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CAMDEN

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CATHOLIC PARISH  
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NARELLAN

ST. JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
OAKDALE

*Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden*

RE: **WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 16/17 JANUARY 2021**

## Spiritual Insight

I've just completed reading a book called **'To Dare the Our Father'** by John Shea. It's not the kind of book that can be read quickly. There may even be some instances where pages need to be read twice to derive their full meaning.

Among the many wonderful insights contained within the book, there is one that makes reference to 'The Forgetting Earth'. He tells a story that can be abbreviated in the following way:

There's a particular man and God who are walking down the road and the man asks God a question:

*"What is the world like?"*

God responds that he's thirsty and before he answers the question, he'll need a cup of cold water. So the man travels into the first available town and knocks on the door of the first house he sees. A lovely young lady answers the door and is happy to oblige. She also remarks that it's almost noon and the man might need to enjoy a midday meal. The man accepts her kind hospitality.

Well 30 years later they've long since been married and have five children. Both are very reputable people in their local town.

But one day a terrible storm hits the neighbourhood and their lives are endangered. In desperation, the man prays to God for divine intervention. And God responds with a question: "Where is my cup of cold water?"

The author goes on to explain the answer to the question "What is the world like?" He says that the world is a place of forgetfulness. It is God who is forgotten. We do not have time to give God a mere cup of cold water (pages 97-98).

The author then makes reference to the story in Saint Luke 14:15-24. It's well worth reading. He invites the readers of this passage of Scripture to be particularly mindful of the various excuses that people have to disregard the invitation to be with God. In short, we are so unbelievably busy as to be virtually enslaved to our daily and weekly routines.



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**16/17 January**

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

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

**23/24 January**

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## Mass Timetable and Covid-19

No further updates from last week.



Please Pray for the sick in our Parish

*We pray for those who are unwell, especially Barry Myles, Cath Bourke, Alma McCourt, France Zamoudio and all our unwell family and friends.*

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP