



*Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 12<sup>TH</sup>/13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

### **Pastoral Insight**

According to Pope Francis, it is the frontline health care workers and essential workers who hold a place of pride among the people who have exemplified the finest manifestations of the human spirit during the pandemic.

The Pope refers to these as the *“crucified people”*, especially the doctors, nurses, religious sisters and priests who have died in the frontlines like soldiers. He refers to these people as ‘soldiers of love’ and ‘bedside angels’

Gratitude, appreciation, affection, and recognition are the dominant terms in the pope’s vocabulary when he speaks of doctors and nurses and people who provide critical services.

### **Sacrament of Penance Programme**

Thanks to the great majority of families who have been so responsive to the programme’s requirements. For this weekend, parents and carers are able to collect a ‘help sheet’ for the second chapter. And Holy Cards – that contain the words of the Act of Contrition – will be distributed to the children. Within the following week – or within two weeks at the latest – the Act of Contrition will need to be known and memorised perfectly by the children AND the parents and carers.

### **Funeral this Week in the Parish Church at Camden**

Friday 11 February	Cyril Houseman	10:30 AM
Wednesday 16 February	Ron Gunn	11:00 AM

### **Parish Masses and Parish Rosters**

Thanks to the many parishioners from both parishes who have volunteered to commit about two hours a month. The operation of parishes requires a small army of volunteers.

Rosters will soon be included in our Weekly Message as a way to remind our many parishioners of the various needs that require regular attention. Many thanks to all who are assisting.

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NARELLAN**

**ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
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## Parish School of Religion

### For Catholic Children in Government and other Non-Catholic Private Schools

Ash Wednesday is on 2<sup>nd</sup> March in 2022, meaning that the First Sunday of Lent is 6<sup>th</sup> March.

From Monday in the First Week of Lent, the Parish School of Religion will commence if families outside of the Catholic schools have children who are interested. It's envisaged that there will be a block of four weeks each term in the Heritage Hall at Camden. Each class is 40 minutes. Parents may sit outside or sit very quietly without conversing at the other end of the Heritage Hall. Unlike the sacramental workshops, adults will not participate in classes. Food and drink are not permitted within the HH at this time.

The schedule for this term has been prepared according to the following timetable for those interested.

Kindergarten	Mondays	3:45 PM	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
Year One	Mondays	4:30 PM	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
Year Two	Tuesdays	3:45 PM	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
Year Three	Tuesdays	4:30 PM	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
Year Four	Wednesdays	3:45 PM	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
Year Five	Wednesdays	4:30 PM	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
Year Six	Thursdays	3:45 P M	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>

If there's no interest, then the programme will be withdrawn. If there's minimal interest, classes may be combined.

Parents will be asked to commit for the duration of one term only, and not the entire year. So the commitment is only four weeks. Each commitment can be renewed on a 'term by term' basis.

If interested, please ring the parish office during operating hours 4655 8797 Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Fridays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

If phone is unattended, please leave a message. It sometimes happens, especially with funerals, that our parish secretaries are committed to other jobs in the church.

## Enrolments in our Catholic Schools

Please be mindful that application for enrolments for kindergarten in 2023 will be available within about a week. Suggest checking school websites for more information or ring during school office hours. Good idea to check the Magdalene website if children are now in upper primary.

Please be extra mindful that all our Catholic schools in the parish receive more applications than places available. To avoid serious disappointment, it's most necessary to collect an application form as soon as they become available.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Phone calls to our parish office most welcome. Currently, to avoid overcrowding, the number of baptisms each Sunday is limited to 8. Each family is then assigned its own block of pews.

FAQ: How long does it take? Some parents are also lining up a local restaurant. With eight children to be baptised, it's best to allow an hour for the ceremony even though it may not take that long. Bookings at about 12:30 PM for one of the local establishments is reasonably safe. And by then, after attending Mass and baptisms, many of the gentlemen are ready for a loosener.



## *From The Diocese ~ Get Connected*

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 subscribe at <https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> to receive regular stay connected updates or visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Stork	Maria and Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

### Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Eva and Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

### Sunday

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

Kind Regards

Father Michael