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Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

4th Sunday of Easter 21st April 2024

About The Easter Season ~ 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday

Pope Francis

Easter Sacraments renew our life and our relationships.

The grace contained in the Sacraments of Easter (Baptism and Communion) is an enormous potential for the renewal of (1) our personal existence, of (2) family life, of (3) social relations.

However, everything passes through the human heart:

If I let myself be touched by the grace of the Risen Christ, if I let him change me in that aspect of mine which is not good – which can hurt me and hurt others – I allow the victory of Christ to be affirmed in my life, to broaden its beneficial action.

Wonderful teaching by Pope Francis

Confirmation Programme

No business requiring attention this weekend. But still a very good idea to bring the Confirmation candidates and other siblings to Mass.

Need to teach the kids by personal example that our relationship with our loving God – enriched by Word and Sacrament at Mass – needs to be a way of life. Coming to Mass will not cause any suffering. It's actually life-giving.

These days there are numerous references to physical health and mental health for very good reasons. But spiritual health is even more important as it will be the foundation of a loving relationship with God in which we're far more disposed to prayer, humility of heart, holy charity and personal sacrifice.

We'll have within us the peace of the Lord, and others will welcome our company and our friendship. This is what spiritual growth is all about. Why would we not want our children to have this experience?

Worth reading again the leading item in the Weekly Message from Pope Francis. It's 100% true.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) ~ Item 1

Big meeting with 19 people in attendance

Bishop Brian's Pastoral Plan for Parishes, 'Come See, Go Make'

Among the booklets that were provided, one was concerned with 'Principles and Foundations'. Our PPC meeting reviewed the content on Page 2 with the following assessment:

- ❖ That Sunday Mass has most certainly been established as the highest priority in our parish.

In the booklet there was also reference to the 3 Hs – Hospitality, Hymns, Homilies with the following assessment:

- ❖ Hymns: Our parish music ministry is of a very high quality every weekend.
- ❖ Homilies: Reasonably good. No complaints. And not too long.
- ❖ Hospitality: Plenty of scope for improvement. Various ideas raised for consideration.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) ~ Item 2

Pentecost Event 18 May

Parishioners are invited to an evening embracing the Pentecost Vigil Mass followed by two-course meal in the Heritage Hall (HH) from 6:15 PM. Time for a pre-dinner drink with meal to be served about 6:30 PM. Cost just \$20 and includes beverages.

And to make the evening a little more interesting and enjoyable, an optional conversation topic is usually prepared in advance.

More details in coming weeks about the style of cuisine. The evening usually wraps up about 8:00 PM. No one goes home hungry. Enquiries welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) ~ Item 3

Men's Gathering

After presentation and discussion, a resolution was reached to establish a Men's Group that would meet once a month, most likely on the 2nd Wednesday. It's planned for one of our priests to always be in attendance. The format would be in two parts:

Part One

20 minutes for prayer
20 minutes presentation
20 minutes discussion

Part Two: Meal at a local establishment with the cost having a ceiling of \$20.

More details in next week's WM

Warning ~ Scam Emails Circulating

Please be aware that there is a scam email being sent to parishioners. The email reads 'a message from Father Williams'. There have been two variations of the email, both asking for a link to be clicked. Some of the wording in the email is similar to wording that Father Michael could use. Please be aware Father Michael would never send an email asking you for money, gift cards or to click on any foreign link. If in doubt, please contact the parish office before you take any action. Be highly vigilant.

CatholicCare Aging with Confidence in Campbelltown

To those who missed out on this forum in Camden a couple of weeks ago, CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning to Campbelltown on Wednesday 8th May at Campbelltown Catholic Club (20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown) at 9am-1pm. This half-day information session provides seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing, with presentations from CatholicCare staff, Seniors Rights Services NSW and NSW Fire & Resue Service. Places are limited. To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events.

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 20th/21st April ~ The Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Father Michael

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda
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
Maric C & Cheryl
Choir
Craig

| 21 st April | Acolyte | Lector | Lector | Special Minister | Special Minister | PC |
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| Sat 9.00am | Enzeigh Thomas | | | | | |
| Sat Vigil 5.00pm | Pat O'Flynn | John Roberts | Sandra Skarsky | Angelina Vecchio, Trish O'Flynn | Fabian M, Sharon Picken | Elizabeth |
| Oakdale Vigil 5pm | Chris Billett | Suzie | | | | |
| Sun 8.00am | John Charadia | Kathryn Hampton | Glenn Crawford | Lisa McFadzean, Lorraine Phillips | Cheryl Carroll, Lucy Aquilina | Cheryl |
| The Oaks 9.00am | | Jeanette Reid | | | | |
| Sun 10.00am | James McFarlane | Maureen Grisdale | Helen Lanyon | Kylie Crnek- Georgeson | Michael Toweel | Che |
| Sun 5.00pm | Peter Grizelj | Judith Madsen | Margaret Thornton | Sharon Picken | Samantha Vergara | Craig |

Saturday/Sunday 27th/28th April ~ The Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

Maria & Sarah
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

For our Faithful Departed: Theresa Neal, Peter John Mayo, died recently. Emma Patty, Janelle Clifton, George Cepak, Lillian Grech, Emanuel Grech, Brian & Julie Jenkins, Faye Humphries, whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. Sammy Fenech, Thurn Family, Sutton Family, Dunn Family, Clare Marousis, Gemma Veness, Cath Bourke, 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: Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Robert & Margaret 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 Iona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael