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THE OAKS

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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From G. L. Chesterton 1874 – 1936, writer, philosopher, Christian, as well as literary and art critic.

“The Mass is very long and tiresome unless one loves God.”

Father Alan Hartcher OFM

Father Alan Hartcher OFM was a Franciscan priest who was a part of our Parish for over a decade. Father Alan resided in Saint Clare's presbytery until his departure in the days following Christmas 2007 when he moved, for a quieter life, to a small parish in Tasmania. Parishioners will recall Father Alan as a very gentle man who was very supportive of us all during his stay at Saint Paul's. Father Alan at the age of 90 is now in serious decline, We remember him in prayers as he prepares to return to his heavenly home in the coming days.

CATHOLIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

There has now been two evenings in which adults have gathered for the Catholic Enrichment Programme. All adults – especially those who are interested in full initiation into the Catholic church – are invited to come along with the next meeting scheduled for 12th July. The meetings have been very interesting and engaging.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 5th July at 6:30 PM. The purpose of the evening is (1) to review parish operations and (2) to assess the costs relating to the new church at St Clare's and to the repair of the HH. Shouldn't take longer than an hour.

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ST CLARE'S CHURCH

Another meeting to take place this afternoon. The design of the church is 99% completed. The job now is more focused upon the features and the furnishings of the church. With a capacity of 400 adults, the medium-size church will probably accommodate almost 500 primary school children. There will be a cable link to the hall for large school gatherings.

More updates will be provided according to developments.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS ~ WRAP UP

Wonderful weekend with Bishop Brian confirming a huge number of children as well as a few teenagers, totalling 170 in all. With few exceptions, the overwhelming number of parents and carers were very responsive to the programme requirements.

Bishop Brian was very satisfied with the ceremonies, especially with the readiness and the responsiveness of the children. There was a noticeable reverence and respect among those who had gathered, and there was barely a mouth rotating with the chewing of bubble gum.

A long list of people contributed to the weekend – musicians, vocalists, choristers, admin personal from the parish and school offices, adult servers, teachers from our schools assisting as concierge, IT operators, parents – and especially those who volunteered for special jobs. Great outcome and truly an experience of grace for the newly confirmed.

Bishop Brian has an engaging style with the children and likes to throw around questions to those about to be confirmed. So there was one topic of questioning in which he was looking for answers about love. Among the responses, there was one that took him by surprise:

on: Why do you think you have lots of family members here with you this afternoon?
Answer: Because they have to be.

And Bishop Brian likes to ask the children if they're nervous:

Question: (To one of the boys): Why are you nervous?
Answer: Because at the rehearsal Father Michael said you're going to quiz us.

Question: (To one of the girls): Why are you nervous?
Answer: Because we might mess-up.

Reflection: Well the children responded with distinction and with a touch of humour. How could anyone not love the children in our parishes? Beautifully sacred experience for all involved, especially the newly confirmed.

Tuesday 4 July Healing Mass

This Tuesday 4th July being the first Tuesday of the month our normal morning Mass is a Healing Mass. All parishioners who are unwell and wishing to have extra blessings are very welcome to attend and to then join us for a cup of tea and fraternity in the Meeting Room adjoining the church.

THE OAKS ~ MORNING TEA

With the First Sunday of the month, there's the customary morning tea for those who enjoy a little fraternity. Home-made delights are brought along to accompany the tea and coffee. Plenty of eating, drinking and talking. But it's reasonable to say – and to say without any fear of contradiction – that people always resist any temptation to gormandize. Very civilised, cultured and convivial. All invited.

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER OAKDALE ~ ROSARY

This Saturday evening after the 5.00pm Mass The Rosary will be said in the church at Oakdale. Everyone is very welcome to stay and to be a part of these beautiful prayers.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

Question: Did you hear about the Irish lad who owned a slingshot?

Answer: His name was Rick O'Shea.

Sunday 2nd July ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 1st July

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

Sunday 2nd July

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

2 nd July	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Stephen Barrett	Diane Kennaugh	Robin Roberts	Russell O'Brien	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Wal Glynn	Nada Simich	Cathy Conwell	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Meaghan Marchand	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene

Sunday 9th July ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 8th July

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

Sunday 9th July

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony

DIOCESAN NEWS

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: Yolande Herisson, Alana Vella, Cynthia Agius, Barry Deitz, 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: Kerry Hudson, Barbara Brodnik, Chris Yopp, Monica Tattam, 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 Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael