



Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 6/7 MARCH 2021

Spiritual Insight

John Powell (dec.), a Jesuit Priest, is the author of two dozen books, many of them mixing Catholic theology and spiritual devotion with psychology and self-help. He writes:

There are only two potential tragedies in life, and that dying young is not one of them. These are the two potential tragedies: To live and to not love, and to love and to never express that affection and appreciation.



Covid-19 and Registrations for Mass

Weekend Masses Timetable (Covid-19 capacity of 236 for each Mass at Camden)			
Saturday 6 March		Sunday 7 March	
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	5:00 PM	Parish Mass
6:00 PM	Parish Vigil Mass		
Oakdale – Saturday 5:00 PM (72)		The Oaks – Sunday 9:00 AM (36)	

Registrations through parish website.
Or if having difficulty, ring the parish office before Midday Friday 4655 8797.



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CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS
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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Stations of the Cross

The Stations will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 9:30 AM in the parish church. All welcome.



Church Wardens and Collections

Thanks to our parishioners who are available to help. Others are still needed. Please consider this form of church involvement as a very valuable contribution towards meeting the practical needs of our parish.

Our collections from this weekend will return to the traditional manner of passing the bags with handles that have been wrapped with sanitised cloth. Please feel welcome to bring your own little pocket-size container of hand sanitiser.



Father Anthony

Thanks to all our parishioners who expressed their best wishes to Father Anthony on his farewell from our parish. The expression of this heart-felt warmth at such times has long since been a wonderful quality of our parish. Father Sean Cullen, PP at Bowral-Mittagong since 2002, is still able to recall with fondness the way he was farewelled from Camden as an assistant priest way back in early 1988. All so very lovely!



Mater Dei

This Friday 5 March, there's another major golfing fundraiser for the Mater Dei school. This event has been conducted for about 25 years although last year's event was cancelled because of the virus. Nonetheless, with the backing of a large number of corporate sponsors and with the support of Camden Police, another wonderful day is assured at the international Macquarie Links Golf Club.

The children at Mater Dei have special needs and range in age from about 5-18. The teachers and ancillary personnel are remarkably dedicated and deserve as much support as possible. Mater Dei school can be truly regarded as one of the treasures of our own parish.



Sacrament of Penance Programme

Workbooks need to be presented this week. Books, presumably, will be fully completed and to the highest quality. Please ensure that the Act of Contrition is known perfectly by children and adults. Parents and carers also need to assist their children examine their consciences.

Firstly, in their relationship to God (attendance at Mass, daily private prayer, self-surrender...)

Secondly, in their relationship to others (helping at home, expressions of gratitude, patience with brothers and sisters, sharing, obedience, care of pets, acts of thoughtfulness and kindness...)



Men's Movie Night

I am excited to announce that the Men's Movie and Pizza night is back.

Our first night will be Friday 19th March in the Heritage Hall commencing 7:00pm. Price remains pre-COVID at \$10.00 per head Pizza and refreshments.

This will be a great opportunity for the men of the Parish to reconnect again, so come along and bring a friend. Please contact me by midday on Friday 19th if you are able to attend (for catering purposes).

Ken Garland 0417 244 059.



Kind Regards

Father Michael

Please Pray for the sick in our Parish

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

Celebrants for Weekend Parish Masses

6/7 March

Saturday

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

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael
Camden	7:30 AM	Father Michael
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13/14 March

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