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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 16TH/17TH JULY 2022

Pastoral Insight for Youth

In the recently convened European Union Youth Conference, taking place in Prague, Czech Republic, Pope Francis sent a message inviting young people “to look upwards and beyond, to keep seeking the real meaning of your life, where you come from and where you are going, and the Truth, because we cannot live authentically if we do not seek the Truth.”

Though Ukraine is not part of the European Union, Francis urged the young adults taking part in the conference to commit themselves to promoting peace and the end of the war.

He said: “it is legitimate to rebel” in cases like this, “where, as usual, a few powerful people decide and send thousands of young people to fight and die.”

The Pope recalled that someone once said that “if the world were ruled by women, there would not be so many wars, because those who have the mission of giving life cannot make death choices.”

“In a similar vein, I like to think that if the world were ruled by young people, there would not be so many wars,” he added. “Those who have their whole life ahead of them do not want to ruin it and throw it away, but to live it to the full.”

He closed his message by asking young people to be “generous in generating new lives, always and only as the fruit of love.”

Planned Giving ~ Envelopes

Gratitude is extended to the many people who fund our parishes through planned giving. All forms of giving are very valuable and most appreciated. The advantage of planned-giving and a weekly/monthly commitment is that it assists enormously in meeting running costs and maintenance needs.

Most parishioners contribute electronically but there are a large number of people who contribute via the traditional envelopes which are now available at the back of the church towards the presbytery. These envelopes can be home-delivered if convenient. Please feel most welcome to ring the office during parish business hours.

Thanks to all our parishioners from Camden and The Oaks who have committed financially.

The Oaks ~ Report of Meeting 7 July 2022

Parishioners are advised that at the two Masses on this coming weekend 16/17 July, a report of the meeting that was held on 7 July 2022 in the parish hall at The Oaks, will be available to those adults who are interested. The main item of discussion was the 40 acres of land on the corner of Timothy Lacey Lane and Silverdale Road.

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New Electronic Sign

Many parishioners may have noticed that there's a kind of seasonality to our church year, especially when children are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. And at Sunday Masses in the weeks through Lent and Advent, the number of people attending Mass seems to be a little more than usual. The quieter months tend to be January, July and August.

So the newly installed electronic sign will help to communicate the events of parish life to those who might be walking or driving along John Street. And one of the big advantages will be the listing of Mass times at Easter and Christmas when the sacred ceremonies are different to the normal scheduling.

There's been an emerging phenomenon in society of the way in which, increasingly, people like the convenience of drive-by or drive-through services. Hopefully, the new sign will help in this way. And there's lots of potential to be innovative.

Catholic Enrichment for Adults ~ Next Meeting 27 July

The programme has been growing with over a dozen adults now discerning initiation into the Catholic Church. Our parishes continue to assist these ladies and gentlemen with prayerful support.

Sacrament of Penance ~ Backup Programme.

Books need to have been completed and be returned to the attendants at Mass this weekend.

Books that have been satisfactorily completed will be stamped and returned next weekend.

Unfinished or unsatisfactory books will be returned to the candidates for completion.

The preference sheets for the ceremonies will also be distributed this weekend, and those families whose children have completed the books satisfactorily will be allocated to a first confession session and a leaflet with the times allocated will be distributed next weekend. A second leaflet will need to be produced for those families who need to redo any part of their workbook.

Sunday 17th July ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 16th

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| Camden | 5:00 PM | Father Victor | Belinda and Tasha |
| Oakdale | 5:00 PM | Father Michael | Jo |

Sunday 10th June

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

Sunday 24th July ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 23th

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

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

| 17 th July | Acolyte | Lector | Lector | Special Minister | Special Minister | PC |
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| 9.00am | Pat O'Flynn | | | | | |
| 5.00pm | Pat O'Flynn | Brian Jenkins | Diane Kennaugh | Trish O'Flynn | Russell O'Brien | Valentina Vaccaro |
| 8.00am | Enzeigh Thomas | Kimberley Logue | Deanna David | Lisa McFadzean | Kathryn Hampton | Cheryl/ Kathryn |
| 10.00am | John Marchant | Brad McAllister | Meaghan Marchand | Syd Hyett | Trish Hyett | Brad McAlister |
| 5.00pm | | Margaret Thornton | Samantha Vergara | Dianne Garland | Brian Jenkins | Craig Davidson |

For our Faithful Departed

Heather Matthews, Heather Crosland, *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