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OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

PALM SUNDAY - 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

### Insight into Holy Mass

From Father Ron Rolheiser OMI:

Sometimes it takes an outsider to help you to see the beauty and depth of something you have never fully appreciated. I suspect this is true for many of us, myself no exception, regarding the celebration of the Eucharist in our churches.

David P. Gushee, an Evangelical, recently published a book entitled *After Evangelicalism*, within which he describes his decades-long struggle to make peace with some issues inside his own church.

He has remained in his church, though now on Sundays he also goes (with his wife who is a Roman Catholic) to a Catholic Mass. Here's his description of what he sees there.

"I view design of the Catholic Mass as something like a polished gem, refined over time to a state of great beauty – if you know what you are looking at. ... The movement of the Mass manages to accomplish so much in something like an hour – a processional, with the cross held high; greetings in the name of the triune God; early confession of sin, brief but compelling; an Old Testament reading read by a lay person; a sung psalm; an Epistle reading by a layperson; the Gospel reading by the priest, and the ceremony around it; a brief homily; the centring movement provided by the creed and the prayers of the people. An offertory and music. Then right to the Table – the people offer gifts that are then offered to God and come back to the people as Christ's body and blood; the kneeling in humility; the Lord's Prayer as an important part of the Eucharistic rite; the precious chance to pass the peace with neighbours just before the supper; more kneeling; the chance to watch the people come up for Communion and pray for them, or instead be quiet with God; the final Trinitarian blessing and recessional."

What an insightful description of the ritual by which we celebrate the Eucharist! Sometimes when we're inside something, we don't see it as clearly as does someone from the outside.

### Palms

Sincere gratitude is extended to our parishioners who have donated palms for this Sunday. The blessing of palms at the beginning of Mass is such a great part of the Church's liturgical tradition. Mass on Palm Sunday wouldn't be quite the same without the palms.

However, the supply is certainly not excessive and parishioners are encouraged to bring their own palm if possible.

### Camden ~ Parish Census

Thanks to all our parishioners who have completed a Census card. Spare cards are still available on the magazine table in the chapel for those who may have been away from our parish over the past few weeks.

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## Sacrament of Confirmation for The Oaks and Camden

Confirmation Timelines and initial steps towards registration can be undertaken this weekend. Personal resolve to Commit to Holy Mass with children is a requirement of the programme.

## Good Friday Collection

Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. To express solidarity and to preserve, the Good Friday appeal is universal. The collection meets the needs of the following:

- Supports 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helps to keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K to Grade 12 students
- Supports 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helps rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provides senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Creates 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserves 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets.

Thank you in anticipation.

## Men Alive Weekend

Gentlemen, when was the last time you felt fully alive? Please consider the following:

menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry which is dedicated to bringing men together to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the church. Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

A weekend is coming up at the parish church in Varroville on 14-15 May for those who are interested. More details are available on [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au) The cost of \$70/pp will be met by the parish for our own parishioners who would like to attend. More details from Helen 4222 2403 or Peter 0407 913696

## Younger Teenage Youth

For those aged between 13 and 17, a wonderful opportunity is available on Sunday evenings from 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM to young adults who are admirably qualified. The programmes involve food, games, music, worship, talks, testimonies, small groups and opportunities to pray together.

For more information, please go to [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au)

Mums and dads, why not suggest to your son or daughter to seek out their friends and go together? Really worth a try! Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

In our own area, the evenings are held at St John's Campbelltown in the parish hall.





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

10-Apr	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Brian Jenkins	Wal Glynn	Diane Kennaugh	Trish O'Flynn	Kerry Todd
		Narr. Helen Lanyon	Other. Pat O'Flynn			
8.00am		Kimberley Logue	Kimberley Logue	Lucy Aquilina	Maryann Ace	Cheryl/ Kathryn
		Narr. Cheryl Carroll	Other. Glenn Crawford			
10.0pm	Enzeigh Thomas	Maureen Grisdale	Maureen Grisdale	Angelina Vecchio		Brad McAllister
		Narr. Nada Simich	Other. Oscar Marimbe			
5.00pm	John Marchand	Samantha Vergara	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Brian Jenkins	Lo Cascio family
		Narr. Judith Madsen	Other. Joseph Hanson			

*For our Faithful Departed*

John O'Grady, Emma Patty, Lilian Grech, Enzo Dozzi who died recently. Michael Gorman, Louis Gauci whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. Cath Bourke, Alex Bannon, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll. RIP.

*We Pray for those who are unwell*

Pam Simmonds.