

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 17/18 OCTOBER

Weekend Masses

There are still 9 Masses at Camden over the weekend plus Oakdale and The Oaks. The 11 Masses are shared among the three priests (see page 3). Thanks to all our parishioners who have been so dedicated over the past six months.



Parish Collections ~ Donation Point

Many thanks to all our parishioners who have been so financially supportive across the years, and especially over the past six months. Not easy!

There is a 'Donation Point' available to people who would like to support parish finances by making an anonymous donation by card.

It's situated near the corner entry to the church and operates with all the various cards so long as they have a chip. We're certainly in a new-age era. These little devices are being rolled out to parish churches far and wide. Hard to say at this early stage as to whether they're worthwhile.

First Holy Communion Programme

Books distributed this week. Because there are no workshops, parents will be required to dedicate considerable time to their children's preparation over the next two to three weeks.

Furthermore because of the reduced time available, parents will be required to complete Home Activities with their children plus all the Activity Pages for Workshops One and Workshop Two before next weekend.

Please allow a few hours at home each week. It's quite permissible to allow other members of the family to assist but each candidate should understand the content of the work.

Families are asked to approach the Church organ at the end of Mass while observing social distancing.
Thanks



Confirmation Programme

Please be especially mindful of the rehearsals which begin this Tuesday. Gratitude is extended to the musicians and vocalists who are contributing to the ceremonies.

There are still a few books to be collected. Please move towards the baptism font after Mass.

Also, new forms will be distributed so that parents can write the names and contact details of the other people – a relative or friend – who will be present during the ceremony. These forms can be returned the following week. BUT the parish must have the name and contact details of every person. Their presence will be marked upon entering the Church. Thanks

Ceremonies

Thursday 29 October 7:00 PM
Friday 30 October at 7:00 PM
Saturday 31 October 11:00 AM
Saturday 31 October 1.00 PM
Sunday 1 November 12 NOON
Sunday 1 November 2:00 PM

Rehearsals

Tuesday 20 October 6:00 PM
Tuesday 20 October 7:00 PM
Saturday 24 October 10.00 AM
Saturday 24 October 11.00 AM
Saturday 24 October 12 NOON
Saturday 24 October 1.00 PM



Spiritual Insight

Ignatius of Antioch – whose Feast is on the 17 October, was a convert to the Faith. He was appointed by St Peter as Bishop of Antioch which, although a city, was a Roman colony on the east-west highway from Ephesus to Syria.

He was sentenced to death by being thrown to wild beasts in Rome in the year 107. On the journey from Antioch to Rome he wrote seven letters to the various churches along the way in which he dealt wisely and deeply with the theology of Christ and the Christian life. He wrote in part:

Arm yourselves with gentleness and renew your faith, which is the flesh of the Lord, and you love, which is the blood of Jesus Christ. Faith is the beginning and love is the end.



Celebrants for Weekend Masses

		17/18 October	24/25 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 Michael	Father Anthony
Camden	3:00 PM	Father Joseph	Father Michael
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Anthony	Father Joseph

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP