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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 2ND/3RD MARCH 2023

From Amanda Jobs (?)

Don't know who this lady is. But it's a good insight.

"Lent is not just about giving up our favourite food but it's about going further and giving up things like hatred and unforgiveness. You need to clean your heart and prepare yourself for purity."

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

Workbooks need to be handed to the attendants this week. Books that have been satisfactorily completed will be stamped and children will progress to the next stage of the programme. Families with children who have not completed books in a satisfactory manner will be contacted by phone through the week.

Children need to be able to recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and Act of Contrition. The ability to recite these prayers is a condition for entry into the FHC programme commencing early September.

Parents and carers should also be teaching the children how to prepare their consciences. Sins might include:

In terms of our relationship to God:

Faking sickness to avoid Sunday Mass
Using Our Lord's name in vain
Spiritual laziness resulting in the avoidance of prayer.

In terms of human relationships and family responsibilities:

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| Fighting with others | Harmful words and actions |
| Disregard to home duties | Selfishness |
| Temper tantrums | Negligence to family pets |
| Foul language | Carelessness with the truth |
| Anti-social behaviour | Sulking |

Heritage Hall

Awaiting an updated report from the engineer to outline the scope of works. Remedial work will then begin as soon as possible. The HH is a wonderful facility for both the parish and the school. It's been out of commission for about a year already. Its restoration is keenly anticipated.

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Project Compassion

Boxes 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.

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

Another enriching meeting shared by about 15 parishioners. Other parishioners are most welcome to come along, as well as attending the 9:00 AM morning Mass in the church. The valuable little combo is a wonderful way of keeping some form of Lenten observance.

St Aloysius, The Oaks

Meeting went exceptionally well on the evening of 2nd March. Almost all in attendance understood and accepted the need to sell a portion of non-income-producing parish property to raise funds for the purchase of income-producing parish property. More news next week.

By about mid-year, a strategic plan will be formulated with a time-line to attend to essential works.

And all our parishioners are invited to morning tea this Sunday 5 March after the 9:00 AM Mass.

More Humour

"A theology student was sitting on the stairs of his faculty reading the Bible.

He was very excited reading the Bible and he was saying 'Praise God, Hallelujah, God is amazing!'.
A professor came by asking the student why he was so excited.

The student replied 'Wow, I was just reading Exodus 14, God divided the Red Sea and God's people were able to walk straight across, isn't that incredible?! Don't we have such a great God!'

The professor said 'Well, you know what, some scholars think that at that point and at that time, the water of the Red Sea was only about 5 inches deep. So maybe it wasn't that big of a miracle after all.'

And the student said 'Oh' and then he thought for a while, and then he said, 'Praise God, Hallelujah, isn't God amazing!'

And the professor said, 'Why are you so excited?'

The student said, "Well God was able to drown the entire Egyptian army in water that was only 5 inches deep, that's incredible, what a mighty God we have!"

St Clare's Church

Plans are underway for the appointment of an architect within the next week.

The Oaks ~ This Sunday 5 March

On Sunday 5 March 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.

Mass of Anointing ~ Tuesday 7 March

This coming week, the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM Mass, there will be a Mass of Anointing followed by a cup of tea. 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!

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

The group continues this week on Thursday 9th March, and Thursdays for the remainder of Lent. All still welcome to come along. Refreshments and fraternity afterwards.

Australian Catholics Magazine

At each door of the church we have available the Autumn 2023 edition of the Australian Catholics magazine. It is free to take home and has a number of very interesting articles including “the life and times of Jesus”, and a short story on the passing of Cardinal Pell and Pope Benedict. Well worth while having a read!

St Joseph the Worker, Oakdale ~ Monthly Rosary

Continuing in March 2023, on the first Saturday of each month after 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Oakdale, the rosary will be said. All welcome to stay back after Mass and join in.

Sunday 5th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 3rd March

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

Sunday 4th March

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| 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 |

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| Sat 9.00am | Enzeigh Thomas | | | | | |
| Sat Vigil 5.00pm | Ray Cusack | Pat O'Flynn | Stephen Barrett | Diane Kennaugh | Trish O'Flynn | Kerry |
| Sun 8.00am | John Charadia | Deanna David | Cheryl Carroll | Maryanne Ace | Lucy Aquilina | Cheryl/ Kathryn |
| Sun 10.00am | Enzeigh Thomas | Oscar Marimbe | Maria Caridi | Peter Grizelj | Cathy Conwell | Brad |
| Sun 5.00pm | John Marchand | Meaghan Marchand | Maria Kosiak | Jacinta Abernethy | Simon Abernethy | Eugene |

Sunday 12th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 11th March

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

Sunday 12th March

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

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: Merle Arnold, Brian Jenkins, Mrs Antonia Scarcella, Rita Grubisic, John Younes, Christine Pow, Gail Patrick, who died recently. Faye Humphries, Lillian Grech, Dayne Mackie, Benito Sabellano, Liam Cantarella, Enzo Dozzi, Barry Cravigan, Diane Vella, Dorothy Dunn, Anne Garofalo, whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. Rino & Assunta Zanatta, Pasquale Zanatta, 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