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THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 16 June 2024

From Pope Francis:

Some people ask: what is the most perfect prayer in the Catholic Church?

Catholics often say that the Mass is the greatest prayer that we can offer. This is true for many reasons, and especially so because it is Christ's prayer, Christ's saving sacrifice offered to the heavenly Father for his glory and for our salvation.

### Parishioners ~ Details for Confirmation weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June

Our normal weekend Mass timetable will be almost totally unaffected. Just a few variations:

1. Confirmations **WILL** be included in the Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM. Total Mass time is likely to be about 80 minutes. All our 'regulars' are still very welcome to attend.
2. Our Sunday Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM will **NOT** include Confirmations.
3. Bishop Brian will be the celebrant for the normal **parish Mass at 10:00 AM**. Lots of parishioners are encouraged to have a presence at this Mass as a way of showing our support and appreciation for his visitation to the parish. This will not be a lengthy Mass because as much time as necessary needs to be available afterwards to set up for the 11:30 AM Confirmation Mass. Our choir will be singing.

### Confirmation Programme ~ Rehearsals and Seat Allocation

Parents and Carers

Please be mindful of the rehearsal times:

Those to be confirmed on:

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June at 1:00 PM:	<b>Rehearsal</b> this Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June at 3:00 PM:	<b>Rehearsal</b> this Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June at 5:00 PM:	<b>Rehearsal</b> this Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June at 11:30 AM:	<b>Rehearsal</b> this Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

### Confirmation Programme ~ Extra Information

Some workbooks still need to be picked up. Books are available on a table in the chapel near the statue of Saint Paul. All sponsors and saints names should now have been supplied. If families have not submitted this information, please email it to the parish office no later than Monday 17 June – [camden@dow.org.au](mailto:camden@dow.org.au). An email is acceptable, if the form is not available.

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## **Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain ~ 18-25 February 2025**

Father Sean and Father Michael are once again serving as spiritual directors on a pilgrimage to Spain.

So as to keep costs within reason, the tour is 8 days and 7 nights although pilgrims often add their own private adjoining destination either before or afterwards.

Leaflets are available from the magazine tables in the church. The cost of the trip is \$US 3,599 or about \$A 5,500. Please add on airfares.

For those who might be interested, please contact the parish office or speak with Father Michael. The trip to the Holy Land in 2019 was an outstanding and unforgettable experience.

## **Catholic Enrichment Programme**

The programme is intended primarily for adults or older teenagers who are interested in being fully initiated into the Catholic Church. However, the programme is also helpful for Catholics who would simply like a refresher course.

The programme involves a little reading and about 10 one-hour evenings together. It actually started last Wednesday with about 25 people in attendance. About 16 people were interested in preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church (these people known in church terms as catechumenates), with others present as companions. It was a very interesting and productive evening.

One of the really lovely parts of the evening was listening to catechumenates share the reasons why they've been brought to this moment in their lives. And a really common reason was the presence of other family members who were Catholic and who had over the years had numerous sacred experiences in our own parish church including the simple presence at Sunday Mass. Easy to see and appreciate the great importance of both family and the parish church.

The next meeting – as a one-off – has been scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6:45 PM which is the same evening of the second State-of Origin. So this meeting will start 15 minutes earlier than normal to allow people to be home in time for the kick-off. The meeting is expected to conclude about 7:40 PM.

And Father Michael's evening cuisine will consist of a 'pinga' meal. So you might now be wondering: 'What's a pinga' meal?'

Well, a 'pinga' meal is when you put frozen food into a microwave and when it's been appropriately heated, the microwave makes a little noise: 'ping'.

## **Men's Evening 19 June at 6:30 PM ~ set in concrete**

Two Part Evening:

1. Prayer, presentation and discussion, each about 20 minutes.
2. Meal at one of the local establishments afterwards (optional).

Venue is at Camden in the parish meeting room. Clergy in attendance, all most welcome to attend.

## Parish Pastoral Council ~ Meeting on **Thursday 27 June**

Notice is given to members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) of our next scheduled meeting, which is to be held in the parish meeting room on **Thursday 27 June** at 7.00pm. Father Michael realises that this is a change to our normal meeting evening, but due to June having so many additional commitments this is the only evening available. It is hoped that this does not cause the PPC members any inconvenience, and going forward we will be back to the normal evening.

### **Holy Communion to those in Aged Care**

Meeting this coming Tuesday 18 May at 9:30 AM in the parish meeting room in Camden. Good idea to attend Mass and meet afterwards. Expecting about 12 people from among those who are experienced and those who are interested in knowing more about this very important ministry.

Ideally, taking Holy Communion to those in aged care, sick or house bound will emerge as one of the strongest features of our parishes' pastoral programmes. Parishioners from The Oaks, of course, are very welcome to attend.

### **Backup Penance Programme**

The programme begins on the weekend of 29/30 June. This back-up programme might also have been referred to as a catch-up programme. It is available to children:

Who are in Year 3 at school or higher and who have been baptised.

This programme will come to completion in late August and be followed almost immediately by the FHC programme.

Like all our programmes for children, parents/carers are required to embrace mutual obligation. Best NOT to enrol this year if unable to meet programme requirements such as weekly attendance at Mass. The normal Penance Programme begins towards the end of November.

### **Weddings**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has received notice from the Attorney-General's Office regarding variations to the Marriage Act 1961. The main variation for weddings in our own parish can be captured with the following extract:

The Marriage Act will require an authorised celebrant to meet separately and in person with each party to the marriage before the marriage is solemnised. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that each party is freely and voluntarily consenting to the marriage.

A separate meeting needs to occur in the absence of the other party to the marriage and in a culturally safe environment – but this does not mean you need to meet alone with a party. Other persons can attend with the party's permission.

The timing of the separate meetings is at the discretion of the celebrant and the couple. It can occur at any time up to and including the day of the marriage, providing it occurs before the marriage is solemnised. Additional guidance material will be provided to assist you to meet these requirements.



### Ignite Conference 2024 ~ Rise Up

Ignite Conference 2024: Rise Up! Brisbane 19-22 September 2024

A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship.

Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.

For more information, go to [ignite.conference.com.au](https://ignite.conference.com.au) and contact Arnie Hurdoyal at 0431 611 128 or [Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au](mailto:Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au) to be part of our Diocesan Group attending this amazing event.

### Wollongong Diocesan Youth Council

Bishop Brian Mascord invites suitably qualified and eager persons to apply for the Diocesan Youth Council, an advisory and implementation body, tasked with initiating missional outcomes for youth and young adult (Y&YA) ministry.

The council will meet quarterly. Applicants should be aged between 16-40, have a range of experiences, and be passionate about outreach, formation and building community amongst Y&YA.

Does this sound like you? Applications are now open for those interested in serving on the council. To apply, head to: <https://tinyurl.com/5668bfmf> For more information, please contact the our youth ministry leader; Arnie Hurdoyal [Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au](mailto:Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au) / MOB: 0431 611 128

### More 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 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

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

### Sunday

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

16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Kerry Todd	Sandra Skarsky	Pat O'Flynn, Fabian M	Chris Keun, Diane Kennaugh	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Suzie				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Anthony McElhone	Maryann Ace, Lucy Aquilina	Lisa McFadzean, Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Leslie Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Oscar Marimbe	Nada Simich	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Maria Debrincat	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	No Acolyte	Ann Madsen	Joseph Hanson	Sharon Picken	Dianne Garland	Craig

## Saturday/Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June ~ 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

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

### Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father James	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Steve & Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	TBA

*For our Faithful Departed:* John Schneider (Fr James' grandfather), John Murray, Michael Vella, *who died recently*. Ron Valentine, Jane Micallef, Antonio Bono, Winifred Golden, Maria Grech, Fr John Whitty, Jack Powell, Powell family, Emma Patty, Brian & Julie Jenkins, Faye Humphries, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Clem O'Brien, Brian Jenkins, Diane Vella, Cath Bourke, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Maria Irwin, Barry Myles, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *Requiescat in Pace*.

*We Pray for those who are unwell:* Brian Ovington, Wal Glynn, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, 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