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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 19TH/20TH MARCH 2022

Pastoral Insight

From Pope Francis:

The Pope said at the beginning of Lent that gossip is a “plague worse than Covid.....Please brothers and sisters, let’s try to not gossip,” he said. “Gossip is a plague worse than Covid. Worse. Let’s make a big effort: no gossiping!”

Funerals

One of the hardest experiences for people to bear is when a dearly beloved family member and friend has passed from our company. Regardless of circumstances, the process of bereavement at this time can be so seriously traumatising.

Through sacred ritual, the prayer of the church is for the deceased to be led towards life in the Kingdom, and that those present at the funeral will be comforted by words of consolation.

The Church teaches that the death of a member of our community is an event that should lead beyond the perspectives of this world and should draw all loving family and friends into the true perspective of faith in the risen Christ.

Preparation for funerals is so important. And when people have broken hearts, every possible care needs to be provided. The days leading up to the funeral are a time of tenderness, love and sensitivity.

For many years, our own local area has been blessed with funeral directors of outstanding quality.

Indeed, there’s developed quite a history of clergy, parish staff, musicians and funeral directors working cohesively to serve and care for the family and friends of the deceased. And more recently, technicians for live streaming have also been of substantial assistance.

If ever in need of a local Funeral Director, the following – and in no particular order – are all of the highest quality:

Kenneally Funerals

Michelle Roffe Macarthur Ladies,

Groves.

The Oaks and Oakdale

After Mass at The Oaks this Sunday 20 March, there will be a brief meeting in the hall to talk about Holy Week. Could be a good idea to have a cuppa at the same time. All invited.

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Season of Lent

Prayer over the Offerings, this Thursday, Third Week of Lent

Cleanse your people, Lord we pray,
From every taint of wickedness,
That their gifts may be pleasing to you;
And do not let them cling to false joys,
For you promise them the rewards of your truth.

Project Compassion Boxes still available from St Paul's inside the church, as well as the Chapel, and entry areas at The Oaks and Oakdale

Camden ~ Parish Census

A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses over the next two weekends. This is an important process and will enable us to update our parish records following the pandemic – adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers.

This is the first update in six years. Census cards and pencils will be placed in the pews prior to each Mass and you are requested to return your completed cards into the designated baskets on your exit from Mass. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

Sacrament of Penance Programme

The overwhelming majority of parents and carers have been very attentive to the requirements of the programme and especially in their attendance at Mass. With few exceptions, the books have been completed most satisfactorily and some have been quite outstanding. Most of the children are expected to be really well prepared while a small number are likely to struggle because of parental indifference.

One of the most powerful expressions of parental love is in the fostering of their children's spiritual formation. While the opportunity is still available in their formative years, children need to be dedicated to God in every way possible. This is at the heart of Christian parenthood. Don't look for shortcuts; they won't work, and the children will end up being deprived.

Leaflets will be distributed that contain the allocation of families to the ceremonies. The only names included are those who received their books back last weekend with the parish stamp. Advice will be provided to others who receive their books this weekend.

Sacrament of Confirmation for The Oaks and Camden

Hopefully, the timeline will have been prepared by next week and then be available within a few weeks afterwards.

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 20th March ~ Third Sunday in Lent

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
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Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda and Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday

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

Kind Regards

Father Michael

For our Faithful Departed
Lilian Grech, Enzo Dozzi *who died recently.*
Louis Gauci *whose anniversary is*
remembered at this time. Nathan Giles,
Therese Carroll. *RIP.*

Sunday 27th March ~ Third Sunday in Lent

Camden 9:00 AM Father Victor Quiet Mass

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden 5:00 PM Father Michael Maria & Sarah
 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 Trent & Damian
 Camden 5:00 PM Father Victor Craig

Sunday 20th March ~ Third Sunday in Lent Time

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9.00am	Mark Coleman				
5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Pat O'Flynn	Pat O'Flynn	John Tannous	Kerry Todd
8.00am	Mark Coleman	Glenn Crawford	Deanna David	Maryann Ace	Cheryl/ Kathryn
10.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Maureen Grisdale	Helen Lanyon	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Brad McAllister
5.00pm		Judith Madsen	Judith Madsen	Samantha Vergara	Craig

If you would like to volunteer for the Easter Triduum roster, there is a green folder in the chapel for you to record your name. We will use this information collectively to formulate a roster and distribute closer to the Easter Triduum.