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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

Second Sunday of Lent ~ Year C ~ 15/16 March 2025

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent. Last week we heard of Jesus' temptation in the desert, this week we hear about Jesus' Transfiguration. Jesus teaches about the cost of discipleship and first predicts his death and Resurrection.

Monday 17 March

Saint Patrick, bishop

Saint Patrick said:

“The Lord is greater than all: I have said enough”.

Wednesday 19 March

Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saint Joseph was united in marriage to the greatest and holiest of women, his life was one of labour and by his toil provided for the needs of his family.

Mr Sinh Lee ~ Order of Deacons

Bishop Brian has announced that Mr Joseph Nguyen and Mr Sinh Le have been accepted for Ordination to the Order of Deacons. The Ordinations will take place on Tuesday 29 April at Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral. Mr Sinh Le has been on placement at our neighbouring Parish of Saint Mary MacKillop, Oran Park. Bishop Brian asks if we could all pray for both Joseph and Sinh as they prepare for the next step in their faith journey towards priesthood.

Lenten Group for Young Adults

On Thursday evening Father James held the second session of his Lenten Group for Young Adults. 14 were attendance. The topic for this week was “Summit” with the Gospel reading and reflection on the Transfiguration. Again, the planning of the lesson and the discussion that followed was very well received with everyone having enjoyed the hour spent together following Jesus' journey to Easter. If you would like to join into the group it is not too late, please contact the Parish Office during normal hours if you would like further information.

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Penance Programme 2024/25

Children in the Sacrament of Penance programme will be able to pick up their marked workshop books this weekend, from the tables in the chapel. Books with the Parish stamp inside the front cover have been assessed as satisfactorily completed. Books with sections marked as needing further work need to be reviewed or corrected with parents assisting their child but if stamped inside the front cover do not need to be returned for further marking. Candidates whose work has not been to the required level will all have been contacted by the Parish Office.

Forms will also be distributed with preferences for which session best suits your family to attend of the ceremonies for the first sacramental confessions. Pens will be provided please fill in the forms and hand them back to the attendants who will be at every Mass. Please do not take the form home.

Parents are asked to assist their children to prepare their consciences so that they (the children) will be able to make a thoughtful and considered confession. Sins might include:

In terms of our relationship to God:

Faking sickness to avoid Sunday Mass.
Using Our Lord's name in vain.
Spiritual laziness resulting in the avoidance of prayer.

In terms of human relationships and family responsibilities:

Fighting with others	Harmful words and actions
Disregard to home duties	Selfishness
Temper tantrums	Negligence to family pets
Foul language	Carelessness with the truth
Anti-social behaviour	Sulking

Parents can also assist in guiding the children on correct behaviour within the church. During the ceremonies, the lighting is dimmed with soft music playing and families need to sit quietly until it is their turn to approach one of the priests who will be in attendance.

Diocesan News

For 2025, there's a very strong emphasis on Year of Jubilee.

Good idea to visit the diocesan website jubilee.dow.org.au

Saturday/Sunday 15/16 March ~ Second Sunday of Lent

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 th March	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Danielle Caruana	Sandra Skarsky	Angelina Vecchio	Fabian Menolotto	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Anthony McElhone	Simon Huntly	Lisa McFadzean	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Toni Sillis	Nada Simich	Joseph Hanson	Michael Reardon	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Judith Madsen	Ann Madsen	Jody Musso	Clare Power	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 22/23 March ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father James	Jo

Sunday

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

For our Faithful Departed:

Kevin Bliim, Pauline Cassar, Jeanette Devlin, Suzie Freestone, France Zamudio, Maureen Foley, James Seedsman, *who died recently*. Zorka Perak, Faye Humphries, Juanito Cruz, Juliet Benedict, Pat Rheinberger, John Spora, Antonia Scarcella, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Burns family, Vaughan family, Lilian Grech, Valtin Thurn, Margaret Thurn, Dorothy Dunn, John Dunn, Sutton, Thurn and Dunn families, Cath Bourke, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Anthony Paul, Paul Barry, Jeremy Barry, Fr John Whitty, Paul & Phyl Star, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Barry Myles, *Requiescat in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Kylieann Back, Kerri Haughton, Luigi Zanatta, Fr Rick McCann, Diana Lee, Noel Lowry, Betty Aquilina, Eric Arblaster, Mary Murphy, David Schwarb, Fr David Catterall, Marie Saba, Stephen Goonan, Ralph Sawyer, Tarnia Pisano, Ilona Maros, Michael O'Sullivan, Nell and Wal Glynn, Pauline Cepak, Joseph Camilleri, Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Margaret Roach, Anne Hyeronimus, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael