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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 13/14 NOVEMBER 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### Spiritual Insight

In his book 'Sacred Fire' Father Ron Rolheiser writes:

Maturity does not mean that we are perfect or faultless, but that we are honest (p. 261).

Rolheiser continues:

We are all weak, we all fall, and we all commit sin. God understands this, and it is not so much the sin itself that harms us. What causes the real harm is lying, covering up, sneaking around, not being transparent, living a dishonest life (p. 261).

Maturity and generativity lie in honesty and transparency. We see a wonderful example of this in the case of Cardinal Joseph Bernadin. When he was falsely accused of sexual abuse, he was able to stand publicly before the world and say, with credibility *"Everyone who knows me knows that this accusation is false because my life is an open book"*. Everyone who knew him believed him precisely because of the transparency evident in his life..... (p. 263).

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Christ the King ~ Weekend of 20/21st November

Huge Weekend with Confirmations, FHCs & Parish Masses

Saturday 20 th	10:00 AM	Confirmation ceremony
	12:00 Noon	Confirmation ceremony
	2:00 PM	FHC
	4:00 PM	FHC
	6:00 PM	FHC

Notes: No Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00 AM (apologies)
Mass at Oakdale at 5:00 PM as usual (with capacity 72)
All welcome at Oakdale, including parishioners from Camden.

Sunday 21 st	7:30 AM	Parish Mass (Fr. V.)
	9:00 AM	Parish Mass (Fr. M.)
	10:30 AM	FHC
	12:30 PM	FHC
	2:30 PM	FHC
	5:00 PM	Parish Mass (Fr. V.)

Note: Mass at The Oaks at 9:00 AM with one First Communicant (Fr. V.)

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Change ~ Vigil and Sunday Masses from First Sunday Advent 27/28 Nov.

The latest relaxation of social distancing has allowed the number of people permitted in our churches to double according to the following:

The Oaks (now 32), Oakdale (now 72) and Camden (now 280).

When Masses resumed after the second lockdown, there were six Masses at Camden:

Saturday Vigils at 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM and
Sunday Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

With a maximum of 140 people, the weekend Covid capacity was set at 840 people.

With the easing of social distancing requirements – and a new Covid capacity of 280 people at Camden for each Mass – it becomes possible to return to our traditional weekend Mass timetable, taking place from the First Sunday of Advent on 27/28 November:

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM and
Sunday Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.



The Oaks and Oakdale

Important meeting scheduled for Thursday 2nd December at 6:00 PM. All invited.



Confirmations

Rehearsals: Tuesday 16th November
At 5:00 PM (for 10 AM ceremony) and
At 6:00 PM (for 12 noon ceremony).

Good News: Each family is permitted 7 members, inclusive of candidate and sponsor.



Christmas Cards

A limited number of cards will be available in the chapel after Masses this weekend. Proceeds used to support the Church's missionary work in India.



First Holy Communion

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FHC medals blessed and distributed this weekend. Books can be collected.

- Those books that have been completed extra well will have a parish stamp on the inside front cover. Congratulations.
- Books without the stamp can be taken home, completed, and returned at the rehearsal to earn the stamp.
- In instances where books have not been returned, it's presumed the candidate has been withdrawn by parent/carer from the programme and has not been assigned to a FHC Mass.

And thanks to the overwhelming number of parents and carers who dedicated time to their children.

Reminder for rehearsals this week that include seat allocation:

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wednesday 17th 4:00 PM | for Saturday 2:00 PM Mass |
| Wednesday 17th 5:00 PM | for Saturday 4:00 PM Mass |
| Wednesday 17th 6:00 PM | for Saturday 6:00 PM Mass |
| Thursday 18th 4:00 PM  | for Sunday 10:30 AM Mass  |
| Thursday 18th 5:00 PM  | for Sunday 12:30 PM Mass  |
| Thursday 18th 6:00 PM  | for Sunday 2:30 PM Mass   |

- Families are permitted to have seven members including the first communicant.
- If at the Sunday 2:30 PM Mass, eight members are permitted.

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Patronal Feast this Week

17 November: Elizabeth of Hungary, Memoria

Sain Elizabeth was born in 1207, the daughter of King Andrew of Hungary. At the age of 14 she married Louis, a man of nobility. Notwithstanding her position within royalty, she became devoted to mental prayer, practiced penance, and committed herself to works of charity. Her husband was also inclined to religion. They had three children but tragedy struck when Louis was killed while fighting with the Crusaders. After his death, Elizabeth departed from her privileged lifestyle to devote herself to the care of the sick. She died at the age of 24 in 1231.

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## *From The Diocese ~ Get Connected*

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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 13/14 November 2021

| Saturday |          | Celebrant      | Musician/Vocalists |
|----------|----------|----------------|--------------------|
| Camden   | 9:00 AM  | Father Victor  | Quiet Mass         |
| Camden   | 4:30 PM  | Father Michael | TBA                |
| Camden   | 6:00 PM  | Father Michael | TBA                |
| Oakdale  | 5:00 PM  | Father Victor  | TBA                |
| Sunday   |          |                |                    |
| Camden   | 7:30 AM  | Father Victor  | TBA                |
| The Oaks | 9:00 AM  | Father Victor  | TBA                |
| Camden   | 9:00 AM  | Father Michael | TBA                |
| Camden   | 10:30 AM | Father Michael | TBA                |
| Camden   | 5:00 PM  | Father Victor  | TBA                |

## Feast of Christ the King 20/21 November

### Masses in our Parishes

|          |         |                |             |
|----------|---------|----------------|-------------|
| Oakdale  | 5:00 PM | Father Victor  | Quiet Music |
| Sunday   |         |                |             |
| The Oaks | 9:00 AM | Father Victor  | Quiet Music |
| Camden   | 7:30 AM | Father Victor  | TBA         |
| Camden   | 9:00 AM | Father Michael | TBA         |
| Camden   | 5:00 PM | Father Victor  | TBA         |

Note: Father Michael will also be at the two Confirmation ceremonies and six FHC Masses.

Kind Regards

Father Michael