

*Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden*

## RE: **WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 22/23 August**

'Just returned from an abbreviated holiday. Very reassuring to see that I was hardly missed. Parish seems to operate better without me at such times!

### Breaking News 1

An extra Mass has been added to our weekend schedule. Masses are:

#### **Saturday**

Oakdale 5:00 PM Camden 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM

#### **Sunday**

The Oaks 9:00 AM Camden 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10.30 AM, **12 Noon** & 5:00 PM

All parishioners are encouraged to renew their commitment to Sunday Mass. Reception of Holy Communion is a treasure of inestimable value.

*We become the "Body of Christ" by consuming the "Body of Christ".*

Viewing Mass on-line can be valuable but will never compare with the experience of having our lives sanctified by the Blessed Sacrament. Please try to have a presence among our worshipping community. Maximum of 100 at Mass. Need to book in advance on-line via the parish website or by phoning 4655 8797 during parish office hours.

### Breaking News 2

Another priest will be moving into our parish this Monday. Good to become a "three-priest" parish for the first time in over decade. Back in 2008, there was Father Alan Hartcher ofm, Father Mark DeBattista and myself. At the age of 75 and from the beginning of 2008 Father Alan moved to Tasmania, Father Damian Ellis arrived and I moved from Camden to Narellan Vale. Great memories!

More news next week about our new priest.

### Breaking News 3

Confirmation details have been finalised for this year. Please read the attachment if this concerns your family. Programme is very different from previous years. Because of time constraints, it's a short intense programme with no wriggle room. The programme is suited only to motivated families.

Details for the First Holy Communion will be available by this time next week.

Kind personal regards, Father Michael

PS: Would be greatly appreciated if our planned giving contributors could collect envelopes or ring the parish office to organise direct transfers. Substantial costs apply to the operating of our parish. But fear not! Our parish has a great history of loyal and generous contributors. Many thanks.