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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~ 10TH/11TH JANUARY 2026

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrates Jesus entering the waters of the Jordan, revealing His identity as God's beloved Son, and being Baptised by John. It marks the beginning of His public ministry and highlights the gift of baptism, calling believers to renewal, mission, and a deeper commitment to living as children of God.

Ordinary Time in our church begins from Monday, inviting the faithful to return to the steady rhythm of daily discipleship. Ordinary Time focuses on Jesus' teachings and miracles, encouraging us to grow in faith through ordinary moments. This period in the Liturgical Year highlights spiritual consistency, reminding us that holiness is found in the quiet, ongoing journey of following Jesus.

CHRISTMAS MASS WRAP UP

Our Christmas Masses were, as expected, very well attended. Over the course of the five Masses, around 4,500 people are estimated to have come to our Parish Church. The main Church and the Chapel were filled to overflowing at the 5.00pm, 7.00pm as well as Midnight Masses, the screens that were turned on in the Chapel for all Masses encouraged some to take advantage of this Parish initiative. It is so encouraging that so many people still regard the spiritual part of Christmas as so essential.

Gratitude is extended to the many parishioners who volunteered to be Lectors, Special Ministers and Acolytes. The church was wonderfully prepared and adorned with our Christmas Tree which was presented so beautifully. The sacred music was outstanding, and thanks are extended to all our talented Musicians who give so freely of their time, quite often doubling up so that every Mass enjoys the beautiful Christmas music.

Father Michael's appreciation is expressed to all.

CHANGES TO OUR WEEKEND MASS ROSTER

Parishioners will notice that in the roster which appears at the end of our Weekly Message there are several changes to the Celebrants for this weekend's Masses.

Father James unfortunately was unwell last weekend, and it became necessary for Father Michael to celebrate Masses in his place. To allow Father James to say a farewell Mass for those he missed, he will be at Oakdale at 5.00pm Saturday then he will be the celebrant at the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses at Camden on Sunday. Parishioners will still be able to offer best wishes to Father James when he returns in February for an informal gathering that is being planned, details of which will be in the Weekly Message over the next few weeks.

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MORNING MASS ~ 9.00 AM TUESDAY 13 JANUARY

Commencing Tuesday morning Father Victor will be the celebrant for the 9.00am morning Masses until an additional Assistant Priest is appointed to Camden. After the appointment Father Michael will be re-doing our Priests' Roster which will take into account the change in personnel but for the next few weeks Father Victor will be our morning Mass celebrant.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PROGRAMME 2025 ~ 2026

Our Sacrament of Penance programme is paused for the school holidays; families are encouraged to continue to bring the children to Mass when they are able and where they are a part of our worshipping community. Time spent with our children in this way is priceless.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE REVERENCE OF THE CHURCH

All who enter our Church are asked to please refrain from bringing in fizzy drinks, coffee, lollies and treats, especially chewing gum. Our church is cleaned to a very high standard, and sweets and spills left by those who attend early Masses leave those who attend at later times unable to enjoy the same cleanliness. Our electronic sign has this request on it at all times.

ACCESS TO THE CHURCH TOILETS DURING MASS

Access to the church toilets will continue to be through the rear single door of the church only. Gentlemen need to proceed straight ahead to the rear of the buildings and then turn right up the short ramp. Lady's facilities are still in the toilet block at the rear left-hand corner of the church. Please follow the signs.

Saturday/Sunday 10th/11th January ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

11 th Jan	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	John Roberts	Kerry Todd	Sandra Skarsky	Russell O'Brien	Trish O'Flynn	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Deanna David	Peter Vincent	Lucy Aquilina	Simon Huntly	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Leslie Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Maria Caridi	Nada Simich	Lily Crnek	Kristen King	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Stephen Barrett	Joseph Hanson	Dianne Garland	Annemarie Lauricella	Lo Cascio family

Saturday/Sunday 17th/18th January ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

For our Faithful Departed:

Frank Duck, Patricia Mulholland, Janet New, Mary Murphy, Wal Glynn, Peter Teale, Lydia Palma, Bruce Denison, Lourdes Adams, Joshua Giannatii, *who died recently*. Valtin Thurn, Jack Dunn, Tom Dunn, Peter Cannon, Barbara Sawyer, Dorothy Dunn, Margaret Thurn, Ros Dunn, Peter Cox, Dayne Mackie, Tom 'Red' McElligott, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Cath Bourke, Sammy Fenech, Nazareno Teuma, Carmela Teuma, Rino & Assunta Zanatta, Luigi Zanatta, Pasquale Zanatta, Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, Barry Myles, Brian & Patricia Treacey, Edwin & Janet Manno, Hira & Monty Savage, Thurn, Dunn and Sutton families, Pat O'Flynn, Fr David Catterall, Fr John Whitty, *Requiescat in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Domenico Gulli, George Raby, Patricia Stubbs, Jan & Terry Chanter, Helen Parragi, Oliver Franklin, June McCullough, Dean Masciocchi, Abigail Chan, Kylieann Back, Kerri Haughton, Fr Rick McCann, Diana Lee, Noel Lowry, Betty Aquilina, Mary Murphy, David Schwarb, Stephen Goonan, Ralph Sawyer, Tarnia Pisano, Michael O'Sullivan, Nell Glynn, Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Bob & Margaret Roach, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP