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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 10/11 JULY 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unfortunately, with the continuation of the lockdown, it is still not possible to celebrate Masses this weekend or midweek Masses up until and including the 16 July.

Spiritual Insight

From Father Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran who co-authored a book entitled 'Rebuilt' about a Catholic parish in America that was in decline but reformed to become a truly faith-filled community.

Greed, or avarice, is the love of money and wealth in an inappropriate or even destructive way. It comes in different forms so we must be on guard to recognise it. In Catholic moral theology it is treated as a serious vice because it raises money to the purpose of life itself.

If greed was a problem in a poor agrarian community two thousand years ago, it must be exponentially more so in our contemporary consumer culture. Billions of dollars are spent each year on advertising and marketing; new technologies, styles, flavours, models and brands hit the stores daily. And every day our culture reminds us of what we don't have, encouraging us to believe that if we had it, we'd be happy. We buy the lie and spend like no others in human history (p. 172).



Coronavirus Restrictions

From this Tuesday 13 July, it will be possible to make bookings for the following weekend 17/18 July in anticipation of the end of the lockdown on Friday 16th. But there's no guarantee that the lockdown will be brought to an end. Developments will be reported as they come to hand.

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.

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If Masses are able to be celebrated from the weekend of 17/18 July, 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



Mass Times Baptisms from 10/11 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

Tentative plans have been set to have First Confessions on Saturday 17th from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. But these plans will not be confirmed until late next week and will remain dependent, of course, on announcements from the NSW Premier.



Confirmation Celebration

The new arrangements that were reported last week still prevail. But everything remains hinged upon week-by-week developments. All pastoral plans within our parish appear to be on a knife-edge. But this applies not only to churches and all religions but many small businesses as well.

Apparently in NSW, there were about 175 small-business insolvencies from the first week of lockdown. Hard times for many. And there's virtual financial immunity from the financial impact of the virus for many others.



Ignite Youth Conference

The National Catholic Conference is being held from 29 September to 2 October at the Freeman College, Bonnyrigg. This conference has something for everyone. It is expected that thousands of young people will gather with ministry leaders, teachers, priests and religious to experience the presence of God in a variety of different ways, and especially with contemporary sacred music and powerful preaching.

The conference is specifically designed for school leavers and Uni students. If interested, please register at igniteconference.com.au The parish is happy to provide substantial assistance with registration costs.



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

All Masses and Ceremonies are Cancelled.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th/18th July 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 Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Tracy

Sunday

Camden	7:30 AM	Father Michael	Cheryl and Maria
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	Craig

Kind Regards

Father Michael