

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 29/30 August

Spiritual Insight

John Chrysostom was a 4th century Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He was known as Golden-mouthed because of his eloquence. In one of his homilies he wrote:

“Shall I enumerate what are called the high roads to repentance?”

John answers his own question in detail and then provides a summary:

“Here then are the five roads to repentance, first acknowledging one’s own sins, second forgiving the sins of others, third prayer, fourth almsgiving, fifth humility.”

Parishioners who are interested in the full homily are welcome to contact the parish office.

Father Anthony Crook

Big welcome is extended to Father Anthony Crook who arrived in the parish earlier this week. Father Anthony will be celebrating Mass this weekend at the two Saturday Vigils and at the Camden 9:00 AM on Sunday morning. Parishioners will invariably have the opportunity of meeting with Father Anthony in coming weeks especially since he will normally be the celebrant for the 9:00 AM Mass on Fridays. Please extend to Father Anthony our customary warmth and friendliness.

Confirmation Programme

Thanks to the many parents who collected enrolment forms at Mass last weekend, and especially to those who registered in advance for Mass attendance. Masses this week provide the second and final opportunity for people to collect and complete an enrolment form. The programme is galloping along much quicker than usual. Books will be distributed on the first weekend in September.

First Holy Communion Programme

Enrolment Forms and programme timelines will be distributed on 3/4 October. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on 21/22 November. Please see the parish website for more information. The administering of the FHC programme will be very different from previous years. Parents will need to be motivated with time available to share with their children to complete various activity pages at home. It should all be an enriching experience so long as parents embrace sacrifice for their children’s spiritual formation.

Mass Times

Please remain mindful of our weekend Mass schedule at The Oaks and in Camden. It's most important to register in advance via the parish website or by ringing the parish office during business hours **4655 8797**. (Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM).

Saturday Vigils

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

Sunday Masses

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

Devotion to Our Lady

Very necessary. Lovely hymn available from Youtube "**As I Kneel Before You**"

Personally, I like the version by MonDieuSeul.

Kind personal regards, Father Michael.