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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 29/30 MAY 2021

Trinity Sunday ~ Father, Son, Holy Spirit

Biblical Insight

From the Book of Genesis, God created the whole world in all its richness, diversity and order. Scripture presents the work of the Creator symbolically as a succession of six days of divine “work”, concluded by the “rest” of the seventh day.

The sacred text about creation teaches the truths revealed by God for our salvation, permitting us to recognise the inner nature, the value, and the ordering of the whole of creation to the praise of God. CCC 337.

The *hierarchy of creatures* is expressed by the order of the “six days” from the less perfect to the more perfect. God loves all his creatures and takes care of each one, even the sparrow.

Nevertheless, Jesus said: “*You are of more value than many sparrows*”, or again “*Of how much more value is a man/woman than a sheep*”. CCC 342

Creation was fashioned with a view to the sabbath and therefore for the worship and adoration of God. Worship is inscribed in the order of creation. As the Rule of St Benedict says, nothing should take precedence over “the work of God”, that is, solemn worship. This indicates the right order of human concerns CCC 347.

Days of Creation

- Day 1: Light
- Day 2: Waters, atmosphere / firmament
- Day 3: Dry ground & plants
- Day 4: Sun, moon & stars
- Day 5: Birds & sea animals
- Day 6: Animals & humans
- Day 7: The Sabbath of Rest

Note: In the bible, the term ‘firmament’ refers to the expanse of sky or heaven, separating the waters below (rivers, oceans, lakes, subterranean waters) from the waters above (precipitation). In the hot and arid conditions of the biblical regions, rain and other blessings could pour down through windows in the firmament.



Coronavirus Restrictions

Still no changes from the previous few weeks. But the situation in Victoria could result in the introduction of restrictions at short notice. Will send another email if necessary.

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The Oaks and Oakdale

Reminder of the meeting scheduled for Thursday 1 July at 6:00 PM in the hall at The Oaks. Bishop will be invited because he's had a very genuine interest in how the parish was affected by the fires early last year. Since then, of course, there's been the coronavirus and now the possibility of the mice plague. Very hard times!



Church at St Clare's

Meeting on **Tuesday 15th June at 7:00 PM** in the Heritage Hall at Camden. A little hospitality will be offered after the meeting which is expected to be no longer than one hour. Please contact the parish office to register your attendance.



Mass Times and Baptisms

From the first weekend in July, there will be a variation to the Mass timetable at Camden. The two Vigils will continue to be celebrated, but Sunday morning will return to a 8:00 AM and a 10:00 AM Mass. The 5:00 PM Mass will continue as usual.

However, these plans are conditional upon the present social distancing requirements prevailing into the future.

Also, from the first weekend in July, baptism will return to being celebrated on a Sunday morning. Bookings available from this week Wednesday 2 June. There are eight blocks of pews in the church. Accordingly, baptisms will be limited to eight children per ceremony with each family being able to have their own block of pews. Social distancing still applies. And so each family is limited to 30 guests although this can be negotiated in the week before the ceremony if there are less than eight baptisms or some families have well below the 30 guests allowable.

Once again, these plans are conditional upon the present social distancing requirements prevailing into the future.



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 available next week. An introductory night for about an hour has been planned for Wednesday evening 16 June at 7:00 PM.

About 20 people have so far registered an expression of interest. The meeting may need to take place in the Heritage Hall to comply with social distancing requirements. People who are interested in attending are welcome to bring a companion. If any of our parishioners would like to volunteer to provide organisational assistance, please also advise the parish office. Thanks



Sacrament of Penance Programme

Notes to assist with the completion of Chapter Four will be distributed this weekend. Parents and carers should be especially mindful of their own reading, especially from Pope Francis.

The Act of Contrition should by now be able to be recited reasonably well by not only the children, but also by their parents and carers.



Confirmation Programme

Notes for the fourth chapter will be distributed this weekend.

- Parents and carers are asked to read page 35 and especially the thoughts about kissing provided by Pope Francis. Please share the reading with your son/daughter on page 42. So important.
- After Mass, please collect a form to complete, supplying the Confirmation name and sponsor. An extra week is allowable if still discerning. But if able to do so already, please oblige. This will allow our secretarial staff to begin preparing certificates which is a time-consuming exercise for almost 200 children. Each certificate needs to be hand-fed into the printer.
- Interim leaflets will be distributed to advise of Ceremonies/Masses to which families have been assigned. A final leaflet will be distributed after Confirmation books have been examined. Names will be omitted in the final leaflet if Confirmation books have not been completed satisfactorily.



Ladies Cursillo Weekend

Ladies. Place yourself in the upper room at Pentecost and allow the Holy Spirit to kindle in your heart the fire of His love.

The Cursillo 3 day weekend relies on the power of the Holy Spirit to revive and renew us. The weekend runs from the 1st to the 4th of July at Hartzel Park, Bowral. Quoting Jesus "Come and see"

As this Cursillo falls in school holidays, it's an ideal time for teachers to grow their own personal Spirituality. Please call Denise on 0438 254 139 for further details.

Most Holy Trinity 29/30 May 2021

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

Corpus Christi 5/6 June 2021

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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

Kind Regards

Father Michael