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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Feast Day 22 November

The veneration of Saint Cecelia in whose honour a basilica was erected at Rome in the fifth century, has extended far and wide because of the passion of St Cecilia which presented her as a perfect example of Christian womanhood who preserved her virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ.

St Cecilia is the patron saint of music.

“And while we sing, remembering to sing is to double pray. At once with our hearts and our tongues we offer double prayer, sent heavenward on winged notes to praise God dwelling there”.

REMINDER ~ WEEKEND AND MIDWEEK MASSES

Normal midweek Mass schedule now applies.

BUT

On Saturday morning 25 November, the Mass will be at 10:00 AM for the

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

in which about 15 adults of various ages will be baptised, confirmed and admitted to the reception of First Holy Communion. Our Saturday-morning ‘regulars’ are asked to have a presence and on behalf of the parish provide fraternal and prayerful support.

REMINDER ~ SUNDAY EVENING MASS 26 NOVEMBER

On Sunday afternoon 26 November, our normal 5:00 PM Mass will be brought forward to 4:00 PM as a ‘one-off’ for the First Holy Communion ceremony. There will be 20 little children celebrating their FHC at this Mass. Extra time to Mass will be about 10 minutes. So, hopefully, our regulars will continue to have a presence to offer support. Thanks.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

On Friday 10 November, four members of our PPC joined members from other PPCs from across the diocese at St. Brigid's Gwynneville to listen to a renowned international speaker – Ron Huntley – provide an interesting presentation about leadership. About 150 people were in attendance and, at no cost, treated to quite an enjoyable meal. There were many good insights throughout the evening that provided excellent material for reflection.

And there was one insight, in particular, that was a real standout. In talking about parishioners, Ron contended that there needs to be the following expectations: worship, serve, give, connect, grow.

Question: How many of these five 'boxes' would you tick? Interesting little exercise!

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PROGRAMME ~ COMING UP

Families with baptised children who are currently in Year 2 or higher are invited to submit their child's name for the 2024 Sacrament of Penance Programme. Names will be taken and timelines distributed on the weekend of 2/3 December 2023. The programme will be administered from this time until well into the Season of Lent. There will be an extended break during the Christmas holidays.

FATHER RICK

Seems to be improving one day, regressing the next. But Father Rick remains remarkably stoic. Reception of the sacraments has been a wonderful source of grace, comfort and consolation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

This weekend we have the First Holy Communion pins to be blessed and distributed at all Masses. The pins are a gift to candidates from the parish, and all are asked to wear them prominently at their Mass next weekend. The wearing of the pins enables Father Michael or Father Victor to recognise all those who are receiving Communion for the first time. Family and friends receive communion after all the candidates.

Blessed pins will be available on the day if families arrive and realise they have not brought their pin with them. Please see one of the attendants who will be happy to help.

REMINDER ~ MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

This week is the third of four counts. Thanks to all our parishioners at The Oaks and Camden for your presence.

HERITAGE HALL ~ FLOORING AND PAINTING

Within about another week, painting and flooring should be completed. Professional cleaning will be undertaken and 100 new comfortable padded chairs will be ordered with an expected turn-around time of a few weeks. A little remedial work will also be undertaken on the brickwork which is over 100 years old. But these external works will not delay the HH from again being operational. Bit like a Christmas present for the parish.

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

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

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

Sunday 19th November ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 18th November

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

Sunday 19th November

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

19 th November	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Sandra Skarsky	John Roberts	Angelina Vecchio, Diane Kennaugh	Wal Glynn, Trish O'Flynn,	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Rebecca Ward	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
The Oaks Sun 9.00am		Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Wal Glynn	Michael Toweel	Peter Grizelj	Maria Debrincat	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Jody Musso	Dianne Garland	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 25th /256^h November ~ Feast of Christ the King

Saturday 25th November

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

Sunday 26th November

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent and Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	4:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

We Pray for those who are unwell: Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Marie Dunn, Wayne Fletcher, Betty Aquilina, Kerry Hudson, Barbara Brodnik, Chris Yopp, Hector Balestri, Glenn Murphy, Olivia Toole, Michael O'Sullivan, Myra Dozzi, Des Grissell, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Fr Michael Williams