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THE OAKS

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COMMUNITY
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THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 10/11 APRIL 2021

Spiritual Insight

From Pope Frances:

“This is the first Easter Message that I would offer you: it is always possible to begin anew because there is a new life that God can awaken in us in spite of all our failures. From the rubble of our hearts, God can create a work of art”.



Good Friday ~ Holy Land Appeal

Gratitude is extended to all our parishioners who contributed to the appeal on Good Friday and over the weekend. An overall amount of \$2,747 was raised and will be sent to the Franciscan Commissariat. People who have been to the Holy Land would most certainly be able to testify to the great need and value of this appeal throughout the universal church. Many thanks



Father Victor Vincent

Warmest greetings are extended to Father Victor who arrived last Tuesday in Camden. Father Victor has some familiarity with the Macarthur, having already exercised his priestly ministry at St John's Campbelltown. His new assignment to Camden and The Oaks is expected to be of considerable value as he responds to the many pastoral and sacramental needs. So much promise!



Sacrament of Penance Programme ~ Catch Up Programme

Opportunity to enrol will be next weekend of the Third Sunday of Easter 17/18 April. This is the final opportunity for 2021 in preparation for the First Holy Communion programme that commences in September this year.

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Needed ~ Computer Operators, Monitors, Church Wardens

Still plenty of opportunities for our parishioners to be included as computer operators, monitors and church wardens. The vitality of our parishes is enhanced enormously by the involvement of a growing number of parishioners.

Over the years, so many faithful parishioners are no longer able to remain involved because of age and frailty. At other times some of our legendary parishioners move on to receive, we pray, their eternal reward. Others may move from the parish or simply lose interest.

But no matter what the reasons, the parish can partly resemble a business in so far as good people will need to be replaced. Ideally, there should also be succession planning for some of the most needed areas of parish life.

Some of our parishioners may have heard of the comedians Rampaging Roy Slaven and HG Nelson, known as Roy and HG. On ABC radio on Saturdays at midday, they begin a segment entitled “Bludging on the Blindside”. It’s really quite an amusing show with humour that has a noticeable Aussie “twist”.

The term “bludging on the blindside” could well be a reference to the big forwards (they’re the guys with muscles on their muscles) in a rugby league match who are feeling exhausted and trying to locate themselves on the quietest part of the field where they would be hoping for a little less work. The term is light-hearted and rather humorous with applications beyond a rugby league contest.

Well it would be of enormous value to both our parishes if all our faithful parishioners were committed to some type of involvement. There are many ways of participating. And reference to the parish website could assist motivated parishioners of discerning ways of dedicating a little of their own time and talent.

Alternatively, contact the office during parish business hours and our secretaries may be able to identify our greatest needs. We just need people to help.

PS: Look forward to hearing the opinions of anyone who tunes in to Roy and HG. Ideal for listening if driving at about that time.



Second Sunday of Easter 10/11 April 2021

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	
Camden	4:30 PM	Father Michael	Maria and Sarah
Camden	6:00 PM	Father Michael	
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tracy
Sunday			
Camden	7:30 AM	Father Victor	
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Steve and Damian
Camden	10:30 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony

Third Sunday of Easter 17/18 April 2021

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	
Camden	4:30 PM	Father Michael	
Camden	6:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda and Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tracy
Sunday			
Camden	7:30 AM	Father Victor	Maria C.
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:30 AM	Father Michael	Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

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 Zamudio and all our unwell family and friends.