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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: **WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 14/15 AUGUST 2021**

15th August ~ Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Here again we recall that wonderful occasion when the Virgin Mary was taken up into heaven. We all praise her with the words: Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Almighty ever-living God
You have taken the mother of your son,
the immaculate Virgin Mary,
body and soul into the glory where you dwell.
Keep our hearts set on heaven so that,
with her, we may share in your glory,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen



Coronavirus Restrictions

There have been no developments in the parish over the past week. And with daily and weekly infections now at a higher level, there would appear to be little likelihood for any relaxation of lockdown measures during September and possibly even October.

Consequently, Camden parish will resume the recording of Masses for online viewing from the beginning of September. Staying in contact with our own parishes of Camden and The Oaks is quite helpful if these lockdowns are becoming longer and possibly more regular.

During this time of hardship, there is great value in embracing daily prayer to help stabilise our temperaments and emotions. There may be some family members who are especially affected by this protracted lockdown. And our response needs to be one of calm, reassurance and quite optimism. Taking an hourly visit for moderate exercise to the Botanic Gardens at Mount Annan could be quite tranquil and helpful.



Kind Regards

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