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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

2nd Sunday in Lent ~ 25th February 2024

From Vatican City, 18 February 2024: **Pope Francis**

Last week was the first Sunday of Lent. The Gospel was about Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the wilderness. The following remarks from Pope Francis will resonate with all of us:

On the first Sunday of Lent, Pope Francis focused his Angelus address on the temptation of Jesus in the desert to highlight that it is an invitation for us to enter the proverbial desert to come "in contact with the truth."

Observing that during the 40 days in the desert Christ was in the company of both "wild beasts and angels," the pope reflected that when we enter this symbolic "inner wildness," we too "encounter wild beasts and angels."

These wild beasts assume a deeply symbolic meaning in our "spiritual life," and so "we can think of them as the disordered passions that divide our heart, trying to take possession of it. They entice us, they seem seductive, but if we are not careful, we risk being torn apart by them."

Expanding upon this idea of "disordered passions," the pope suggested that we can conceive of them also as "the various vices," such as "the lust for wealth" or "the vanity of pleasure."

"They must be tamed and fought, otherwise they will devour our freedom," the pope emphasized.

In order to confront these vices that afflict each and every one of us, the pope stressed that we need "to go into the wilderness to become aware of their presence and to face them — and Lent is the time to do it."

Aged Care ~ Presentation in our own parish

Are you or a loved one looking for in-home Aged Care services but not sure where to start?

CatholicCare are visiting our parish to help you understand how they (CatholicCare) can provide the services you or your loved one need to continue to live independently with the right support.

Details: Friday 22 March following 9:00 AM Mass.
The meeting will be in the meeting room or possibly in the heritage hall.
CatholicCare to provide morning tea.

So the Over 55s at Camden and The Oaks are invited to come along and hear the important information our aged care specialists have to offer. Good investment of time.

Please RSVP to Elizabeth / Cheryl on 4655 8797 or email camden@dow.org.au

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Heritage Hall

Wanna read a good story! Of course:

Well a short time before Christmas, the HH had been restored in quite a beautiful way thanks to very helpful people like Sonny Aqualina and Angelo Paparo. After all the necessary building works and painting had been completed, everything was cleaned except the oven which was never intended for cooking (heating up only). It might need to be replaced.

So chairs were ordered in mid-December. First heard that there was a delay because of industrial disputation on the docks. Then there was a further delay because of a backlog of merchandise requiring clearance.

So eventually, the delivery was confirmed for Thursday 22nd February. The only difficulty was that our secretaries were advised that these chairs would be delivered only to the footpath outside of the HH. So with the total cooperation of the school, a selection of strong-looking years-six boys were organised to move 100 chairs from the footpath to the HH.

However, a full school liturgy had been confirmed for 2:00 PM in the afternoon when there would be prayers, sacred music, and the blessing of badges for the year-six student leaders. And so what time do you think the furniture truck arrived?

You guessed it: A few minutes past 2:00 PM.

Fortunately, about 10 year-five boys and a couple of male teachers quietly left the church for about 15 minutes to shift the chairs and then returned. Job well done (mercifully). And sincere thanks to those who helped.

So after almost two years, the HH is back in business. Might have to organise a morning tea for all our new kindy mums.

Parish Pastoral Council 21st February

Big night with 19 members of the PPC in attendance. Spirited conversation for a little over 90 minutes.

The first substantial discussion item was focused upon the Bishop's pastoral plan for parishes '**Come see, go make**'. For the duration of the year, this pastoral plan will be a permanent agenda item as members continue to focus upon the ways in which the parish can develop and be improved. Lots of thoughts and ideas were shared.

Lent Event

Before the Covid – and over a period of about five years – there had been two parish meals in the HH, one in Lent and one in Advent.

After some discussion, a resolution was reached to revive this pleasant custom. But it was noted that there was really not enough time to organise caterers and advertise for a Lent Event this year.

Accordingly, as a 'one-off', our pastoral programme for this year will include the scheduling of a 'Pentecost Event' on the Saturday evening, 18th May.

Caterers will be organised and meals are about 50% subsidised. And as reliable as ever, Father Michael will look after the beverages that come to all our guests as complimentary. In past years, this has been a seriously good night.

In the course of discussion at the PPC, there was a little reminiscing. And it was recalled how at one parish gathering before the Covid, Father Michael had organised for the delivery of numerous buckets of KFC. There was a mixed reaction with some of the newer members looking in disbelief. Father replied that it seemed like a good idea at the time. And just BTW, there was no wastage.

Penance Programme for Children

- Notes for parents / carers will be distributed after Masses this weekend to assist completion of the **forth** chapter during the coming week.
- Presumably, parents and carers have been reading their own specially designated parts in each chapter.
- Prayer Assessment Evenings this coming week (please choose one):

Tuesday at 5:00 PM

or

Wednesday at 6:00 PM

Evening is not expected to take any longer than about 30 minutes. Many of our most senior teachers from St Paul's and St Clare's will be assisting.

Parents and carers are expected to ensure that the children are able to recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Act of Contrition. If not known sufficiently well, there will need to be 'follow-up'.

And parents and carers are also expected to be able to recite the Act of Contrition. Please learn. It won't cause any suffering.

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.

Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th February ~ Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

Maria B
Jo

Sunday

The Oaks 9:00 AM
Camden 8:00 AM
Camden 10:00 AM
Camden 5:00 PM

Father James
Father Michael
Father Michael
Father James

Nicole
Choir
Trent & Damian
Craig

25 th Feb	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Sandra Skarsky	Maria Kosiak	Sharon Picken, John Roberts	Pat O'Flynn, Trish O'Flynn	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Suzie				
Sun 8.00am	John Marchand	Kimberley Logue	Kathryn Hampton	Clare Power	Glenn Crawford	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Michael Toweel	Michael Reardon	Peter Grizelj	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Julie
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Joseph Hanson	Judith Madsen	Jody Musso	Dianne Garland	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 2nd/3rd March ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Father Michael

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda and Sarah
Jo

Sunday

The Oaks 9:00 AM
Camden 8:00 AM
Camden 10:00 AM
Camden 5:00 PM

Father Michael
Father James
Father James
Father Michael

Nicole
Steve and Damian
Choir
Jenny and Tasha

For our Faithful Departed: Ivy Gleeson, Lyn Simich, Marie Dunn, Sime Frkic, Beryl Hankin, Michael Ainsworth, John Davenport, William Burnell, *who died recently.* Brian & Julie Jenkins, Pat Rheinbeger, Faye Humphries, Rita Grubisic, Alenka Zuvela, Valtin Thurn, Saveria & Toni Grech, Eric Busby, Liam Cantarella, Dorothy Dunn, Margaret Thurn, Thurn family, Sutton family, Dunn family, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Cath Bourke, Thurn Family, Sutton Family, Dunn Family, John Sammut, Givanni Pittana, Rose Mari, Josephine Sciberras, Keith, Maureen Millar, Bruce Millar, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Maria Irwin, Barry Myles, Mary and Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *Requiescat in Pace.*

We Pray for those who are unwell: Anne Hyeronimus, Dianne Koens, Renee Rutland, Myra Dozzi, Anne Lonsdale, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Wayne Fletcher, Betty Aquilina, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael