

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 14/15 NOVEMBER

Weekend Masses

This weekend's Mass schedule 14/15 November is normal according to our Covid 19 Mass Timetable.

Mass times with celebrants are provided at the end of the Weekly Message

On the weekend of 21/22 November there are a few variations because of First Holy Communions.

Saturday 21 November

9:00 AM Parish Mass
11:00 AM FHC
1:00 PM FHC
3:00 PM FHC
5:00 PM FHC
7:00 PM Parish Mass

Sunday 22 November

6:00 AM Parish Mass
7:30 AM Parish Mass
9:00 AM Parish Mass
10:30 AM FHC
12:30 PM FHC
2:30 PM FHC
4:30 PM FHC
6:30 PM Parish Mass

So: Who will be coming to the Sunday **6:00 AM Mass**? A prayerful presence will purify and sanctify. Very monastic and so good for the soul.



Upcoming Special Collection ~ Holy Land

If ever having been to the Holy Land, it is impossible not to develop a deep appreciation of the beautiful sacred places available to pilgrims and tourists. The preservation of these places is one of the great imperatives of humankind. The funds required come from the Good Friday collection that is conducted universally every year. But this year, there were no sacred ceremonies across the world because of the Corona Virus. So belatedly, the universal church is trying to salvage at least a little income to provide for the Catholic Church's custodians – the Franciscans – and to have funds necessary for operation of these sacred churches, shrines and holy places.

To support the Holy Land this week, the following will be available

- All plastic card offering to the Donation Device this week will be dedicated to CM
- Envelopes at the altar can be collected after Mass. Options are to (a) insert a few dollars and leave them in the collection basket or (b) take them home and contribute on-line.

Please try to be supportive. And aspire one day – possibly in the distant future – to visit the Holy Land.

Spiritual Insight

From Pope Frances:

Jesus enters Jerusalem in order to die on a cross. And it is precisely here that his kingship shines forth in godly fashion. His royal throne is the wood of the cross.

It reminds me – says Pope Francis – of what Benedict XVI said to the cardinals. You are princes, but of a King crucified. That is the throne of Jesus. Jesus takes it upon himself.

Why the cross? Because Jesus takes upon himself the evil, the filth, the sin of the world, including the sin of all of us, and he cleanses it, he cleanses it with his blood, with the mercy and the love of God.

Let us look around. How many wounds are inflicted upon humanity by evil! Wars, violence, economic conflicts that hit the weakest, greed for money that you can't take with you and have to leave.

Love of power, corruption, divisions, crimes against human life and against creation. And – as each one of us knows and is aware – our personal sins: our failures in love and respect towards God, towards our neighbour and towards the whole of creation.

Jesus on the cross feels the whole weight of the evil, and with the force of God's love, he conquers it, he defeats it with his resurrection.



First Holy Communion Programme

Books are available for collection this weekend after all Masses. The majority of books were completed quite well. Rather unfortunately, some were unacceptably incomplete. It's never easy ringing parents and advising that their son/daughter is no longer able to prepare for First Holy Communion in the current programme.

Church Law (can. 914) states the following:

It is primarily the duty of parents and of those who take their place, as it is the duty of the parish priest, to ensure that children who have reached the use of reason are properly prepared and, having made their sacramental confession, are nourished by this divine food as soon as possible. It is also the duty of the parish priest to see that children who have not reached the use of reason, or whom he has judged to be insufficiently disposed, do not come to holy communion.

Please be extra mindful of rehearsals this coming week. Thanks



Confirmation Programme

Thanks to the families who completed the survey. There weren't very many that were returned. But the answers from those who participated are still quite helpful. Thanks



Celebrants for Weekend Masses

14/15 November

Saturday

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Anthony
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael
Camden	4:30 PM	Father Joseph
Camden	6:00 PM	Father Joseph

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael
Camden	7:30 AM	Father Michael
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Joseph
Camden	10:30 AM	Father Anthony
Camden	12:00 noon	Father Anthony
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Anthony



Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP