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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 2ND/3RD JULY 2022

Pastoral Insight for Mums and Dads

There's a particular married couple – Mike and Alicia – who have initiated the [Messy Family Project](#)

They've been married for 25 years and are the parents of 10 children. They acknowledge that marriage and parenthood can be "very messy," but also describe it as a "great adventure." Here is part of a recent conversation with the couple.

When you speak with couples, what behaviours do you observe which are most harmful to family life?

Mike: One thing I hate to hear is parents saying they are too busy, and the end result is that they shuttle their kids around to caregivers and do not spend enough time with them. And it is not just work that can take up all a parent's time, it could be a recreational activity such as watching sports.

Parents need to make time for their marriage and their children. People ask Alicia and me how we make time with 10 children. I give them a simple answer: we make time. When you say no to other things, you are saying yes to what is most important.

Alicia: Too many people are buying in to what the world says is most important. We need to make loving our families our top priority. We need to make loving our spouses our top priority.

Mike: Yes. If you want to be a great parent, you need to be an amazing spouse.

What are some of the key components of a strong family life?

Mike: We believe there are four disciplines of a Catholic family. First, the mum and the dad are spiritual leaders of the home. Second, the marriage is the primary relationship. Third, parents have the primary responsibility of forming their children. And fourth, you must intentionally grow a family culture.

Alicia: A family culture is a way of life, an unwritten set of beliefs and values that bind your family.

For more information, google [Messy Family Project](#)

The Oaks ~ This Sunday 3rd July

Morning tea after Mass with little delights brought along by the families. Custard tarts a speciality. All invited, especially the kids. And yes, Father Michael will be present and will indulge but with restraint and moderation. Hard to resist a good custard tart at morning tea! Preferable to lamingtons.

Mid-Week Mass Timetable

Back to normal for July. Parishioners – especially if retired – ought to consider having a presence at a mid-week Mass in addition to Sunday. Very calming and therapeutic.

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

Meeting this coming week. Most Important

Have you ever heard the question from an interviewer to a former sporting superstar about his/her tip as to which side will win in a two-team contest? The tip sometimes comes in this form “My heart says one team, but my head says the other”.

In other words, there may be a nostalgic preference for one side to win, but the other side appears to have much stronger prospects.

Nostalgia has a hold on everyone’s heart to some extent. But nostalgia can also be a blocker to change and growth.

As the 19th century English Cardinal – and recently canonised – John Henry Newmann said:

“To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often”.

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

Latest Developments

We’ve gotta problem. But it’s a good problem. The number of people interested in the PPC appeared to have been a little ‘light-on’ a few weeks ago. But there are now 18 parishioners who have expressed a willingness. Thankyou.

Probably best to now simply have a big PPC. All those who have expressed interest are eminently suitable.

The only concern is that the fraternity after the meetings may require bearing the cost of purchasing a bigger bag of twisties. But otherwise, everything is very positive.

Mass of Anointing ~ Tuesday 5 July 2022

Father Whitty – and many of the priests over the years – included within holy Mass the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM.

Father Victor has graciously agreed to revive this sacred custom from this coming Tuesday. All who are genuinely unwell are most encouraged to attend Mass for the reception of this healing sacrament along with the reception of Holy Communion. Occasion of grace!

Sacrament of Penance ~ Backup Programme.

Parents/carers are required to collect the help sheet for the third chapter in the book. Important for children and adults to be learning the Act of Contrition. Good preparation is built upon the foundations of commitment and motivation. Parents need to have a deep resolve to allocating time to their children. It's an expression of love.

Confirmation Programme Wrap~Up

Great couple of days last weekend with the Confirmation ceremonies. Special acknowledgement for the outstanding administrative and preparation work from the parish office and from the school offices. And need to further acknowledge the highly accomplished contributions from musicians, vocalists, choristers, and teachers. All quite outstanding.

Big acknowledgement for parents/carers who embraced their responsibilities with serious commitment for the preparation of their children, and especially those who also assisted in the ceremonies. So grateful!

Congratulations to the children who were not only so very responsive during the ceremony but who also excelled in every other possible way. Personal reverence and gratitude to the Bishop during photos were very noticeable.

And thanks to the parents who afterwards sent emails to the parish office with messages of affirmation and thanks. Very much appreciated! Overall, a wonderful experience for all concerned, including Bishop Brian.

And just a little note of gratitude to the very helpful parishioner who – upon being phoned with a little urgency last Saturday morning before the Confirmation ceremonies – agreed to buy a selection of meat pies and custard tarts for Bishop Brian, Father Michael and Father Victor to enjoy between the ceremonies. Hard to beat a fresh pie and tomato sauce. The confirming of lots of children certainly develops an appetite. And that's too true!

Actually, the pie was complimented not be tomato sauce but by Fountain spicy red. Not so easy to tell the difference. Kids and teenagers might be a better judge. But if over the weekend the family is considering a healthy meal like meat pies, snags, or hot dogs, then spicy red could be worth a try!

Catholic Enrichment for Adults ~ Next Meeting 13 July

The next meeting has been scheduled for 13th July at 7:00 PM. There was a mistake in the last edition of the Weekly Message. But it's now all sorted.

Slight Problem: The Third State of Origin is also on. So our evening together will be shortened to 40 minutes to allow all who are present to return home in time, hopefully by kick-off.

Sunday ~ 3rd July ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Andrew	Belinda and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo/Tracey

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Leslie / Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Steve, Damian, Betty
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Andrew	Jenny & Tasha

3 rd July	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Toni Sillis	Margaret Thornton	Wal Glynn	Trish Hyett	Valentina V
8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Rebecca Ward	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
10.00am	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Oscar Marimbe	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Michael Reardon	Brad M
5.00pm		Maria Kosiak	Joseph Hanson	Dianne Garland	Brian Jenkins	Eugene K

Sunday 10th July ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 9th

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

Sunday 10th June

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Leslie / Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Andrew	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Eva and Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony

For our Faithful Departed

Danuta Mirecki, Pam Simonds, Fr Whitty, *who died recently*. Daniel Perinich, Zeljko Nimac, Michael Thornton, Veronica Sargeant, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Lewis family members, Ryan family members, Cath Burke, Michelle Rooney, Tom Rooney, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll. *RIP*.

We Pray for those who are unwell
John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael