

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 26/27 SEPTEMBER

Parishioners' Presence and Support

Thanks to the many people who continue to contribute to the vitality of our own parishes by your presence or contributions of one kind or another. These are tough times for families, businesses, social groups, church communities and so on. But notwithstanding the struggles encountered by so many, our own nation appears to be well positioned compared with so many other countries across the globe.

In the context of church, there are some parishes – just like small businesses – that will no longer be viable. 'Heard anecdotes in recent times that far away from here, there are some parishes that are going under. For the people who remain, the closure of a parish church is a great sadness and loss.

Many parishes have a long history where the local church has been a ritual epicentre. Catholic people have been able to hear the Word of God, pay one's devotions to Christ and his Blessed Mother, receive Holy Communion and attend for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

In the local township, the parish church has a significance and dignity shared with no other building. It is a tabernacle of God among the local town folk. It is a building where God guarantees that he may be found by the faithful as the Father's house and God's royal palace. Let's pray that the churches in our own parishes survive these difficult times.

Spiritual Insight (from contemporary Franciscan author, Father Richard Rohr)

Remember, Jesus stood as the fully innocent one who was condemned by the highest authorities of both church and state (Jerusalem and Rome) an act that should create healthy suspicion about how wrong even the highest powers can be.

Confirmation Programme

Parents are asked to hand in books, if not already done. Thanks to all the families who have already handed in books. They will be returned today after having been reviewed. It's been most apparent that the overwhelming number of children were assisted by their parents. Gratitude is extended to the family members and friends who assisted our Confirmation candidates.

Please collect a form this week to write confirmation name and sponsor.

Ceremonies

Thursday 29 October 7:00 PM
Friday 30 October at 7:00 PM
Saturday 31 October 10:00 AM
Saturday 31 October 12 Noon
Saturday 31 October 2:00 PM
Sunday 1 November 2:00 PM

Rehearsals

Tuesday 20 October 6:00 PM
Tuesday 20 October 7:00 PM
Wednesday 21 Oct. 6:00 PM
Wednesday 21 Oct. 7:00 PM
Thursday 22 Oct. 6:00 PM
Thursday 22 Oct. 7:00 PM

Celebrants for Weekend Masses

		26/27 September	3/4 October
Saturday			
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Father Anthony
Camden	4:30 PM	Father Joseph	Father Michael
Camden	6:00 PM	Father Joseph	Father Michael
Sunday			
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Father Anthony
Camden	7:30 AM	Father Michael	Father Anthony
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Joseph	Father Michael
Camden	10:30 AM	Father Anthony	Father Joseph
Camden	12:00 noon	Father Anthony	Father Joseph
Camden	1:30 PM		Father Joseph
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Anthony	Father Joseph



First Holy Communion Programme

Families with children who made their First Reconciliation can register for the First Holy Communion programme over the weekend 3/4 October 2020. It is absolutely necessary to register for weekend Mass ahead of time, preferably by visiting our parish website www.stpaulscamden.org.au, or by phoning 4655 8797 from Tuesday morning onwards. A full timetable and an enrolment form will be available on that weekend.

Reception of Holy Communion

In processing to receive Holy Communion, please try to remember to remain 1.5 metres behind the person in front. With thanks.

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP

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