



Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

CORPUS CHRISTI - 18TH/19TH JUNE 2022

Pastoral Insight

Pope Francis has urged the faithful to steer clear of gossip, calling it worse than the coronavirus and saying it could be used to divide the Roman Catholic Church.

“Please, brothers and sisters, let’s make an effort not to gossip. Gossiping is a worse plague than COVID”

“The devil is the great gossip. He is always saying bad things about others because he is the liar who tries to split the Church.”

The pope has regularly warned of the risks of gossiping and has also railed against Internet trolls.

“If something goes wrong, offer silence and prayer for the brother or sister who make a mistake, but never gossip.”

Confirmation Programme

Because of the fair-dinkum commitment from the overwhelming number of families, the programme has been proceeding exceptionally well. Somewhat unfortunately, there have been a small number who require regular follow-up which always makes for extra work for the parish secretaries.

Thanks also extended to the many people in our schools who are assisting.

At Masses this weekend, the Confirmation medals will be blessed and distributed.

For this coming week, the candidates should review all the pages of their Confirmation book in order to have sharp minds when Bishop Brian raises a few questions during his homily. Better for the kids not to have sleepy-looking faces. And please be saying prayers, especially the Act of Contrition.

Clergy are quietly confident that with assistance from parents/carers, the candidates will be at their very best. Thanks!

Rehearsals	Tuesday	5:00 PM	for families at:	Friday 24 th 7:00 PM
and seat	Tuesday	6:00 PM		Saturday 25 th 10:00 AM
allocation	Wednesday	5:00 PM		Saturday 25 th 12 Noon
this week:	Wednesday	6:00 PM		Saturday 25 th 2:00 PM

The Oaks ~ Special Meeting ~ Thursday 7 July 6:00 PM

This meeting is most important. Recommendation(s) will need to be formulated.

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Joint Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) ~ Camden & The Oaks

Up until about four/five days ago, interest in membership to the PPC was rather hushed.

Indeed, at Masses in Camden a week ago, the possibility was raised that instead of having a PPC, a better option might be to establish a 'Parish Apathy Club'. This is not a cynical idea although it is a little humorous.

The idea would be to have an opportunity for an informal gathering of parishioners every few months with no agenda nor minutes, nor structure, nor anything of too much substance. Just arrive, have a few prayers, a discussion, and a little fraternity. And if people registered but didn't arrive, then it wouldn't matter at all. The substance of a Parish Apathy Club would be spontaneity. Could be quite successful and enjoyable although it might be better to have a different name. Who knows!

However, since the weekend, almost 10 very capable people have indicated quite an interest in membership to the PPC. And so now, after a sluggish start, the formation of a PPC is looking much more promising.

From previous years, the big majority of people enjoy the discussion at PPC meetings and especially the light refreshments afterwards. One of the key agenda items over the next few years will be the church at St Clare's. Opinions and reports will be a regular feature. And here's an absolute promise: membership won't cause any suffering! One of the main qualities needed for PPC membership is a sense of humour.

Improvised Mid-Week Mass Timetable 23rd May until 24th June

St Paul's:	Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
St Paul's:	Holy Communion Services on Wednesday and Friday.
St Clare's	Masses on Wednesday and Friday

Usual times and devotions apply. Thanks

And the good news is that Father Victor is returning from annual leave by the end of this coming week. And we hope he will have had a had a wonderfully enjoyable and restful holiday.

Sacrament of Penance ~ Backup Programme.

Books to be distributed this week along with the 'Help Pages'. The idea is for the parish to help the parents to help the kids. Parents/Carers need commitment and motivation with a strong personal resolve to bring their children to Mass each weekend during the programme. These sacramental programmes offer the opportunity for all family members to experience personal growth conversion.

If weekends require a juggling of commitments to attend Mass, please regard Holy Mass as the highest priority. Be willing and eager to make sacrifice which is among the greatest expressions of love.

Catholic Enrichment for Adults

Good start last Wednesday 15th. Parishioners who know people who would like to know more about the Catholic faith are welcome to join the next meeting this Wednesday 22nd at 7:00 PM. Duration is for one hour. Please ring the parish office on 4655 8797 in advance if wanting to attend. All welcome.

Immaculate Heart of Mary



This diocesan feast will be celebrated next weekend, 25th/26th June. All the Marian feasts throughout the year call to mind the beautiful and loving and honourable place of Mary in God's plan to redeem fallen humanity. This Feast of her Immaculate Heart places special emphasis on her life of purity, a life that was lived without any stain of sin, even original sin. Holy cards will be available for collection.

Caritas ~ Assisting God's People

Caritas Appeals conduct appeals across our nation every year to raise funds to assist enormous numbers of people who live their lives in ways that are far removed from our own standard of living. Accordingly, after the Gospel there will be a five-minute film clip that identifies a particular need among many.

After the film clip, a special collection will be taken up. The other collections will be conducted as usual but for this weekend, our generous parishioners from Camden and The Oaks should not feel the need to support every collection.

Our parishes have always been generous and especially sensitive to the needs of people and communities who desperately struggle in the face of enormous difficulty and deprivation. So the missional appeal should be the primary focus this weekend. Our parishes have always been only too willing to make sacrifice for seriously worthy causes. Thanks in anticipation.

Sunday 19th June ~ Corpus Christi

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Andrew	Belinda and Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Tracey

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Leslie / Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Andrew	Maria C and Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Andrew	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Andrew	Craig

19 th June	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
9.00am	Mark Coleman					
5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Pat O'Flynn	Toni Sillis	Russell O'Brien	Brian Jenkins	Valentina V
8.00am	Mark Coleman	Leonie Gray	Deanna David	Cheryl Carroll	Denise Carney	Cheryl/ Kathryn
10.00am	Enziegh Thomas	Michael Reardon	Nada Simich	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson		Brad
5.00pm		Judith Madsen	Margaret Thornton	Dianne Garland	Samantha Vergara	Craig

Saturday 25th June

Camden 9:00 AM

No Mass or confessions because of Confirmations

Sunday 26th June ~ Immaculate Heart of Mary

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Andrew	Jo

Please note:

On Saturday 25th June, there are Confirmation ceremonies at 10:00 AM, 12 Noon and 2:00 PM. They will not interfere with our weekend Masses but our Confirmation ceremonies do require the participation of so many of our musicians, choristers and vocalists. And after the three ceremonies, there's a good chance the clergy will be feeling a little fatigued.

Accordingly, the Vigil will be a quiet Mass without music for this weekend only.

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The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Andrew	Leslie / Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent and Damian
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

For our Faithful Departed

Danuta Mirecki, Pam Simonds, Fr Whitty, *who died recently*. Michael Thornton, Veronica Sargeant, Edward Bittar, Maria Grech, Anthony Attard, Maree O'Brien, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Michelle Rooney, Tom Rooney, Cath Burke, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll. *RIP*.

*We Pray for those who are unwell
John and Iona Somoracz.*

Kind Regards

Father Michael