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OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ~ DIOCESAN FEAST

#### *From Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.

#### *From Saint Basil the Great*

"O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all your necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity."

#### *From Blessed Mother Teresa*

Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor."

### THE OAKS

The meeting on Thursday 15 July 2023 may, with the passing of time, come to be regarded as a watershed moment in the history of the parish.

The many parishioners who had gathered were able to reach consensus in adopting a policy of asset recycling as a one-off act of extraordinary administration. This new initiative will result in an income stream that will be dedicated to the numerous maintenance works and upgrades that are needed for the parish.

A schedule of projects will be drafted in coming months with works to begin before the end of the year.

### CATHOLIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

The first meeting for the year was held a few evenings ago on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Quite a few people attended and were able to share a little of why they've become interested in full initiation into the Catholic Church. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 28 June at 7.00pm. All welcome to come along.

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## ST CLARE'S CHURCH

Meeting with the Project Manager, the Architect and Father Michael this Friday afternoon to progress the design up to the stage where a Development Application can be submitted to Camden Council.

Both men have been exceptionally accomplished and responsive to so many of the ideas that have been shared. So far so good. Thanks to all who have been financially supportive and who have been taking an interest. Much appreciated.

## Confirmation Programme

A very big week coming up for our Confirmation candidates. Rehearsals are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as allocated on the programme leaflet. Should you be unable to attend your particular rehearsal time, please attend one that suits. Do not take a pew allocation if it is not your scheduled rehearsal, the parish office will allocate your family one at the correct ceremony.

Medals that are to be worn at the Confirmation ceremonies will be blessed and distributed at all Masses this weekend.

Any workbooks returned after marking but still to be picked up are available from a table in the chapel. Please do take your child's returned book home.

## Sacrament of Penance Back-up Programme 2022/2023

Over the past few days, another 40 children have celebrated first confession. The children have been a little better prepared than in previous years. In terms of preparation, it's been quite apparent that the big majority of parents have been more attentive to the needs of their children. And in a most productive way, the children are developing a stronger ability to recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and Act of Contrition. Although there remains room for further improvement, the early signs are encouraging.

Mementos of the Sacrament of Penance will be blessed and distributed at all Masses this weekend. The mementos are the Hail Mary and the Our Father in a laminated form that the children will be able to use as a bookmark and have available to use on a daily basis.

## A LITTLE HUMOUR

Two Christians have lived very good and also very healthy lives. They die and go to Heaven. As they are walking along, marveling at the paradise around them, one turns to the other and says "Gosh, I never knew Heaven was going to be as good as this!". "Yes" says the other "and just think, if we'd eaten lot more fast-food, we could have got here 10 years sooner."

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 17<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June

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

18 <sup>th</sup> June	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Sandra Skarsky	Chris Keun	Russell O'Brien, Pat O'Flynn	John Roberts Angelina V	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett					
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Rebecca Ward	Kathryn Hampton	Lisa McFadzean	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Brad McAllister	Michael Reardon	Joseph Hanson	Peter Grizelj	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Samantha Vergara	Samantha Vergara	Sharon Picken	Dianne Garland	Criag

## Saturday/Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June ~ 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 24<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole	
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Cheryl	
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Belinda & Tasha	Confirmation Mass
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Trent & Damian	

Please note that at the Parish Masses that are also a Confirmation Mass on Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM, there will be plenty of room for our normal parishioners especially on the presbytery side of the church. All welcome.

## Magi Pilgrimage in October 2023

Fr. Brendan Murphy from Our lady of Rosary Parish, St Mary's would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 9th October 2023. This pilgrimage features Avila, Fatima, Santiago, Oviedo, Turin, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8940. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

## Diocesan News

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*For our Faithful Departed:* Durda Vokovic, Arthur Ferguson, Joseph Carlyn, Bruce Millar, Carmen Fenech, Diana Wickett, *who died recently*. Drago Milosevic, Arthur Lang, Alma Reilly, Annunziata Zinghini, Eric Busby, Michael Busby, Keith & Maureen Millar, Maria Grech, Maria Battaglini, Paul Barry, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Cath Burke, Sabas Bolivar, Oliva Bolivar, msgr Pastor Bolivar, Maria Irwin, Carol Bannon, Michelle Rooney, Clare Maroussis, Cath Bourke, Barry Myles, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *RIP*.

*We Pray for those who are unwell:* Yolande Herisson, Hector Balestri, Betty Thomas, Marie Dunn, Glenn Murphy, Olivia Toole, Michael O'Sullivan, Myra Dozzi, Des Grissell, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Iona Somoracz.

**Kind Regards**

**Father Michael**