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THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 5TH MAY 2024

Still in the Season of Easter and will be up until Pentecost Sunday in about two weeks.

Prayers and reflection upon Our Lord's victory over the underworld remain a huge part of our celebrations of Holy Mass. Got a few quotes that are quite beautiful, and very helpful in times of grief:

- The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.
- Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life.
- The great gift of Easter is hope.
- In all this world there is nothing so beautiful as a happy child.

Confirmation Programme

Our programme for Confirmation in Camden and The Oaks is intended for families who want the best possible formation and preparation for their children.

Accordingly, the foundations of this process are (i) Sunday Mass, (ii) the activity booklets and (iii) the sharing at home between parents and kids. And as families come to Mass, there's invariably a strong feeling of solidarity and togetherness with like-minded parishioners.

Congratulations in advance to those parents and carers who have embraced the challenge. Wonderful expression of love for the children.

So this week, the children will need to collect their personalised booklets. After Mass, please come to the attendants who will be on both sides of the altar, and complete a little leaflet. This needs to be then taken to the parish meeting room and exchanged for the booklet and 'help sheet'. The "help sheet" is designed to give assistance to parents/carers. These sheets should **not** just be given to the candidates who are told, "*here are the answers*".

During the coming week, parents/carers and the children need to complete pages three to thirteen. This should take only about an hour. It's all about parents and children completing these activity pages **together**.

Just finally, there are 165 number of children in the programme. Five Masses/ceremonies had been planned for the weekend of 22/23 June. However, because of slightly fewer numbers than last year, four Masses/ceremonies will be sufficient.

So on the Sunday, the original scheduling was for Confirmation Masses at 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM. The likelihood now is to have a normal parish Mass at 10:00 AM and one Confirmation Mass at 11:30 AM.

If this is going to cause a huge outcry of consternation, trepidation and recrimination, please advise the parish office by Wednesday, close of business. The final schedule will be advised in next week. Original scheduling for Saturday will remain unchanged.

BISHOP PETER INGHAM'S FUNERAL

Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial for Most Rev Peter W Ingham AM DD will be on Friday 10 May 2024 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 10.30am. Our Cathedral does not have enough room for everyone in the Diocese, so our Bishop organized a Live-Streaming Mass at Dharawal Room in Campbelltown Catholic Club for the people in the Macarthur Region to attend the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial for Most Rev Peter W Ingham. Our Acolytes will look after the Holy Communion.

MEN'S GATHERING

Inaugural gathering took place a few nights ago on 1 May 2024, the feast of St Joseph the Worker. And would you believe that 38 men of the parish came along for a few prayers, a little discussion and a meal afterwards. Could feel the friendliness. About 25 kicked on at the pub for a meal afterwards.

The great feature of this gathering of men is the Catholicity. The evenings are open to all the gentlemen from Camden and The Oaks. Next gathering is scheduled for Wednesday 5 June at 6:30 PM.

Pentecost Event ~ Saturday 18 May

To allow easy movement around the tables, and to ensure that our patrons remain comfortable, the size of the evening is limited to 90. And that's very close to chock-a-block.

As of this morning – Friday 3 May – 87 parishioners have registered. So there are only a few places remaining even though there are still two weeks to go. The evening will be a sell-out well in advance.

To assist with the evening, a few topics have been listed for discussion. These topics have not so far been revealed and are currently located in Father Michael's head. But they're interesting and will certainly stimulate discussion. Will be looking for feedback from the tables. Promises to be a night of fun, humour and conversation.

SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS ~ 25 AUGUST

Save the date. If married couple are having a milestone anniversary this year, the Bishop would like you to be included in a special Mass. More details will be announced in coming months. But please feel free to advise our own parish office for future reference.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Scheduled for Wednesday 29 May at 7:00 PM.

THE OAKS

Edging closer to finalisation of the subdivision. Work on the floor in the hall planned to start this week.

Tuesday 7th May ~ Healing Mass ~ 9.00am

This Tuesday 7th May our normal morning Mass is a Healing Mass. All parishioners who are unwell and wishing to have extra blessings are extended a most heartfelt invitation to attend. A cup of tea is offered in the Meeting Room adjoining the church afterwards. If you are unwell please consider joining in, the fraternity is uplifting.

St Aloysius The Oaks Morning Tea

This Sunday, The Oaks will be holding the monthly morning tea after 9.00am Mass. If you enjoy a little conversation and community after Mass, please bring along a plate and enjoy the company and celebration.

St Joseph the Worker Oakdale ~ Rosary

This Saturday evening, the first of the month, the Rosary will be said in the church at Oakdale after normal Saturday evening Mass. Everyone is very welcome to stay and to be a part of these beautiful prayers and to enjoy the company of other parishioners.

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 4th/5th May ~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Father Michael

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & 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
Cheryl
Choir
Jody & Tasha

5 th May	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Diane Kennaugh	Toni Sillis	Fabian M, Russell O'Brien	Trish O'Flynn, Angelina Vecchio	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Maryann Ace, Lucy Aquilina	Kathryn H, Lisa McFadzean	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	Peter Grizelj	Leonie Gray	Helen Lanyon	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Maria Debrincat	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Meaghan Marchand	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene

Saturday/Sunday 11th/12th May ~ The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

Maria & Rachael
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
Eva & Darko
Tony

For our Faithful Departed: Russell Demenezes, Angelina Imbruglia, Anthony Piscopo, *who died recently.* Fr John Whitty, Jack Powell, Powell family, Emma Patty, Brian & Julie Jenkins, Faye Humphries, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* 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 Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael