



## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

EASTER SUNDAY - 16<sup>TH</sup>/17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

### From Pope Francis

#### Entering into the Mystery ~ the need to ADORE

We cannot live Easter without entering into the mystery. It is not something intellectual, something we only know or read about... It is more, much more!

**To enter into the mystery** means going beyond our own comfort zone, beyond the laziness and indifference which hold us back, and going out in search of truth, beauty and love. It is seeking a deeper meaning, an answer, and not an easy one, to the questions which challenge our faith, our fidelity and our very existence.

**To enter into the mystery**, we need humility, the lowliness to abase ourselves, to come down from the pedestal of our "I" which is so proud, of our presumption; the humility not to take ourselves so seriously, recognizing who we really are: creatures with strengths and weaknesses, sinners in need of forgiveness.

**To enter into the mystery**, we need the lowliness that is powerlessness, the renunciation of our idols... in a word, we need to **adore**. Without adoration, we cannot enter into the mystery.

The women who were Jesus' disciples teach us all of this. They kept watch that night, together with Mary. And she, the Virgin Mother, helped them not to lose faith and hope. As a result, they did not remain prisoners of fear and sadness, but at the first light of dawn they went out carrying their ointments, their hearts anointed with love.

They went forth and found the tomb open. And they went in. They had kept watch; they went forth and they entered into the Mystery. May we learn from them to keep watch with God and with Mary our Mother, so that we too may enter into the Mystery which leads from death to life.

### Good Friday Collection ~ to be held at The Passion at 3:00 PM

This annual universal appeal is of inestimable value. Visiting the Holy Land, especially places like Jerusalem, is a transformative experience. And may funds from every continent always be provided to preserve these sacred places for ourselves our children our grandchildren and future generations. Even over the past eight years a new, contemporary, and most beautiful chapel has been built at Magdala. The altar is shaped like a small fishing boat.

The chapel also includes special dedication to the women in the Sacred Scriptures, as well as a beautiful painting of a woman who had been hemorrhaging for 12 years and who was then healed by bending low to touch the 'hem of the garment' (Luke 8:43-48)

#### Recommended for Prayer on Good Friday:

**Firstly**, Read Luke 8:43-48

**Secondly**, Google *Magdala's Chapel Galilee* to see the artistic portrayal of this event.

It was these feet of Jesus that would soon have a nail driven through them as he hung upon the cross.

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## The Oaks and Oakdale ~ Holy Week

|                      |                               |   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Holy Thursday</b> |                               | The Oaks Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM (MW) |
| <b>Good Friday</b>   | Oakdale Stations 9:00 AM (MW) | The Oaks Passion 3:00 PM (MW)                   |
| <b>Easter Sunday</b> | Oakdale Mass 8:00 AM (VV)     | The Oaks Mass 9:30 AM (VV)                      |

## Camden ~ Holy Week

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|-----------------------|---|---|
| <b>Holy Thursday:</b> | <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> at 7:00 PM then Adoration until 9:00 PM<br>(VV with Craig) |   |
| <b>Good Friday</b>    | <b>Stations of the Cross</b> at 10:00 AM;<br>(VV with Iona and Tasha)                       | <b>Passion</b> at 3:00 PM<br>(VV with Choir)  |
| <b>Holy Saturday</b>  | No ceremonies up until the Easter Vigil   |   |
| <b>Easter Vigil</b>   | Saturday at 5:00 PM (MW with Choir))  |   |
| <b>Easter Sunday</b>  | Masses at:  | 7:30 AM (MW with Cheryl)<br>9:00 AM (MW with Craig)<br>10:30 PM (MW with Eva and Darko)<br>5:00 PM (VV with Tony) |

## EASTER TRIDUUM ROSTER

14-Apr Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

|        | <b>Acolyte</b> | <b>Lector 1</b> | <b>Lector 2</b> | <b>Special Minister</b> | <b>Special Minister</b> | <b>PC</b> |
|--------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 7.00pm | Pat O'Flynn    | Wal Glynn       | Helen Lanyon    | Robin Roberts           | (2 acolytes)            | Craig     |
|        | John Roberts   |                 |                 |                         |                         |           |

15-Apr Good Friday - Stations of the Cross + Celebration of the Lord's Passion

|         | <b>Acolyte</b> | <b>Lector 1</b>  | <b>Lector 2</b>      | <b>Special Minister</b> | <b>Special Minister</b> | <b>PC</b>       |
|---------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 10.00am |                | Kimberley Logue  |                      |                         |                         | Cheryl          |
| 3.00pm  | Pat O'Flynn    | Wal Glynn        | Nada Simich          | Maryann Ace             | (2 acolytes)            | Brad McAllister |
|         | John Roberts   | Narr: Ken Potter | Other: Judith Madsen |                         | Inter: Cheryl Carroll   |                 |

Easter

16-Apr Vigil

|        | <b>Acolyte</b>   | <b>Lector 1</b>                     | <b>Lector 2</b>      | <b>Special Minister</b> | <b>Special Minister</b> | <b>PC</b>       |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 5.00pm | Ray Cusack       | R1. Wal Glynn                       | R2. William Degeling | Kylie Crnek-Georgeson   | (2 acolytes)            | Brad McAllister |
|        | Pat O'Flynn      | R3. Maureen Grisdale                | R4. Dianne Garland   |                         |                         |                 |
|        | Syd Hyett (fire) | Epistle of St Paul.<br>Helen Lanyon |                      |                         |                         |                 |

17-Apr Easter Sunday

|         | <b>Acolyte</b> | <b>Lector 1</b> | <b>Lector 2</b> | <b>Special Minister</b> | <b>Special Minister</b> | <b>PC</b>        |
|---------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 7.30am  |                | Kimberley Logue | Diane Kennaugh  | Lucy Aquilina           | Cheryl Carroll          | Cheryl/Kathryn   |
| 9.00am  | John Roberts   | Joseph Hanson   | Joseph Hanson   | Robin Roberts           | Cathy Conwell           | Craig            |
| 10.30am | John Marchand  | Nada Simich     | Nada Simich     | Michael Reardon         | Natalie Reardon         | Rafael Zoric     |
| 5.00pm  | Andrew Watson  | Dianne Garland  | Brian Jenkins   | Dianne Garland          |                         | Lo Cascio family |

**Sincere Thanks**

Our sincere thanks are extended to Michelle Roffe of Michell Roffe Funeral Services of Camden. Michelle and her team have donated the Easter Candles for Saint Paul’s Camden, Saint Joseph the Worker Oakdale as well as Saint Aloysius The Oaks. These candles will be lit for the first time at the wonderful Easter Vigil ceremonies this weekend, continue to be lit over the Easter period then over the next twelve months at every Funeral and Baptism. Our thanks also go to Mario Cocco of the Camden Pharmacy, Capital Arcade Camden, who has kindly donated enough water vials for our Easter Holy water for the next two years. We are very grateful for both Michelle and Mario’s contributions that make our Easter ceremonies so special.

*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.

**Kind Regards**

**Father Michael**