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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: **WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 6/7 FEBRUARY 2021**

Spiritual Insight

Contemporary spiritual writer, Franciscan priest, Father Richard Rohr, in his book, "The Universal Christ" writes:

Love is a paradox. It often involves making a clear decision, but at its heart, it is not a matter of mind or willpower, but a flow of energy willingly allowed and exchanged, without requiring payment in return.

Divine love is, of course, the template and model for such human love, and yet human love is the necessary school for any encounter with divine love. If you've never experienced human love – to the point of sacrifice and forgiveness and generosity – it will be very hard for you to access, imagine, or even experience God's kind of love.

Conversely, if you have never let God love you in the deep and subtle ways that God does, you will not know how to love another human being in the deepest ways of which you are capable.



Mass Timetable and Covid-19

Camden church still has a covid-19 capacity of 135. For the convenience of all our parishioners,

Bookings can now be made until Saturday 12 Noon if room allows for the:

Saturday 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM Masses, and for Sunday 7:30 AM Mass.

Bookings can now be made until Sunday 7:00 AM if room allows for the

Sunday Masses 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, **3.00 PM** and 5:00 PM.

Please continue to wear masks in church.

There are now reports that from Friday night 12 February, the 1:4 distancing rule will be relaxed to 1:2. This will allow our church Covid capacity to rise from 135 to 200. Accordingly, there will be no need for a 12:00 noon Sunday Mass which will be discontinued after this weekend.

Capacity at Oakdale will rise from 36 to 72, and at The Oaks from 16 to 32.

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Reception of Holy Communion

When receiving Holy Communion, please lower or remove the mask a few moments before receiving Holy Communion on the hand. After reverently consuming the host please reapply the mask.

And just to ensure every possibly reverence, when placed on the hand, the other hand then takes and holds the host gently with the finger and thumb and places it on the tongue within the mouth.

When the host is placed on the hand, it's most important to avoid using the same hand to rapidly elevate the host to the mouth like peanuts at a pub.

Please keep in mind that the Eucharist is a precious gift from the Lord. Many thanks.

The bread and wine are fully divine.

| Weekend Masses (Covid-19 capacity of 135 for each Mass at Camden) | | | |
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| Saturday 6 February | | Sunday 7 February | |
| 9:00 AM | Parish Mass | 7:30 AM | Parish Mass |
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| | | 10:30 AM | Parish Mass |
| | | 12 Noon | Parish Mass |
| 4:30 PM | Parish Vigil Mass | 3:00 PM | Parish Mass |
| 6:00 PM | Parish Vigil Mass | 5:00 PM | Parish Mass |
| Oakdale – Saturday 5:00 PM | | The Oaks – Sunday 9:00 AM | |

Sacrament of Penance Programme

Thanks to all who completed the surveys last weekend. The information is very useful in considering the administering of this programme and will also be helpful for those programmes which follow. Results to be provided next week.

Books will be distributed this weekend. Please be mindful that the first two chapters need to be completed this week. At the end of this Weekly Message, answers have been supplied to many of the activities so parents and carers can better assist their children.

If further assistance is still required, please email the parish office. Will try to respond within 24 hours. Always happy to help.

Ash Wednesday ~ 17 February 2021

Masses have been scheduled at Oakdale at 5:00 PM (capacity expected to be 72)

Masses have been scheduled at Camden at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM (capacity expected to be 200)

Bookings for Masses will be possible from Friday 5 February. At this time, the Covid capacity of 135 will apply but this could change and, hopefully, rise to a substantially large number.

To comply fully with Directives from the NSW Department of Health, the ashes will be distributed using cotton buds. The priest and adult server will use both ends of the cotton bud and then discard.

Celebrants for Weekend Parish Masses

6/7 February

Saturday

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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 Michael |

Sunday

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| The Oaks | 9:00 AM | Father Michael |
| Camden | 7:30 AM | Father Joseph |
| Camden | 9:00 AM | Father Anthony |
| Camden | 10:30 AM | Father Michael |
| Camden | Midday | Father Anthony |
| Camden | 3:00 PM | Father Michael |
| Camden | 5:00 PM | Father Joseph |

JUST ADDED!



13/14 February

Saturday

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

Sunday

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| 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 |

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP

Sacrament of Penance ~ Notes for Parents/Carers

Parents/Carers, please be sure to undertake the reading on pages 3 and 10. And please be extra sure to read the words from Pope Francis. This man has so much insight.

The following information could be useful in assisting the children complete their activity pages.

Workshop One

Page 4:

Emotions it may evoke

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| Cross | death and resurrection of Jesus |
| Dove | peace |
| Wedding rings | marriage and happiness |
| Birthday cake | celebration of life |
| Australian flag | patriotism and pride |

Page 5:

Examples of family ritual could include (†) celebration of birthdays, (†) Christmas lunch at grandparents (†) Prayers before main evening meal.

Components of family ritual (as in a birthday party) may include decorated space, giving of gifts, appropriate dress, special food and drink, candles and candles,....

Page 6:

Wedding reception (family), Birthday party (family), First Holy Communion (church), Anzac March (community),....

Page 6 (lower part of the page):

Children have provided answers such as:

“Every Saturday night we go to Mass and buy charcoal chicken afterwards”.

“Every night when I go to bed, mum comes in to give me a kiss and turn off the light”.

“Every night when dad gets home from work he goes to the fridge and grabs a beer”.

Page 7: Best to start with the easy ones first.

Page 8: Please share the reading with your daughter/son.

Workshop 2

Page 10: Parents to read, especially Pope's Corner.

Page 11: Best to start completing in the easier ones first.

Why is it important to belong?

Answer: Belonging to a good community is life-giving. We share love and concern. We experience warmth and companionship.

What rights and responsibilities are associated with belonging to a group or community?

Answer: We're entitled to enjoy the advantages and benefits offered by the community but we have the responsibility to contribute in a way that's positive and useful.

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I belong to (examples include)

(†) my family (†) the church (†) parish (†) school (†) local community (†) sporting clubs

Why do you like being part of these groups?

Share common beliefs, values, interests and ideals

What does the word 'initiation' mean?

Experiencing a formal process to be admitted and become a member of a community, group or society.

Do any of the above groups have special requirements or initiation ceremonies?

Examples include (†) attendance at meetings/functions, (†) financial contributions, (†) works of charity.

Page 13: Best to do the easy ones first

Page 14

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| (1) River Jordan | (2) Jesus meets John | (3) Jesus stands in the water |
| (4) John pours water over Jesus | | (5) Spirit of God comes down |
| (6) Father's voice is heard from heaven | | |

Page 15: Please share the reading with your daughter/son.