Saint John was Archbishop of Constantinople, a posting that was much against his will, he was a great orator renowned for his homilies and much loved by the common people. He was given the surname "Chrysostom" which means "golden mouthed."

Saint John said: "No matter how just your words may be,
you ruin everything when you speak with anger."

Backup Penance Programme ~ Wrap Up

Last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the 55 children who have been part of the Back-Up Penance programme attended the church for their first confessions. The preparedness and reverence of the children was excellent, and families should be extremely proud of them all.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

204 children's names were submitted last weekend to be a part of this year's First Holy Communion programme. Enrolment forms will be distributed to these children at all Masses this weekend and names will be recorded. Should families have been unable to attend last weekend's Masses, their children's names can still be accepted. These families are asked to see the attendants for a short form to record their children's names then exchange this form for both a timeline and an enrolment form. Enrolment forms need to be taken home and returned next weekend 14 – 15 September. Should families have any enquiries these should be directed to the Parish office on 4655 8797 during normal hours.

September Men's Group Meeting

Last Wednesday evening the parish Men's Group met for their September monthly meeting. The topic this month was Prayer. 24 men attended the Parish Meeting room segment of the format, where the discussion was both lively and thoughtful, 18 then adjourned to the Plough and Harrow where they shared a very enjoyable meal. The meetings are held each month on the first Wednesday at 6.30pm and all men of the Parish are invited to attend and encouraged to bring along a friend or relative.

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Memorial Mass of Suicide Loss ~ St Thomas More, Ruse ~ 14 September

The annual memorial Mass for those who have suffered loss due to suicide is being held at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, 43 Acacia Avenue Ruse next Saturday morning 14 September at 10.00am. The Mass remembers not only those who have lost their lives through suicide but their families and friends as well as the first responders who all experience pain and grief, often for years. The Mass is a result of the cooperation between Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria, Grief Care and Kenneally's Funerals, everyone is invited to attend and offer prayers and comfort. For further information please contact the Grief Care Team on 9646 6908 or team@griefcare.com.au.

Baptisms in the month of November

The bookings for Baptisms in the month of November opened this week, because the weekend of First Holy Communions being 23 – 24 November means that the church is not available for baptisms, those dates that were available were very desirable. Unfortunately, we have completely filled all the places for the month of November and we have started a wait list. This happens when a year has only 4 weekends in the month of November and we lose one for the Sacrament, apologies are offered to any family who may have been thinking of a November Baptism but in December we will be able to offer 5 weekends for baptisms. Any enquiries should be directed to the Parish Office on 4655 8797 during normal hours.

Diocesan News

Ignite Conference 2024 ~ Rise Up

Ignite Conference 2024: Rise Up! Brisbane 19-22 September 2024

A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship.

Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.

For more information, go to igniteconference.com.au and contact Arnie Hurdoyal at 0431 611 128 or Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au to be part of our Diocesan Group attending this amazing event.

Wollongong Diocesan Youth Council

Bishop Brian Mascord invites suitably qualified and eager persons to apply for the Diocesan Youth Council, an advisory and implementation body, tasked with initiating missional outcomes for youth and young adult (Y&YA) ministry.

The council will meet quarterly. Applicants should be aged between 16-40, have a range of experiences, and be passionate about outreach, formation and building community amongst Y&YA.

Does this sound like you? Applications are now open for those interested in serving on the council. To apply, head to: <https://tinyurl.com/5668bfmf>. For more information, please contact our youth ministry leader; Arnie Hurdoyal Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au / M0B: 0431 611 128

More Diocesan News

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

<https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> or

visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

Saturday/Sunday 7th/8th September ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B & Maria C
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father James	Jo

Celebrant

Musician/Vocalists

Sundays

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father James	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Eva & Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Tony

8 th Sep	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Chris Keun	Kerry Todd	Trish O'Flynn, Fabian M	Diane Kennaugh, Ray Cusack	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Suzie				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Glenn Crawford	Cheryl Carroll	Lisa McFadzean, Luca Aquilina,	Lorraine Phillips, Kathryn Hampton	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Michael Toweel	Maria Debrincat	Joseph Hanson	Rafael
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Stephen Barrett	Grace Quinnell	Melissa Scavo	Jody Musso	Lo Cascio family

Saturday/Sunday 14th/15th September ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM
Oakdale	5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Father Michael

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Tasha
Jo

Sundays

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

Father Michael
Father James
Father James
Father Michael

Nicole
Cheryl
Choir
Craig

For our Faithful Departed: Peter Plummer, Rocco Ventra, Elaine Williams, Marie-Jose Guernier, Gregory Stapleton, Maria Lichtenberger, Elva McDonald, *who died recently*. Peter Cox, Joan Blewett, Stephen (Tony) Crnek, Eric Busby, Michael Busby, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Cath Bourke, Michael Vella, Mario Fenech, Vaughan Family, Burns Family, Lewis Family, Ryan Family, Dianne Thoms, Clem O'Brien, Diane Vella, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Barry Myles, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, *Requiescat in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell: Ann Simington, Joseph Camilleri, Peter Williams, Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, Wal Glynn, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Margaret Roach, Anne Hyeronimus, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Anne Lonsdale, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Betty Aquilina, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Fr Michael Williams