

A parish with a 'Heart' in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 15 Nov 2026

Welcome to our parish!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest
Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain
Fr Ruben Mandin MI

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SCHEDULE OF MASS

Weekend Mass

Saturday	8am, 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday	9:30am, 11am, 6pm

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri	8am, 8pm

SPECIAL MASSES

1st Fridays
7pm Adoration & **8pm** Mass for the Sick and Carers of the Sick

4th Fridays
7pm Adoration & **8pm** Mass for Vocations

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Fri	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Reconciliation available

Reconciliation

Sat & Sun	5:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Mon - Fri	7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Anointing of the Sick
For **emergency anointing requests** in RPA Hospital, please contact the Catholic priest via the RPAH Switchboard 02 9515 6111

Baptism, Confirmation / RCIA, Wedding & Funeral
Please enquire via our parish office at **stjocamper@gmail.com**.

Baptism are usually scheduled Sunday 12:30pm; Baptismal instructions to be arranged with parents before baptism.
Weddings require six (6) months notice.

The Camillian Fathers will be returning this week, please continue praying for their retreat. We thank Fr Anthony Capirayan who has been celebrating all masses and assisting with our scheduled activities in our parish in the meantime.

Today's readings basically continue the overall theme from those of last week: productive use of the time before the coming of the Lord.

The **First Reading**, the Praise of the Good Wife in Proverbs 31 (vv. 10-13, 19-20, 30-31), may illustrate this in its depiction of the energy and industry of the woman. Nonetheless, it will need careful handling. While admirable in several respects, the commendation hardly escapes the prevailing Old Testament sense of a wife as basically the possession of her husband, whose honour is at stake in all that she says and does. The stress on industry and competence, the negative remarks about charm and beauty, show up the absence of any positive evaluation of sexuality in a way that a sacramental sense of marriage could build on. Some parish communities balance the reading of this text with a parallel one on 'the good husband' composed by women. At best, perhaps, the text can be a launching pad-to some extent providing a basis, to some extent a contra-indication-for a wider reflection upon relations between the genders within the context of faith.

TIME OF WAITING

The **Gospel**, Matthew 24:14-30, features the second of the series of three parables dealing with time of waiting that began last week. Whatever might have been its setting on the lips of Jesus, the Parable of the Talents in the form we have it in Matthew (cf. Luke's Parable of the Pounds, 19:12-27), clearly relates to the issue of how to live appropriately in the period before the coming of the Lord. The first generation of believers expected the Lord to return soon. Matthew's treatment reflects a time when the intensity of that expectation has waned and been replaced by a sense of the stringency of the account each believer will have to give concerning the use they have made of all the gifts and graces received from the Lord.

The parable is unashamedly 'capitalist' – though this doesn't mean that Jesus endorses the economic system it presupposes. As in other parables – some of which feature rogueish activity (see Luke 16:1-8) – he simply points to familiar ways people behave in ordinary everyday life to illustrate how people should behave in view of the Kingdom. The master about to go abroad is a businessman who doesn't want his wealth to lie unproductively idle while he is away. So he entrusts its management to three servants, apportioning it in line with his estimation of each one's business acumen: five talents, two talents, one talent respectively. Even one talent denotes a large sum of money. (Originally the word "talent" designated a weight; its later usage in English with reference to a person's innate qualities or skills is an extended sense derived precisely from this parable.)

With the master away for a long period, a high rate of interest enables the enterprising first two servants to realise a 100% increase on the amount entrusted to them. Their reward is to be welcomed "into the joy" of their master-that is, in Matthew's allegorical development of the original parable, welcomed into the final banquet of the Kingdom.

FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND

The failure of the third servant, the one who simply went and hid his single talent in the ground, is that he didn't do what his master expected: trade with the money so that it would increase. He didn't even put the sum in the bank, where it would have at least accrued a measure of interest. Seeing his master simply in terms of strict justice and paralysed by fear, he thought he would be secure if only he could give back the exact sum with which he had been entrusted. Though he has not been in any way dishonest, he incurs a severe penalty because he has been concerned simply with his own security rather than with what is really required of him.

Homilists should be wary of the allegorical impulse to identify the master in the parable too strictly with God. At the same time, the parable challenges a particular type of religiosity that, flowing from a fearful image of God, is concerned simply with not doing anything wrong in order that God will not find anything to punish. Such an attitude neglects to ask what God really wants of believers in the present time, which is an enterprising, even risk-taking, practice of the "weightier matters of the law": "justice, mercy and faith" [23:23]). The gifts God has entrusted to us, like our minds and limbs, need active exercise, if they are not to atrophy and wither.

The **Second Reading**, from 1 Thess 5:1-6, coheres with this in its sense that, with the "day" of salvation having "dawned" in Christ's resurrection, believers as "people of the day", should be up and about, watchful and active, rather than "asleep", as in the night.

Commentary by Fr Brendan Byrne, SJ, FAHA. Fr Brendan taught New Testament at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, Vic., for almost forty years. He is now Emeritus Professor at the University of Divinity (Melbourne). His commentaries on the Gospels can be found at Pauline Books and Media.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

FIRST READING

PROVERBS 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R**

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about the 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to the darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.





Willem de Poorter (1608–1668). The Parable of The Talents or Minas

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Now, a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

It is good for me to be with the Lord and to put my hope in him.

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Prayer Intentions

Please pray for: Good Health & Recovery of Pope Leo XIV; Repose of the soul of Kingsley Chambers, Florina Clark

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

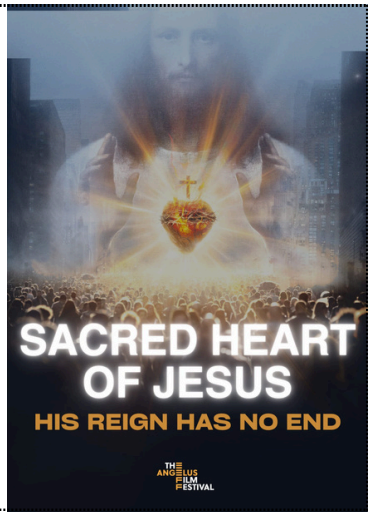
Sacred Heart of Jesus: His Reign Has No End

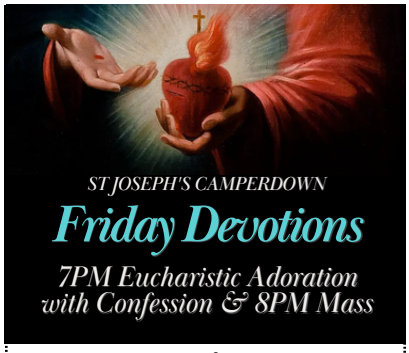
Join us for a movie night! Discover the inspiring story of St Margaret Mary Alacoque and the revelations of Jesus' Sacred Heart. A moving docu-drama celebrating His endless love, mercy and transforming power.

Location: St Joseph's Camperdown, Parish Hall
Date: Saturday 28th November
Time: After the 6pm Vigil Mass
Fees: FREE!

Please **RSVP** by 26 Nov 2026
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1st Friday
for the Sick & Healthcare Workers; Sacred Heart of Jesus

4th Friday for Vocations

5AM 16 DECEMBER TO 24 DECEMBER
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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, CAMPERDOWN

Sponsor a Morning Tea or offer a Mass Intention

FOR ONE OF THE DAWN MASSES

Approach our priests or contact our parish office at **stjocamper@gmail.com**

EMAIL US

Full Christmas Schedule at St Joseph's Camperdown will be available soon on our social media platforms.

In partnership with St John's College & Sancta Sophia College

Join us for a monthly Community Lunch

at **St Joseph's Catholic Church, Camperdown**

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday
12:30pm to 1:30pm

Lunch will be provided for **FREE!** All are welcome!

PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY

HOME VISITATION

The statue of our Blessed Mother is on a pilgrimage to our parishioners' homes **each week.** To join, please contact the parish office or approach the members of the Legion of Mary who assist on Sunday/Vigil Masses.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors * the 1st & 2nd readers
This Sunday 14 - 15 Nov	Vigil **6 PM** **9:30 AM** **11 AM** **6 PM**	**Diana V** **Rachel** **Sharon K** **Jimmy T**	**Angela C** **Leslie** **John L** **Marissa T**	**Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco** * *
Next Sunday 21 - 22 Nov	Vigil **6 PM** **9:30 AM** **11 AM** **6 PM**	**Diana V** **Tanya** **Cynthia C** **Poie**	**Angela C** **Gordon** **Chris W** **Beng**	**Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco** * *

Daily Mass	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat (8am)
Morning	Gary	Etchie	Amy	Doris	Ricky	Gemma
Evening	Cora	Marissa	Cora	Jimmy	Josie	-

Thank you very much for your generosity in volunteering as mass readers and collectors in our beloved parish. **Anyone wanting to volunteer, please ring or text Angeline 0431 718 137. God bless.**

PARISH CHOIR

	ORGANIST / PIANIST | CONDUCTOR
Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass **St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir**	Fr Ruben, Dennis, Jack
Sunday 9:30 AM Mass **Sunday Morning Choir**	Allen, Jack | Jayda, Yani
Sunday 11 AM Mass **Chinese Community**	Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa
Sunday 6 PM Mass **St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir**	Teresa

Have you got the heart to volunteer in the music ministry?

Come and join our parish choir! You can contribute in singing, playing an instrument, or operating the slides.
We would love for you to join -- beginner or not!

To join, please approach one of our choir members before/after mass or email our parish office at **stjocamper@gmail.com**.



CATECHISTS' CORNER



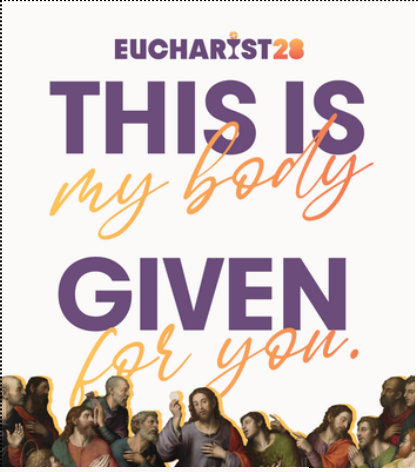
Have you ever wondered about God, Jesus, or the meaning of life? The Catechumenate (RCIA) is a welcoming place for you to explore the Catholic faith.

你是否曾經思考過有关神、耶穌、以及生命的意義? 慕道课程(RCIA)是探索天主教信仰的愉快旅程,你为提供发問和讨论的機會。

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EUCHARIST28 Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ. Amen.

RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Seeking solace during illness or hospitalisation at RPA Hospital? Our Catholic Chaplaincy offers comforting visits, pastoral care, and sacraments. For **emergency visit requests**, contact us via **RPA Hospital Switchboard** (**02 9515 6111**) and page the Catholic priest on call. For **non-urgent** requests, you may call our parish office (**02 9557 1181**).

We're here for you

Lay Camillian Family
SYDNEY CHAPTER

If you happen to have **homebound, sick, handicapped, elderly, and frail family members and friends** who want to be visited and given Holy Communion on Sundays, please inform our parish office **stjocamper@gmail.com** or any members of our Lay Camillian Family and avail of our pastoral services to our suffering parishioners.

PARISH GIVING

Parish Collection

		Cash	EFTPOS
1st Collection	$	n/a	n/a
2nd Collection	$	n/a	n/a

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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SAFEGUARDING | If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, or if you are worried about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please know that you are not alone and that help is available. The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is available to listen, support you, and provide guidance about reporting options. You can contact the office on (02) 9390 5800 or at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also wish to speak with your Parish Priest, who can offer pastoral care and assist you in taking the next step. The Archdiocese takes all safeguarding concerns seriously and is required to report criminal matters to police. If there is an emergency or someone is in immediate danger, please contact NSW Police on 000.