

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 8/9 August

Father Michael is still out of the office but has been keeping up to date with everything that is going on around the parish. Before he left to attend to his commitment we were able to submit our Covid 19 Safety Plan for Saint Paul's, St. Aloysius and St Joseph the Worker and we are Covid 19 Safety complied. We need to continue as we have been with our monitors checking every person into the church, ensuring that social distancing is being kept, and after every Mass the church is Covid 19 cleaned in readiness for the next Mass.

Again this weekend Mass times for all the churches will be the same as last weekend.

Saturday at Camden 4.30pm and 6.00pm and Oakdale at 5.00pm

Sunday at Camden 7.30am 9.00am 10.30am and 5.00pm and the Oaks at 9.00am

Father John Stork will be the celebrant for Camden at 4.30pm and 6.00pm Saturday and 7.30am and 9.00am Sunday. We are very thankful for Father's help in the covering of the Masses in Father Michael's absence. A number of parishioners who were able to speak with him last weekend expressed their thanks to him on behalf of us all, for which he was very grateful and always encourages us with his wit and down to earth sayings, some of which we have had to explain to Father Joseph.

Father Joseph will be celebrating at Saint Joseph the worker at 5.00pm Saturday, Saint Aloysius The Oaks at 9.00am Sunday and then 10.30am and 5.00pm Sunday at Camden.

Similar to last week with numbers able to attend the churches, 36 at Oakdale and 16 at The Oaks we still have Covid 19 arrangements in place. The Oaks is strictly by prior arrangement through contact with Susie Freestone. Oakdale has been able to accommodate those wanting to attend, but should you be aware of anyone who would like to attend Mass and has not yet done so, please ask them to contact Susie on 4657 1723 she is very happy to hear from them.

St Paul's at Camden is only able to have 100 worshipers so everyone is encouraged to book either on line or by contact with the parish office on 4655 8797. Office bookings should be made by Friday morning 11.00am. A number of the Masses last weekend were fully booked and parishioners who just turned up unfortunately had to be turned away. Our volunteer monitors do try to admit everyone but once that 100 number is reached they have no alternative other than to turn people away, a distressing situation for both parties, so please try to book.

All Masses are still quiet Masses due to the Covid 19 restrictions. Morning Mass is continuing at Camden 9.00am Tuesday to Saturday no booking is required for the morning Mass but the usual Covid 19 sign in, social distancing and clean up rules all apply.

With the deteriorating situation in Victoria we are very fortunate to still be able to attend Mass, even if we do have restrictions. We have updated our website and this will be kept up to date should we have further restrictions placed upon us, such as the mandatory wearing of masks. Quite a number of our parishioners have already started doing this as a voluntary act, not only protect to themselves but others who they may come in contact with, in and around the church.

Envelopes for the 2020 – 2021 year are available to be picked up either by asking the monitor on arrival or when leaving Mass or just pop into the office during office hours and we will be happy to give them to you.

At the time of writing the weather bureau is predicting a wet and windy weekend, please stay warm, well and safe, look for our message again next week.

Father Michael, Father Joseph, Elizabeth and Cheryl