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*Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden*

**RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 3/4 JULY 2021**

## *14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Because of the lockdown mandated by the NSW Government,  
there are no church services this weekend.

### **Spiritual Insight**

From Father Ron Rolheiser OMI (The Holy Longing, Chapter Nine).

Perhaps there is nothing in this world as powerful to break selfishness as in the simple act of looking at our children. In our love for them we are given a privileged avenue to feel as God feels – to burst in unselfishness, in joy, in delight and in the desire to let another's life be more real and important than our own.



### **Coronavirus Restrictions**

No Masses this weekend. Hoping for some kind of return to our normal covid schedule after Friday 9 July. In all likelihood, all three churches will be limited to 1:4 (1 person per four square metres). Accordingly:

1. The change in social distancing means far less people can be present at Mass at the one time.
2. No congregational singing.
3. Masks need to be worn.

If Masses are celebrated from next weekend, please remember that if receiving Holy Communion, then momentarily remove or partially remove the mask before receiving the host. Then consume the host with reverence and refit the mask. With thanks

Bookings for Mass will, be available from this Tuesday 6 July for the weekend of 10/11 July.



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## **The Oaks and Oakdale**

Because of the lockdown, the meeting that had been scheduled for Thursday 1 July at 6:00 PM was cancelled. A new date will be set in the Spring.



## **Mass Times and Baptisms from 3/4 July**

Because of the lockdown, there will be no baptisms this Sunday. There's now a need to wait until there's further advice from the Premier of NSW before advising of subsequent weekends.



## **Sacrament of Penance Programme**

First Confessions that were planned for this weekend 3rd July have been postponed. A new date will be set as soon as possible, hopefully later during the month. Hope to be able to advise of a day next week.



## **Confirmation Celebration**

Well the families in the Confirmation programme have had plenty of luck over the past few weeks but most of it was bad.

In the week leading up to the celebrations – because of the reinstatement of the Coronavirus restrictions – it became necessary to reduce the number people attending from 7/family to 4/family. Many thanks to the overwhelming number of families for being so understanding.

Then word quickly spread on early Saturday afternoon that there would be a complete lockdown from 6:00 PM Saturday. So the three Saturday ceremonies were celebrated quite beautifully but the two Sunday ceremonies were cancelled.

\*\*\*\*\* **Breaking News** \*\*\*\*\*

Bishop Brian has generously agreed to return to celebrate the remaining two ceremonies on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 10 AM (for last Sundays 10:30 AM families) and 12 Noon (for last Sundays 1:00 PM families). There will be brief rehearsals on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 5:00 PM and then 5:30 PM to freshen up on the responses. Seating allocation will remain the same.

The ceremonies are, of course, dependent upon the lockdown situation. If the church is limited to 100 people – as is now the case with funerals – then it will only be possible to have three per family, including candidate and sponsor. However, under such a scenario, the parish will pay for the livestreaming of both ceremonies.



## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd/4th July 2021

All ceremonies in the church this weekend are cancelled. This is a decision taken by the NSW Premier. Please refrain from abusing clergy and parish secretaries who are doing their very best to best serve all our parishioners under constantly changing circumstances.

There is a Mass on Channel 10 on Sunday mornings.

There's a parish in the USA where – during a protracted period of lockdown – parishioners were able to watch their parish Mass being celebrated by the PP alone. It was live streamed on a Sunday morning and included a homily. After Mass, the parishioners were invited to visit the parish site briefly where Holy Communion would be distributed outdoors on the hand for those who had watched Mass.

This option will be considered if the lockdown continues.

If introduced, fasting applies. Not appropriate to indulge on an over-size breakfast while watching Mass and then arrive at the parish site 20 minutes later with a full belly to receive Holy Communion.

Not suggesting that our parishioners would do this; just being cautious.

It's really fashionable these days with our politicians and health leaders who remark repeatedly:

“I want to be very clear.....” Gotta have a sense of humour!

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th/11th July 2021

### Possibly and Hopefully

<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Musician/Vocalists</b>
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
<b>Sunday</b>			
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	Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony

Kind Regards

Father Michael