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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

Palm Sunday ~ Beginning of Holy Week

From Pope Francis:

Holy Week marks a time of grace that the Lord gives to us so that we may open the doors of our hearts, going out to meet Jesus and by sharing the light and joy of our faith.

Pope Francis encouraged everyone to go forth with love, carrying God's tenderness, respect and patience in our hearts.

Pray for families and those in need, said Pope Francis, especially those who have a loved one who is ill, for those who are alone, for those experiencing economic hardship, and finally for young people who can offer their talents now and in the future.

Beware

The old St Thomas Chapel near the police station in Narellan is not in any way affiliated with the Catholic Church even though there is a 'minister' who will 'baptise' in the name of the 'Ecumenical Catholic Church of Australia'.

This so-called church is not recognised as having any affiliation with the Catholic church, and its ceremonies are not – in terms of the sacraments – regarded as part of the sanctifying office of the Catholic Church.

Any families who have had any experience with this 'church' are asked to contact Father Michael to have the situation clarified.

Confirmation Programme

Registration and the distribution of the programme timeline has been scheduled for all Masses on the weekend of 6/7 April. Enrolment into the programme is based upon 'mutual obligation'. More details will be communicated in coming weeks.

Holy Week Confessions

Father Michael and Father James will both be available from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday 25th March in the church.

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Update ~ Holy Week ~ Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday: Masses as usual at Oakdale, The Oaks and Camden

*Please note, however, that at Camden at 10:00 AM,
Mass begins outside the church with the Blessing of Palms*

Day	Church	Time	Celebrant	Music
Holy Thursday	Camden	9:00 AM	Father James	Morning Prayer
Holy Thursday	The Oaks Camden	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Father Michael Father James	Nicole Choir
Friday Stations	Oakdale Camden	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Father James Father Michael	Congregation Ilona and Tasha
Friday Passion	Camden	3:00 PM	Father James	Craig
Easter Vigil	Camden	6:00 PM	Fr M and Fr J	Choir
Easter Morning	Camden Oakdale Camden The Oaks Camden	7:30 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Father James Father Michael Father James Father Michael Father James	Ilona and Bill Jo Craig, Brian, Colin Nicole Eva and Darko
Easter Day	Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Tony and family

Offerings of Food

Sincere thanks to all who contributed items to last week's appeal that was organised at very short notice. About five clothes baskets of non-perishable foods were donated. Wonderful response. The baskets will be in the chapel over the next few weeks. Families are not expected to give multiple items. One packet of pasta, one pack of rice or perhaps a can of baked beans or spaghetti could be added to family's weekly shop and donate to those doing it tough. The volunteers from Vinnies are extremely grateful to any donation received.

Good Friday Appeal for the Holy Land

This appeal takes place throughout the universal church to support the presence and work of the church in the Holy Land. Pilgrims from previous years would be able to testify to its great need and value. Please be supportive with our customary generosity.

Penance Programme

The two evening ceremonies proceeded remarkably well. Thanks to all the adults who assisted in preserving silence and prayerfulness while waiting. Very impressive, especially among those who waited until towards the end.

Good idea to try to bring the kids to confession at least a few times over the course of the year on a Saturday morning at 9:30.

After Masses this weekend, a little memento will be available for the children to collect.

Thanks to all the families who shared in the mutual obligations of the penance programme from when it began on the First Sunday of Advent in 2023. Greatly appreciated, and very much a contribution to the spiritual formation of the children.

The FHC programme begins on the first weekend in September.

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 23rd/24th March ~ Palm Sunday

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria & Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father James	Jo

Sunday

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

23 rd Mar	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Maria Kosiak	Sandra Skarsky	Trish O'Flynn, Russell O'Brien	John Roberts, Angelina V	Eugene
		Narrator: Pat O'Flynn	Other: Jim Gallagher			
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Suzie				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Deanna David	Anthony McElhone	Lorraine Phillips	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
		Narrator: Cheryl Carroll	Other: Glenn Crawford			
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	Peter Grizelj	Meaghan Marchand	Nada Simich	Maria Debrincat	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Raphael
		Narrator: Leonie Gray	Other: Michael Reardon			
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Dianne Garland	Judith Madsen	Clare Power	Melissa Scavo	Craig
		Narrator: Samantha Vergara	Other: Joseph Hanson			

For our Faithful Departed: Dawn Hassett, Ivy Gleeson, Lyn Simich, who died recently. George Cepak, Lillian Grech, Emanuel Grech, Mary Feehan, Juliet Benedict, Brian & Julie Jenkins, Pat Rheinbeger, Faye Humphries, Dorothy Dunn, Margaret Thurn, whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. Clare Marousis, Gemma Veness, Cath Bourke, Thurn Family, Sutton Family, Dunn Family, 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: Alexia Nawaling, Robert & Margaraet Roach, Anne Hyeronimus, Dianne Koens, 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