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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A ~ 11/12 JULY 2026

Wednesday 15 July

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Saint Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

Saint Bonaventure played an important role in both the medieval Church and the history of the Franciscan Order. A senior faculty member at the University of Paris, Saint Bonaventure captured the hearts of his students through his academic skills, insights and his Franciscan love for Jesus. Saint Bonaventure believed that Jesus was the centre of everything and this was shown in his teaching, his administration, his writing, and his life, because of this he was given the title "Seraphic Doctor."

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure's teaching career came to an end when he was elected to serve as General Minister of the Order of Friars Minor. His 17 years of service in this role were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation, he offered the Friars an organised spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis, always a Franciscan at heart Saint Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral and practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church.

BACK-UP PENANCE PROGRAMME ~ CAMDEN ONLY

At all Masses over this weekend Enrolment forms that were handed out last weekend, for our Back-Up Penance programme, should be returned to our attendants with the \$25.00 programme fee.

As indicated in last week's message and within the timeline children will be tested, this weekend on their knowledge of The Act of Contrition. The children will be called to the sanctuary at the conclusion of the Recessional hymn and will be asked to recite the prayer. Each of the three prayers need to be well learnt before the Prayer Assessment evening scheduled for Tuesday 28th July.

If your family was away last weekend and you did not receive the timeline or enrolment form, it is not too late please see the attendants at Mass who can provide you with both as well as a pack of Holy cards, please come prepared to complete the enrolment form and return it this weekend.

RCIA ~ ADULTS INTO THE CHURCH 2026

Last Wednesday evening, 23 Candidates who are completing the RCIA programme for this year, came to the scheduled meeting, some were accompanied by friends and relatives, Father Hung and Father Victor were the facilitators, so the meeting room was quite full with over 30 people in attendance.

The next scheduled meeting for the candidates is 22 July with Father Michael the facilitator.

CLERGY CARE FUND

Parishioners may recall our past assistant priest Father Damien Ellis, Father Damien is a Board Member of the Clergy Care Fund of the Wollongong Diocese. Father Damien has sent brochures regarding the Support for our retired Priests. The brochures have been placed on the magazine tables around the church. As with our entire country our clergy is aging and the brochure lists ways that we are able to offer support to those who have looked after us for many years and now need us to look after them.

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS ~ EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

Saint Carolo Acutis expressed “the Eucharist is my highway to heaven”. The 54th Eucharistic Congress will be held in Sydney in 2028; the Congress has supplied us with Prayer Cards with the Eucharistic 28 Prayer on the reverse of Saint Carlo. The prayer cards are on the magazine tables around the church, please take one, perhaps our Confirmation candidates whose Saint’s name was Saint Carlo Acutis will be encouraged to pray the prayer.

CURSILLO ~ DIOCESAN WOMEN’S ENCOUNTER

Cursillo is a life changing experience which offers support on our faith journey. The 2026 gathering will be held from 10th to 13th September at Carmel House at 345 St Andrews Road Varroville. Enquires should be made to Shirley Parker 0431 513109. The Diocese has sent us a small number of brochures which are in the Chapel or dow.sh/cursillo will have further information.

PUBLICATION ~ “WITNESSES OF FAITH”

Aid to the Church in Need is an organisation which supports the persecuted and those suffering due to their beliefs. Several times a year they produce a magazine called “Witnesses to Faith”. A few of these magazines have been sent to us; they contain stories of faith and courage and challenge us to be witnesses and supporters of the Church in Need. The magazines are in the Chapel, please feel free to take one and share with your family.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE REVERENCE OF THE CHURCH

All who enter our Church are asked to please refrain from bringing in fizzy drinks, coffee, lollies and treats, especially chewing gum. The consuming of drinks and sweets shows disregard for the reverence of the church, fellow parishioners and our clergy. Our electronic sign has this request on it at all times.

ACCESS TO CHURCH TOILETS DURING MASS

Access to the church toilets will continue to be through the rear single door of the church only. Gentlemen need to proceed straight ahead to the rear of the buildings and then turn right up the short ramp. Lady’s facilities are still in the toilet block at the rear left-hand corner of the church. Please follow the signs.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Ageing with Confidence – What's age got to do with it? Wednesday 22 July 2026 – Campbelltown Catholic Club

Join CatholicCare for a free community event with Dr Emily Steel from the Australian Human Rights Commission, sharing practical approaches to ageing well. Morning tea and info stalls included. Register via the QR code, call 1800 967 894 or www.catholiccare.dow.org.au. Enquiries to Jane Hollier 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au.



60th Annual Mass & Communion Luncheon ~ Sunday 26 July

Each year at this time a Mass and Luncheon are held for the faithful of the Diocese. This year the Mass will be held at Saint Thomas More Church, 43 Acacia Avenue Ruse at 10.30am. Bishop Brian and Father Michael Healy will be the concelebrants. At the conclusion of Mass a luncheon is served at The Cube within the Campbelltown Catholic Club. There will be a guest speaker, Bridget Sakr who is the founder of Heartfelt, a community which assists Catholic families going through grief and bereavement. Tickets are \$30.00 which includes the 2-course lunch. Bookings close Friday July 17 and can be made by phoning 4629 7208, or emailing to jcarlia@cathclub.com.au.

2026 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Registration is essential and must be completed online at dow.sh/ma26 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 11TH/12TH JULY ~ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Maria C
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo
Sunday			
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Hung	Choir
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Eva & Youth Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Tony

12 th Jul	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	Peter Grizelj	Heather Cox	Jim Gallagher	Fabian Menolotto Barbara Spiteri	Ann & Richard Stomber	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Deanna David	Toni Sillis	Lucy Aquilina	Maryann Ace	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Michael Toweel	Leonie Gray	Lilly Crnek, Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Maria Debrincat Kristen King	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Olivia Kosiak	Samantha Vergara	Margaret Thornton	Melissa Scavo	Dianne Garland	Lo Cascio Family

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 18TH/19TH JULY ~ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda & Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Jo

Sunday

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

For our Faithful Departed:

Amelia Breaden, Maria Kelemenic, Kenneth Barrett, Shamie Glavey (Ireland), Rico Aquilina, Nino Grizelj, Lynda Rankin, Suzanne Walter, Rosalia Caccamo, Benito Cavallaro *who died recently*. Joe and Peter Scholte, David Lewis, Pato Arlegui, Anthony Mifsud, Anthony Paul, Joe Scholte, Peter Scholte, Daniel Perinich, Michael Thornton, Veronica Sargeant, Jerry Leonardi, Ronald Valentine, Zoe Valentine, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Tony Barr, Mary Thurn, deceased members of the Lewis & Ryan families, Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, Cath Bourke, Barry Myles, Thurn, Dunn and Sutton families, Pat O'Flynn, Fr Allan Hartcher, Fr David Catterall, Fr John Whitty. *Requiescat in Pace.*

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Sarah Oaten, Evelyn Duck, Ladislaus Parragi, Mason Bayliss, Patricia Stubbs, Jan & Terry Chanter, Helen Parragi, Oliver Franklin, June McCullough, Dean Masciocchi, Abigail Chan, Kylieann Back, Kerri Haughton, Fr Rick McCann, Diana Lee, Noel Lowry, Betty Aquilina, Stephen Goonan, Ralph Sawyer, Tarnia Pisano, Michael O'Sullivan, Nell Glynn, Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Bob & Margaret Roach, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards, Father Michael Williams PP