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CAMDEN

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CATHOLIC PARISH
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THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 9/10 JANUARY 2021

Weekend Masses (Covid-19 capacity of 100 for each Mass at Camden)			
Saturday 9 January		Sunday 10 January	
9:00 AM	Parish Mass	7:30 AM	Parish Mass
		9:00 AM	Parish Mass
		10:30 AM	Parish Mass
4:30 PM	Parish Vigil Mass		
6:00 PM	Parish Vigil Mass	5:00 PM	Parish Mass
Oakdale – Saturday 5:00 PM		The Oaks – Sunday 9:00 AM	



Registering for Mass

1. Visit www.stpaulscamden.org.au
2. Click on 'Online Mass Bookings'
3. Select Mass wishing to attend
4. Select 'register' (green button)
5. Select amount of tickets wishing to use
6. Enter 'Contact Information' as name and email address
7. Enter ticket details: First Name, Last Name and Phone number of each person attending
8. Select 'register' (orange button)
9. Check emails for Confirmation from Eventbrite

Registrations close at noon on Friday



26 John Street (PO Box 7) Camden NSW 2570 (02) 4655 8797 camden@dow.org.au
 59 Holdsworth Drive, Narellan Vale NSW 2567 (ring Camden) camden@dow.org.au
 5 /15 Merlin Street (PO Box 169) The Oaks NSW 2570 (ring Camden) theoaks@dow.org.au
 Blattman Ave, Oakdale NSW 2570 Oakdale (ring Camden) theoaks@dow.org.au

Latest Directives from NSW Department of Health

- 1 person per 4 square metre applies.
- Social distancing between people of 1.5 metres applies, unless living under the same roof.
- Maximum of 100 people in church applies.
- Masks to be worn in church.

Accordingly,

- ❖ The Oaks has a limit of 16
- ❖ Oakdale has a limit of 36
- ❖ Camden has a limit of 100.

On-line books essential.

Many thanks to all our parishioners for being so responsive to the directives, and to the mandated changes at late notice. Though occasionally inconvenient, the burden we carry individually and collectively is rather minimal compared to most nations across the globe.

We certainly pray that 2021 is a time of healing and recovery for humanity.



Contemporary Reading

For our parishioners who may have taken an interest in Cardinal George Pell over the past few years, two books may be of considerable appeal:

1. George Cardinal Pell Prison Journal, authored by the Cardinal.

One priest – a mate of mine – who has read the book was of the view that the first few dozen pages were a bit average. But from then on, the book was really like spiritual reading.

2. The Persecution of George Pell by Keith Windschuttle.

I've completed reading this book. For those with a legal mind and an interest in detail, this book can be best regarded as excellent. It's quite easy to read and very engaging.

Both books are available from the Pauline Book and Media shop, 150 Castlereagh Street Sydney, quite near to the Elizabeth Street entrance to St James Station. If interested in making the trip to buy the books, best to ring and check that stocks are available 9264 8630.



Personal Resource

Daily readings and reflections are provided in a beautifully illustrated book entitled

God's Word 2021.

Copies of the book are \$15 each or two for \$20. All stocks must go. Please contact the parish office on 4655 8797 to reserve your copy.



Sacrament of Penance Programme

Parents are reminded that the programme resumes on 30/31 January 2021. In addition to the existing six Masses at Camden, an extra Mass will be added at 12 noon to accommodate the extra numbers if the church's Covid-19 capacity remains at 100. Updates will be provided each week.

To attend any of the parish weekend Masses, registration needs to take place on the parish website by midday Friday. The celebration of parish Masses must be 100% compliant with all Directives from the NSW Department of Health. Names of all attending need to be pre-recorded and digitalised. Thanks for understanding.



Midweek Masses at St Clare's.

Our parishioners are advised that to comply with the 1:4 Covid-19 rule, the maximum number of people permitted for Mass is 12, plus the celebrant. After 12 people have arrived, it will be necessary to close the door. Apologies in advance to our parishioners who may arrive but unable to enter.



Reception of Holy Communion

With the mandatory wearing of masks, all our communicants are asked to be mindful of the following procedure.

- ✓ Remove – or possibly adjust – the mask a few moments before receiving the host.
- ✓ Both hands will be extended as usual, one on top of the other.
- ✓ The host will be placed on the upper hand, with the words 'Body of Christ'
- ✓ The communicant responds 'Amen' takes one step (and only one step) to the side, while still facing in the direction of the celebrant or special minister.
- ✓ The lower hand reverently picks up the up and consumes it before moving on.
- ✓ The mask is then refitted over the nose and mouth.

Please do not turn away or walk away before consuming the host. With thanks.

Spiritual Insight

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — At the beginning of a year people hope will mark the end of the Covid-19 pandemic, Pope Francis urged them to create a “culture of care,” including by sharing the gift of their time with others.

Despite suffering from a bout of sciatica, nerve pain, that left him unable to preside over Mass on Jan. 1 in St. Peter’s Basilica, the pope sent a homily focused on God’s blessings and on sharing those blessings with others.

Consecrating the new year to Mary, the pope prayed that she would “care for us, bless our time, and teach us to find time for God and for others.”

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, read the pope’s homily.

Only about 100 people, all wearing masks, were in the socially distanced congregation for the Mass at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter’s Basilica. Two dozen cardinals, also wearing masks, concelebrated.

In the homily he wrote, Pope Francis returned to themes from his World Peace Day message — “A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace

“This year, while we hope for new beginnings and new cures, let us not neglect care,” the pope wrote. “Together with a vaccine for our bodies, we need a vaccine for our hearts. That vaccine is care. This will be a good year if we take care of others, as Our Lady does with us.”

“The Lord knows how much we need to be blessed,” the pope wrote. “The first thing he did after creating the world was to say that everything was good and to say of us that that we were very good.”

But with the birth of Jesus, he said, “we receive not only words of blessing, but the blessing itself: Jesus is himself the blessing of the Father.”

“Every time we open our hearts to Jesus, God’s blessing enters our lives,” he said.

The example of Mary, blessed in a special way, he wrote, “teaches us that blessings are received in order to be given.”

Referring to the Latin roots of the word “benediction”— to speak well — Pope Francis wrote that “we, too, are called to bless, to ‘speak well’ in God’s name.”

“Our world is gravely polluted by the way we speak and think badly of others, of society, of ourselves,” he said. But complaining and denigrating others “corrupts and decays, whereas blessing restores life and gives the strength needed to begin anew.”

“The heart of the Lord began to beat within Mary; the God of life drew oxygen from her,” the pope wrote. “Through Mary, we encounter God the way he wants us to: in tender love, in intimacy, in the flesh.”

As 2021 begins, he said, people should make a commitment to finding time for others.

“Time is a treasure that all of us possess, yet we guard it jealously, since we want to use it only for ourselves,” he wrote. “Let us ask for the grace to find time for God and for our neighbour—for those who are alone or suffering, for those who need someone to listen and show concern for them.”



Celebrants for Weekend Parish Masses

9/10 January

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

16/17 January

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

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Camden	9:00 AM	Father Michael
Camden	10:30 AM	Father Joseph
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Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP