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## Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

### From Pope Francis

**Lent is the perfect time to deny ourselves in order to enrich others' lives.**

“Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.”

### Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

Notes for parents will be distributed this weekend, and children's names to be recorded. Books to be returned to attendants next weekend. Children must be able to recite the Act of Contrition, as well as the Our Father and the Hail Mary.

### International News

#### Man arrested in the killing of Auxiliary Bishop

Most Reverend David G. O'Connell, a Roman Catholic bishop in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, was shot in his home in Hacienda Heights, California, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. The authorities said the man in custody was the husband of the bishop's housekeeper.

The suspect, Carlos Medina, 65, is married to Bishop O'Connell's housekeeper and had done work at the bishop's house.

A tipster told detectives on Sunday evening that he was concerned because Mr. Medina had been “acting strange, irrational and made comments about the bishop owing him money,”

Sheriff Luna said the motive remained under investigation. He said the housekeeper was fully cooperating with detectives.

### Project Compassion

Boxes and envelopes still available from the various magazine tables. Please try to be supportive of this Lenten appeal which has been a wonderful part of the Church's missionary work for many decades.

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## Lenten Group ~ every Thursday at 9:30 AM during Lent

First meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February began with about 15 people in attendance. Feedback very positive. All still welcome to come along. Refreshments and fraternity afterwards.

## St Aloysius, The Oaks

Reminder of the meeting on 2 March at 6:00 PM for parishioners who support the financial operations of the parish. Meeting is not expected to extend for too long beyond 30 minutes. But who can be sure?

## Aussie Humour

At one of the delightful pubs in the Southern Highlands, there's a little placard behind the bar with the following transcript:

From the wife:           When I die, I want to be buried under the pub.  
                                  Then I'll know I'll be visited by my husband  
                                  seven days a week.

## Beautiful Music for children, teenagers and adults

Beautiful song '**Fall on Me**' sung by a father and son – Andrea and Matteo Bocelli. There are numerous versions but one that is quite stunning can be viewed on YouTube:

Fall on Me Andre and Matteo Bocelli from Disney's the Nutcracker

Andrea Bocelli lost his sight totally by the age of 12. The song embraces our deep feelings of affection for family, friends and loved ones.

The film clips from Disney are especially beautiful. Children should be advised that heaven will be much more beautiful, beyond what anyone can ever imagine or comprehend.

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 25<sup>th</sup> February

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

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Rachael & Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent & Damian
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Kerry Todd	Maria Kosiak	Angelina Vecchio	Wal Glynn	Eugene
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Maureen Grisdale	Rebecca Ward	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Julie Sligar	Joseph Hanson	Cathy Conwell	Michael Reardon	Julie
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Judith Madsen	Judith Madsen	Samantha Vegara	Jacinta Abernethy	Craig

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Steve & Damian
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:* Brian Jenkins, Mrs Antonia Scarcella, Rita Grubisic, John Younes, Christine Pow, Gail Patrick, Wendy Kiley, Lillian Patterson, *who died recently.* Liam Cantarella, Enzo Dozzi, Barry Cravigan, Diane Vella, 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 & Victoria Gauci, *RIP.*

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

**Kind Regards**

**Father Michael**