



## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 2<sup>ND</sup>/3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2022

### Pope Francis on War

ST. PAUL'S  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
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ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis has again lamented the war in Ukraine and appealed for peace more than a month after Russia's invasion.

"Enough. Stop it. Silence the weapons. Move seriously toward peace," Pope Francis said again in remarks after the Sunday Angelus March 27.

Speaking to a crowd of some 30,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, the Pope said more than a month had passed since "the beginning of this cruel and senseless war that, like every war, represents a defeat for everyone, for every one of us."

"We need to reject war, a place of death where fathers and mothers bury their children, where men kill their brothers and sisters without even having seen them, where the powerful decide and the poor die."

The Pope noted reports that half of all children in Ukraine have been displaced due to the invasion.

"This means destroying the future, causing dramatic trauma in the smallest and most innocent among us," he said. "This is the bestiality of war – a barbarous and sacrilegious act!"

### Palm Sunday

Any assistance still appreciated. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own palm or some type of leaf. Thanks to those who have responded already. About six big palms for the sanctuary especially appreciated.

### Holy Week ~ Beginning from Palm Sunday ~ 9 April Vigil

Many of the details across both parishes will be provided in next week's Weekly Message. Two extra opportunities for confession will be available in St Paul's Chapel on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM and in the evening from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

### Sacrament of Confirmation for The Oaks and Camden

Confirmation Timelines to be distributed this weekend after Mass. Names to be recorded. The programme offers a wonderful opportunity for parents to strengthen their relationship with their children by sharing the faith.

Adult presence with children at Mass is a requirement of the programme. If families have a disregard for Holy Mass in our parish, please do NOT enrol at this time. It's always possible to enrol at some time in the future when, hopefully, there will be a more enlightened understanding and appreciation of the great importance of the sacred mysteries.

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## Season of Lent

Prayer after Communion, this Wednesday 6 April, Fifth Week of Lent:

May the mysteries we have received, O Lord,  
bring us heavenly medicine,  
that they may purge all evil from our heart  
and strengthen us with eternal protection.

## Camden ~ Parish Census

Plenty of census cards are now available. Following Holy Communion, a short time will be available after the 10:00 AM Mass and the 5:00 PM Mass for parishioners to complete the cards. Sons and daughters over 18 should complete a card of their own.

## Parish Pastoral Renewal (PPC)

After a tough couple of years, the Church now needs to have an openness to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to bring new energy and freshness to our parishes.

So, in about three months, initiatives will be taken to form a new Parish Pastoral Council. Membership is open to all our parishioners, especially to those who are able to attend the scheduled meetings that will be held about once every two months. In the absence of a formalised partnership between Camden and The Oaks, the PPC can only apply to Camden at this time.

A PPC is a wonderful way for parishioners to make a contribution towards the operation of the parish and to provide clergy with a range of different opinions. Over the years, initiatives such as:

- ✓ the LCD screens in the chapel,
- ✓ the original projectors in the church,
- ✓ the Welcome Folder available to new parishioners,
- ✓ topics for discussion at the Lent Event and the Advent Event (parish meals in the Heritage Hall)

all had their origin from ideas and discussion presented at the PPC. And it was actually because of a bit of nudging from one PPC member that the books used in the sacramental programmes were upgraded to the present quality.

Another most appealing feature about membership is that the optional conviviality after a meeting is sometimes longer than the actual meeting. More news in coming months but please consider. Would be good to have a dozen motivated parishioners.

## Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our acolyte and parishioner John



Long-time parishioner and acolyte John Roberts recently celebrated his 80th birthday. John is pictured here with Father Victor, Brian Jenkins, Wal Glynn and Pat O'Flynn enjoying morning tea after Mass to mark this milestone. It was a sunny morning, one of few in recent weeks and a good time was had by all. Congratulations John!

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

Camden      9:00 AM      Father Michael      Quiet Mass

### 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

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

<b>3-Apr</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Special Minister</b>	<b>Special Minister</b>	<b>PC</b>
9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Wal Glynn	Wal Glynn	Dianne Kennaugh	Trish O'Flynn	Valentina
8.00am	Mark Coleman	Cheryl Carroll	Warren Johnson	Glenn Crawford	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/Kathryn
10.00am	James & John	Helen Lanyon	Maria Caridi	Kylie Crnek-Georges	(2 acolytes)	Rafael
5.00pm		Joseph Hanson	Judith Madsen	Samantha Vergara	Brian Jenkins	Eugene

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April ~ Palm Sunday

Camden      9:00 AM      Father Victor      Quiet Mass

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

### Sunday

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

**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.*