

*Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden*



St Paul's  
Catholic Parish  
Camden

St Aloysius  
Catholic Parish  
The Oaks

St Clare's  
Community  
Narellan Vale

St Joseph  
the Worker  
Community  
Oakdale

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**RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 21/22 NOVEMBER**

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### Weekend Masses

Because of First Holy Communions, this weekend's Mass schedule 21/22 November is very different.

Please be extra mindful of the arrangements below. Apologies for the inconvenience. More details provided towards the end of this Weekly Message

#### 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

Masses to be celebrated as usual at **Oakdale** and **The Oaks**

Big recommendation for the 6:00 AM Sunday Dawn Mass. Why not be travelling to Holy Mass and be part of the transition between night and day? Expressed so very beautifully in the Canticle of Daniel from the Sacred Scriptures, the following verse comes to mind:

And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.  
And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.  
And you, lightening and clouds, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.



### Spiritual Insight

From Father Ron Rolheiser:

Some mystics taught that the human soul comes from God and that the last thing that God does before putting a soul into a body is to kiss the soul. The soul then goes through life always dimly remembering that kiss, a kiss of perfect love, and the soul measures all of life's loves and kisses against that primordial perfect kiss.

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## Drone

If there are any parishioners who own a drone, and who could assist the parish in developing aerial photography and video, please contact the parish office if able to assist. Even up until this year, the need for contemporary forms of communication has become increasingly apparent. The pandemic has further highlighted this need for “cutting-edge” technology. Creativity has become a big part of parish life. And much of the work undertaken in our own parish is provided on an honorary basis. So grateful.



## First Holy Communion Programme

This weekend in the parish is a very special and sacred time for almost 160 children and their families. Thanks to the parents, relatives and carers who have contributed to the preparation for their children’s FHC. This weekend should mark a new beginning in the lives of these children and their ongoing spiritual formation. If parents have spiritual depth, substance and commitment, there is a much greater likelihood that their children will develop in much the same way. So important.



## Disadvantaged Children of India Fund

Many parishioners may recall that about this time each year, parishioners have the opportunity of extending support to children and families who live in extreme poverty. The announcement below from Richard and Ann Stomber has been included in the Weekly Message in hope that meaningful broad-based support will be offered.

Due to COVID restrictions we are not able to raise funds after Mass this year. However, a dedicated band of women have handmade some Christmas cards to raise money for the *ragpickers* in one of the slums of India. These ragpickers go through the rubbish piles to dig out any recyclable items they can sell to provide basic needs for their families. Again, due to COVID, they have been stopped from doing this. There are approximately 400 families in that particular slum who are in desperate need.

We have been approached by a Carmelite Sister and some Camillus Fathers requesting help for these people. If you would like to order any of these cards please contact Ann Stomber 0425331371, they are \$5.00 each and we will arrange pick up or delivery. If you would like to make a donation, feel free to call and we can provide you with bank details of the registered charities account.

Conversely you can email us on [disadvantagedchildrenofindia@gmail.com](mailto:disadvantagedchildrenofindia@gmail.com).

We thank you for any assistance you can give.

Sincerely

Richard and Ann Stomber

## Sacrament of Penance Programme

Parents with children in Year 2 at school or higher, and who have been baptised, are invited to be present at any of the Masses on the weekend of 28/29 November to begin the enrolment process. For this particular weekend, the names of children will be recorded and timelines for the programme will be distributed. The programme is based upon various requirements, one of which is that parents/carers need to have a presence at Mass with their children on all weekends of the programme. If ambivalent, it's best not to enrol until there is stronger commitment and motivation.



## Details for First Holy Communion Programme

Saturday	Principal Celebrant	Musician	Vocalist
11:00 AM	Fr Michael	Maria	Sarah
1:00 PM	Fr Michael	Maria	Sarah
3:00 PM	Fr Michael	Belinda	Tasha
5:00 PM	Fr Joseph	Belinda	Tasha
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10:30 AM	Fr Michael	Jenny	Katie
12:30 PM	Fr Michael	Eva	Maureen
2:30 PM	Fr Michael	Craig	Craig
4:30 PM	Fr Anthony	Craig	Craig

The following Directives from the NSW Department of Health still apply to our own parish church:  
Maximum number of people 135, one musician only, one singer only, no congregational singing.



### Advent Daily Reflection Books

Advent Daily Reflection Books are available on the sanctuary for \$2 each, a lovely way to bring the spirit of Advent into our family home this upcoming season. Produced in the Diocese of Wollongong. With thoughtful insight from the local clergy.

## Celebrants for Weekend Parish Masses

21/22 November

### Saturday

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Joseph
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Anthony
Camden	7:00 PM	Father Anthony

### Sunday

Camden	6:00 AM	Father Joseph
Camden	7:30 AM	Father Joseph
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Anthony
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Joseph
Camden	6:30 PM	Father Anthony

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28/29 November

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

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

