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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 28TH/29TH JANUARY 2023

**From St Francis de Sales
Feast day 24 January**

It is a fact that people are always aware of what is due to them.
Unfortunately, they remain oblivious of what they owe to others.

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

Programme resumes with the distribution of Holy Cards containing the words of the Act of Contrition. The prayer will need to be known perfectly by children and their parents over the next few weeks.

To help administer the programme, it will also be necessary for attendance to be recorded. Thanks in anticipation for unswerving commitment.

Looking Ahead

Although not so long since the beginning of the calendar year, it is now less than four weeks until Ash Wednesday and the penitential Season of Lent.

In the meantime, and with children soon returning to school, the need to return to a structured routine is highly recommended.

So what are the components to a structured routine? A healthy diet and going to bed at an age-appropriate hour are obvious, as is some exercise according to our stage in life.

Detachment from screens and times of silence are also important. Quality reading will always be helpful.

But we should never forget prayer. God calls all of us to pray.

There are times when we need to be people of withdrawal. Reciting the Our Father and the Hail Mary each day should be an indispensable component located somewhere within our structured routine. Our commitment to prayer contributes enormously to shaping our lives and bringing to us an inner peace.

As St Augustine expressed so beautifully:

You have made us for yourself Lord,
And our hearts are not at rest until they rest in you.

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Pastoral Reflection

Over the past three years, the pastoral life of our parish – like so many others – has slowed a little.

However, Masses have been overwhelmingly well resourced with adult servers, accomplished readers, faithful wardens, reliable Ministers of the Eucharist, outstanding musicians + vocalists + choristers, cleaners, attendants to the altar linen, operators of our computerised projectors and faithful celebrants.

The full quota of six weekend Masses at The Oaks, Oakdale and Camden requires very considerable planning, rostering and resourcing. And the number of people involved is remarkably large and has, over the past few years, included generational change.

And now we're also recommencing our Penance Programme which also depends upon attendants to ensure everything proceeds with the precision of a Swiss watch.

Another wonderful ministry within our parish is the dedication to the sick and elderly, especially at Camden House and Carrington. Mass and prayer services with Holy Communion are scheduled in order to attend to the spiritual welfare of those no longer able to attend Holy Mass in our churches.

And home visitation from the clergy is always available upon request. So there's a big "upside" to the life of our parishes.

Pastoral initiatives, however, have been hampered with the pandemic and then from damage to the Heritage Hall. So future developments will continue to be modest over the next six months but can be expected to gather momentum after the repair and restoration of the HH. And by this time, the design of St Clare's church will be nearing completion.

In biblical imagery, we're now sowing seeds that, with the grace of Our Lord, will yield a plentiful harvest.

SPECIAL INVITATION: If you haven't been to Mass so recently, please feel encouraged to make a comeback. With time and perseverance, our hearts and minds will be touched by the divine.

The Oaks ~ Next Sunday 5 February

On Sunday 5 February there will be morning tea after 9.00am Mass with little delights brought along by the families. 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.

Sunday 29th January ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 28th January

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda & Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday 29th January

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Rachel & Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony Lo Cascio

29 th Jan	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Toni Sillis	Diane Kennaugh	Robin Roberts	Angelina Vecchio	Kerry T
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Kimberley Logue	Cheryl Carroll	Kathryn Hampton	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Brad McAllister	Maureen Grisdale	Maria Debrincat	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Brad M
Sun 5.00pm	<i>None</i>	Judith Madsen	Margaret Thornton	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Lo Cascio family

Sunday 5th February ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 4th February

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Quiet Mass
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday 5th February

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

Diocesan News

Get connected with what is on around the diocese. Conscious that with many messages to choose from to put in your bulletins every week, we are continuing to include a short message near the top of the message suggestions that captures an opportunity for the faithful to stay connected with what is happening around the diocese.

Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. A simple way to stay informed and connected is to invite the faithful to subscribe:

<https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> or

visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

For our Faithful Departed: Wendy Kiley, Lillian Patterson, Denis Hehir, Liam Cantarella, Sam Fenech Maria Irwin, *who died recently.* Dorothy Dunn, Anne Garofalo, Dorothy Jones, Joseph Ellul, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Rino & Assunta Zanatta, Pasquale Zanatta, Barry Myles, Denise Grissell, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Cath Bourke, Louis Gauci, *RIP.*

We Pray for those who are unwell: Olivia Toole, Brian Jenkins, Michael O'Sullivan, Myra Dozzi, Des Grissell, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Anne Hyeronimus, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael