



## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 26<sup>TH</sup>/27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

### Pastoral Insight

Morgan *Scott Peck* (1936–2005) was an American psychiatrist and best-selling author who wrote the book 'The Road Less Travelled' published in 1978.

He died at age 69. The cause was complications of pancreatic and liver duct cancer. Dr. Peck is among the founding fathers of the self-help genre of books, which retain their popularity from year to year.

Scott Peck said that "Life is difficult. This is a great truth, one of the greatest truths. It is a great truth because once we truly see this truth, we transcend it. Once we genuinely know that life is difficult - once we truly understand and accept it - then life is no longer difficult."

As a clinical psychiatrist with the experience of having assisted many hundreds of clients, he asks this question: "What is the opposite to Love"? He goes on to answer: "The opposite to love is not hate, but laziness".

Scott Peck teaches that laziness is the most critical reason for life's problems. He then goes on to write about the great need for personal discipline. It is possible for personal problems and issues to be interpreted in various superficial ways while the truest explanation is really laziness.

Great Insight!

### Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is only a few weeks away and is the first day of Holy Week. If any of our parishioners are in the position to donate a few palms, then please advise the parish office at your earliest convenience. It would be good to have a few big palms for the sanctuaries at the three churches. Parishioners might otherwise be able to bring their own little palm or something similar. Thanks

### The Oaks and Oakdale ~ Holy Week

Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Church's year. Following a meeting last Sunday morning, the following ceremonies will be offered at the two churches.

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Oakdale Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM	The Oaks Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM
<b>Holy Thursday</b>		The Oaks Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM
<b>Good Friday</b>	Oakdale Stations 9:00 AM	The Oaks Passion 3:00 PM
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Oakdale Mass 8:00 AM	The Oaks Mass 9:30 AM

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## Season of Lent

Prayer after Communion, this Friday 1 April, Fourth Week of Lent:

Grant, we pray, O Lord  
that, as we pass from old to new,  
so, with former ways left behind,  
we may be renewed in holiness of mind.

**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 this weekend at all Masses. Please oblige by completing the cards. This is the first census since 2016 and is certain to reveal a significant change to our parish profile.

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

Gratitude is extended to the big majority of parents and carers who committed to the requirements of the programme. And these families are really encouraged to remain committed to Holy Mass. Love for children is expressed so very powerfully in this manner.

Mementos can be collected this weekend after Masses. Enrolment into the First Holy Communion programme will begin from the first week in September.

## Ukraine Suffering

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced that at 6:30 PM in Rome on Friday 25 March – The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord – he will make a **“solemn act of consecration of humanity to the Immaculate Heart of Mary so that she, the Queen of Peace, may obtain peace for the world”**.

Pope Francis has asked all Bishops of the world to join him in making the same consecration in union with him and, if possible, at the same time as him in Rome. In Sydney – with a ten-hour time difference – that will be 4:30 AM on Saturday morning 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Father Chris Sarkis is going to oblige and is especially motivated because Our Lady is the patron of the Rosemeadow Catholic Church which is so beautiful.

The church at Our Lady Help of Christians will open at 4:10 AM and Holy Mass will begin at 4:30 AM. All our parishioners at Camden and The Oaks are invited to attend.

## Sacrament of Confirmation for The Oaks and Camden

This notice is intended for the parents and carers who have children in Year 6 or higher and who have been baptised and who have celebrated the Sacrament of Penance. It applies to families who reside within the parishes of Camden (including St Clare's) and The Oaks (including St Joseph the Worker).

To be part of the Confirmation programme, it will be necessary to be present at Mass each week from the weekend of 2/3 April until the end of June. Numerous details will be provided in the Timeline that will be distributed at Masses next weekend.

There will be no workshops this year. Parents and carers and other family members and friends will need to assist the candidates to complete all the activity pages at home.

If families have organized holidays and are away over any of the weekends during the programme, then Confirmation will need to be celebrated in another year. Please don't bring extra work and pressure upon clergy and secretarial personnel by continually demanding special concessions and preferential treatment.

Participation in the programme will require from parents and carers, the qualities of sacrifice, dedication, motivation, energy and a clear mind. The programme cannot work around recreational activities and holiday bookings.

## Baptisms at Camden

You may not believe this! To avoid overcrowding, the number of babies to be baptized has been limited to 8 in each ceremony unless there is more than one child in the same family. There are eight blocks of pews in the church so each family can have their own block.

Currently, all ceremonies are fully "booked" in April and May and almost fully booked in June. That's lots of little babies to be baptised. Total baptisms in 2022 is expected to be over 350.

So with the two Catholic parish primary schools – St Paul's and St Clare's – each having an annual kindergarten intake of 90, demand will be much greater than places available in five years. Preference will be given to committed Catholics who support the parish financially. In the absence of genuine hardship, a useful reference would be \$100/month.

## *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 27<sup>th</sup> March ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

Camden            9:00 AM                            Father Victor                            Quiet Mass

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden            5:00 PM                            Father Michael                            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                            Trent and Damian  
 Camden            5:00 PM                            Father Victor                            Craig

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent Time

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9.00am	John Roberts				
5.00pm	John Roberts	Kerry Todd	Margaret Thornton	Robin Roberts	Eugene Kosiak
8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Rebecca Ward	Lisa McFadzean	Cheryl/ Kathryn
10.00am		Julie Sligar	Maria Caridi	Michael Reardon	Julie Sligar
5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Brian Jenkins	Brian Jenkins	Dianne Garland	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.*

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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	Steve and Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Eva and Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jenny and Tasha

**Kind Regards**

**Father Michael**

*For our Faithful Departed*

Lilian Grech, Enzo Dozzi *who died recently*. Michael Gorman, Louis Gauci *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll. *RIP.*