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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions, Vietnamese Martyrs
Feast Day 24 November

Andrew Dung-Lac (Vietnamese) On June 19, 1988, Pope John Paul II canonized a group of 117 martyrs who died for the Roman Catholic Faith in Vietnam during the nineteenth century. The group was made up of 96 Vietnamese, 11 Spaniards, and 10 French.

Prayer for the Feast day 24 November

O God, you kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Companions faithful to the Cross of your Son, even to the shedding of their blood. May we be your children in name and in truth through spreading your love among our brothers and sisters.

REMINDER ~ SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Mass at 10:00 AM, replacing the usual 9:00 AM Mass.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS ~ SATURDAY 25TH @ 10:00 AM

This Saturday, 15 adults will be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. From the 15, nine will be baptised. All 15 will be receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Our Saturday-morning 'regulars' are asked to have a presence and on behalf of the parish provide fraternal and prayerful support.

Our congratulations and prayerful best wishes are extended to the adults who are embracing this moment with a quiet confidence and trust in the transforming love of Jesus.

At a time when many people from across the western world are drifting from lives of meaningful discipleship, the adults in our own parish who will be fully initiated serve as a powerful sign of the Holy Spirit calling all people into having an active presence in the family of God.

BIG REMINDER ~ SUNDAY EVENING MASS 26 NOVEMBER AT 4:00 PM

On this 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 prayerful support. Thanks.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The month leading into Christmas is invariably very congested with mums and dads battling away under plenty of pressure. So the next PPC meeting will not be scheduled until late January when, hopefully, everyone's had the chance to have a much-needed break from work.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PROGRAMME ~ COMING UP

Families with baptised children who are currently in Year 2 or higher are invited to enrol them in the Sacrament of Penance Programme that will begin on the weekend of 2/3 December. 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

Discharged from hospital and showing tentative signs of improvement.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Rehearsals have proceeded quite well. Thanks to all the parents for their punctuality. Hopefully, every first communicant attended one of the rehearsals. If not, God only knows what's likely to happen. Kids will have very little idea.

Holy Communion medals also available for collection for those yet to receive. Apologies for the delay and inconvenience.

The support provided by our secretaries and schools teachers has been outstanding. So grateful. And just one little acknowledgement. Every FHC certificate was individually prepared and hand-fed into the printer in the parish office. Guess who might have done that! Hint: It wasn't the fairy Godmother, nor the tooth fairy. A wrap-up to be provided next week.

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

Because of FHC, the Mass count will be suspended this week, and take place the following week for the fourth and final time.

HERITAGE HALL ~ FLOORING AND PAINTING

Floor completed. Internal and external painting almost completed. Big spring-clean being organised. There's a little maintenance work soon to be undertaken. Chairs to be ordered this coming week. HH expected to be operational before Christmas. Quite a journey!

ST CLARE'S CHURCH

The work of the architects is in a very advanced stage. Beautiful design drawings have been delivered to the Bishop for consideration. Early assessments are very favourable. Hopeful of submitting a Development Application (DA) to Camden Council before Christmas, but not absolutely certain.

Gotta question: An invitation is extended to all parishioners to indicate whether the preferred positioning of the tabernacle should be in the centre of the sanctuary or to the side of the sanctuary in its own little chapel. Please email the parish office by close of business hours on Friday 8th December.

Daily Advent Reflections - 'The Sign'

The Sign ~ Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections

There are still copies of The Sign available for \$2.50. A very nice publication of daily Advent reflections. Copies can be obtained from the chapel magazine table.

Saturday/Sunday 25th /26th November ~ Feast of Christ the King

Saturday 25th November

Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael / Father Victor	Adults Initiation Mass
Camden	3:00 PM	Father Michael / Father Victor	FHC
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	FHC
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	

Sunday 26th November

Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael / Father Victor	FHC
Camden	12:00 Noon	Father Michael / Father Victor	FHC
Camden	4:00 PM	Father Michael / Father Victor	FHC

Please note that at the Parish Masses of Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM, and Sunday 4:00 PM there will be plenty of room for our normal parishioners especially on the presbytery side of the church. All welcome

26th Nov	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 10.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 3.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	John Roberts	Angelina Vecchio, Trish O'Flynn	Peter Grizelj	Elizabeth
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Diane Kennaugh	<i>School staff</i>	Sharon Picken, Russell O'Brien	<i>School staff, School staff</i>	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Kathryn Hampton	Kathryn Hampton	Lisa McFadzean	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl/ Kathryn
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeannette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Nada Simich	<i>School staff</i>	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson, <i>School staff</i>	Rowena Hendricks, <i>School staff</i>	Brad
Sun 12 noon	John Marchand	Maureen Grisdale	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Debrincat, Cheryl Carroll	Peter Grizelj, Michael Reardon	Brad
Sun 4.00pm	Andrew Watson	Judith Madsen	Helen Lanyon	Angelina Vecchio	Diane Garland	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 2nd/3rd December ~ First Sunday of Advent

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Steve and Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jenny and Tasha

We Pray for those who are unwell: Anne Lonsdale, 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 Iona Somoracz.