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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: **WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 1/2 MAY 2021**

Spiritual Insight

From Pope Frances:

“At a time when we most need missionary dynamism which will bring salt and light to the world, many lay people fear that they may be asked to undertake some apostolic work and seek to avoid any responsibility that may take away from their free time.”



Confirmation Programme

In keeping with the programme timeline, the enrolment forms need to be returned this week with \$20.

Families will have the opportunity to select their preferred time for Ceremony/Mass on the weekend of 29/30 May. Interim leaflets will be distributed the following weekend on 5/6 June that lists the Ceremonies/Masses to which candidates have been assigned.

However, an official final leaflet will be distributed on 19/20 June that may (or may not) be the same as the interim leaflet. If books are not satisfactorily completed, the candidate's name will be withdrawn from the interim leaflet, and will not appear on the official final leaflet.

It will be my own solemn duty to advise parents and carers if their names have been withdrawn and to explain why. Rather unfortunately, this has been necessary a few times in previous programmes over the past eight months.



Sacrament of Penance Programme ~ Catch Up Programme

In keeping with the programme timeline, the enrolment forms need to be returned this week with \$20. Thanks in anticipation. Parents/carers need to be motivated and committed. And if the children are half-hearted and not really interested, why enrol?



Adults wanting to become Catholic

A programme will begin from early June. If interested, please contact the parish office during parish business hours to leave name and contact phone number. More information in coming weeks.

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Camden Catholic Cemetery

An innovative idea that was raised in last week's Weekly Message to have an annual clean-up day for the Catholic Cemetery on Cawdor Road has attracted minimal interest with three positive responses.

So in the context of this week's 'Spiritual Insight' let's persevere. Quite possibly, a permanent date could be set like, for example, the final week in April or the first week in May. So if interested, please advise the parish office at your own convenience. With thanks.



Cursillo

Important Notice

Ladies, are you ready to step back into life with your Faith community following the forced hibernation. Join us for a Cursillo three-day weekend from 1-4 July at Hartzler Park, Bowral. Private rooms, nourishing meals. Share your stories, increase the depth of your faith; listen to talks from our Spiritual Advisor and lay women. Daily Mass.

For further information please contact Denise D'Amore 0438 254 139 or Dianne Garland 0418 640 373.



National Count of Attendance

From Bishop Brian:

"The 2021 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place over the first four weekends in May (starting 1 May 2021). The Diocese of Wollongong has just received the instructions and forms for the national Mass count. Importantly, I note that this is a count of attendance at all Masses celebrated in the diocese, including all parishes, non-parish centres, hospitals and chaplaincies".

Also, could be a really good idea if as many parishioners as possible could try to make a big effort to be at one of our many Masses each weekend during the month of May. Don't want to be assessed as parishes (Camden and The Oaks) in sharp decline. Otherwise, I might get the sack!

The good news is that for the first three weeks, a count will not be necessary as our parishioners will have registered in advance. For the final week, we're not so lucky because there needs to be a break-up of numbers in terms of age brackets.

So for this final weekend, a count will take place after Holy Communion in the following way:

All those aged between 0 and 17 will need to stand. Not sure how we get a one-month-old baby to stand but we'll work out something. Then they sit and the next age bracket will need to stand, and so on.

Could be humorous. Might have to nudge some who are standing only to advise that their age bracket has yet to be called.



Fifth Sunday of Easter 1/2 May 2021

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter 8/9 May 2021

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
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	Cheryl
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Steve and Damian
Camden	10:30 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony

Kind Regards

Father Michael