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Bulletin Highlights

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ ~ Year B

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Catholic Cemetery on Cawdor Road Camden

Many of our parishioners would be aware of the Catholic Cemetery on Cawdor Road. It's owned by the parish although any financial advantage would have long since expired. Apparently, all the plots have been sold.

Recently a relative of one of the deceased who was buried in the cemetery complained to Camden Council that (to paraphrase) the parish should be more attentive to the manicuring around the graves. Council then visited the cemetery to make an assessment.

Over the years, the upkeep of the cemetery has been undertaken by many devoted volunteers. For many decades various people, and especially parishioners, have gathered to undertake mowing and whipper snipping. That's been greatly appreciated. And more recently, a group of people undertaking community service have also assisted in the upkeep of the cemetery.

There's now an added problem that the cemetery is susceptible to dumping. In a conversation between Father Michael and one of the personnel from Council, there seemed to be consensus that a heavy-duty gate should be installed at the entry to the cemetery to prevent unauthorised vehicle access.

However, to hedge against the possibility of vandalism, Father Michael went further and raised the possibility of fencing around the whole site for reasons of both safety and security. If there was an accident, like a large headstone falling on a visitor, the parish could be exposed to potential liability. In terms of fencing the whole site, the employee from Council advised that further discussion within Council could be necessary.

Parishioners are welcome to share thoughts with Father Michael. There may well be quite a variety of feelings and opinions. The process of consultation will be most helpful in coming to a final decision. Please feel free to talk to Father Michael or email the parish office. This is a bit of a tricky situation so measured and thoughtful opinions will be graciously received.



Confirmation Programme

Please collect leaflets after Mass this weekend with families assigned to Confirmation ceremonies. If unhappy, then kindly email the parish office by this Tuesday. Thanks

Men's Movie Night



The next men's movie night is to be held on Friday 15th June commencing 7PM in the Heritage Hall, complete with air-conditioning. The evening of fellowship includes movie, liquid refreshments and gourmet pizzas all for only \$10 per head. All men of the parish over the age of 16 welcome, please ring Ken on 0417244059 before 12 noon on Friday 15th for catering.



Kneelers in Church

At the most recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Wednesday 23 May, the matter of kneelers was discussed with much interest and energy, and with a variety of views. There are now plans for kneelers with padding to be fitted throughout the church, but a resolution was reached at the PPC to first seek the views of parishioners in the form of a survey.

So please feel welcome to complete the survey inserted within this week's PCN. The results of the survey will be considered before a final decision is made.



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