



A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B

9 June 2024

Welcome to our parish!

PARISH PRIESTS

Parish Administrator

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Ruben Mandin MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Michael Gimena MI

PARISH OFFICE

🕒 **Mon, Thu** 10AM - 4PM

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SCHEDULE OF MASS & SACRAMENTS

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday 9:30 AM

11:00 AM

6:00 PM

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 8:00 AM

8:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM

Adoration

Mon - Fri 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
after 8:00 PM Mass

Reconciliation

Sat & Sun 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM

Mon - Fri After 8:00 PM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime (in hospital, page the Catholic priest on-call)

Baptism

Usually Sunday (Baptismal instructions are arranged with parents before Baptism)

Weddings & Funerals

By appointment; 6 months notice required for weddings

Rarely ever does the scriptural offering appear to go in so many directions as it does today. The **Gospel** itself (Mark 3:20-35) offers a fast-moving account of a complex episode in Jesus' ministry. It sets that ministry within two sources of misunderstanding: one from his family, the other – much more deadly – from the scribes, who are now emerging as his chief and potentially murderous critics. In an arrangement typical of his Gospel, St. Mark has "sandwiched" the latter controversy within two outer episodes – at the beginning and end—both having to do in some way with "family".

We have to accept the fact that Mark's Gospel is not the best place to look for a positive theology of the family in the New Testament. In seeking to recapture and restrain him at the beginning of this episode, Jesus' natural family show themselves to be on the side of the old age that Kingdom is supplanting. He is not "out of his mind", as they fear. Rather, his teaching about the offer of his Father's unconditional forgiveness and love taps into a deep longing in people's hearts. Hence the enthusiasm that it stirs up among the crowds.

The ancient world attributed to demonic possession many pathological human conditions that modern medicine would assign to natural causes. This made Jesus' healing activity, interpreted in a hostile sense, open to the accusation that he expels demons in alliance with demonic power. In effect they are accusing him of sorcery, a capital offence at the time. Jesus first dismisses the charge with the fairly obvious image of the kingdom divided against itself.

His second image – that of a burglar binding up a strong man in order to burgle his house—is far more interesting. It is a comment upon his entire ministry, especially as described by St. Mark. John the Baptist had announced the coming of One "stronger" than himself who would baptize with the Spirit (Mark 1:7). Jesus here presents himself as "the Stronger One" who, through his exorcisms, has come to bind up the Strong Man – Satan – and "burgle" his house in the sense of reclaiming human beings for the freedom of God's Rule.

Jesus then goes over to the offensive. Since it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that he expels demons, to accuse him of doing so through the prince of demons is tantamount to identifying the Spirit of God with the demonic world. Whereas all other blasphemies may in due course find forgiveness, such a blasphemy is unforgivable.

The thought of an unforgivable sin has long tormented delicate Christian consciences. Rather than asking about what kinds of sin might be thought to be so heinous as to be beyond divine mercy, it is best to restrict the sense to what is precisely in view here: since the Spirit at work in Jesus is the essential agent of salvation, to persevere in denying the presence of that Spirit or to identify it with the adversarial power is to effectively place oneself out of the reach of salvation and so of ultimate forgiveness.

Moreover, we should not so focus upon what might be an "unforgivable sin" as to pass over the assertion of universal forgiveness in the preceding statement ("all ... sins will be forgiven ..." [v. 28]). Jesus has come to offer the universal forgiveness associated with the onset of the Kingdom (1:15; 2:5). Only those who identify his activity with what is in fact its diametric opposite place themselves outside the scope of that forgiveness.

Finally, Jesus' family, now including his mother, reappears on the scene, seeking to contact him. Jesus' sweeping response, indicating his disciples as his "brother and sister and mother", need not be interpreted as a put-down of his mother. Rather, it is a declaration of the privileged position of disciples within the community of the Kingdom. We note the omission of "father" in the list. The disciples (those "who do the will of God") make up the new family that Jesus is drawing to himself under the Fatherhood of God.

The **First Reading**, Gen 3:9-15, is a truncated version of the divine "inquest" following the sin of the original human couple. A link to the Gospel is probably to be found via the patristic Protoevangelium tradition where the "offspring" of the woman, who will crush the serpent's head, is interpreted christologically. As told in the Gospel, the Son (Jesus) of the New Eve (Mary) will crush the demonic world represented by the serpent. The brief **Second Reading**, 2 Cor 4:13-15, is notable for Paul's expression, in the final sentence, of the goal of the apostolic life: the multiplication of grace, leading to more and more thanksgiving to God. Ultimately, what God wants from human beings is simply gratitude.

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 is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. "Where are you?" he asked. "I heard the sound of you in the garden," he replied "I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid." "Who told you that you were naked?" he asked. "Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?" The man replied, "It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it." "Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman replied, "The serpent tempted me and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129 (130)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for the daybreak. **R**

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture - I believed, and therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now cast be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!



Adam and Eve are expelled from Eden by a sword-bearing angel.
Lithograph by N. Consoni (1800-1899) after Raphael (1483-1520)

GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, "Beelzebub is in him," and "It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out." So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either- it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. "I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin." This was because they were saying, "An unclean spirit is in him." His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, "Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you." He replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I can rely on the Lord; I can always turn to him for shelter. It was he who gave me my freedom. My God, you are always there to help me!

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UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

- Esther 4:14 -



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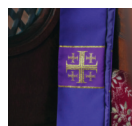


ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN AT WALK WITH CHRIST 2024



Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Fri 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM,
after 8:00 PM Mass



Reconciliation

Sat & Sun 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Mon - Fri After 8:00 PM Mass



ST. JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
IN DEVOTION TO THE
SACRED HEART OF JESUS

First Fridays | 8PM

followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing until 10PM

We encourage you to invite your families, friends, work colleague, and others.

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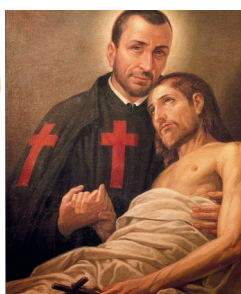
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SYDNEY CHAPTER

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SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
This Sunday 8-9 Jun	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Genalor F Angeline L Elizabeth C Gemma T	Louise S Ricky L Agnes W Corazon F	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Santa, Corazon
Next Sunday 15-16 Jun	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Alicia B Sr Maliya Agnes C Gemma T	Isabella K Gordon L John L Genalor F	Corazon, Amy Maria, Francisco - Corazon, Francisco
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	Angeline L, Alicia B, Echie, Doris K (Thu only), Garry C, The Sisters, Gemma T (Sat only), Isabelle K (Fri only), Ricky L, Corazon F, Joan E, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Genalor F, Maria C		

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
Fr Ruben, Dennis

Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass
Camillus & Ave Maria Choir

Sunday 9:30 AM Mass Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani

Sunday Morning Choir

Sunday 11 AM Mass Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa

Chinese Community

Sunday 6 PM Mass Teresa | Michael

St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir

If you would like to serve in the parish through singing or playing instruments such as piano/organ, please don't hesitate to express your interest by **approaching our choristers before or after Mass** or messaging Angeline 0431 718 137.



ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN AT WALK WITH CHRIST 2024



RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Seeking solace during illness or hospitalisation at RPA Hospital? Our Catholic Chaplaincy offers comforting visits, pastoral care, and sacraments. Contact us via the Hospital Switchboard (02 9515 6111) or via our parish office (02 9557 1181 or stjocamper@gmail.com).

We're here for you 

CATECHISTS' CORNER

Thinking of becoming Catholic?

We're happy to accompany you through your journey of faith. Send us a message at stjocamper@gmail.com.

Become a Catechist or a Catechist Helper!

Contact our Parish Catechist, Alicia Buxton 0412155967



New Catechist Recruit Training Day

For our new catechists: Catechist Recruit Training day will be on Thursday 20 June at Notre Dame Broadway Campus, Building NDS1 from 9:30am to 2:30pm. For queries, please contact our Parish Catechist Coordinator, Alicia Buxton 0412155967.

PARISH GIVING

LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 817.30
2nd Collection	\$ 379.15
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 357.00

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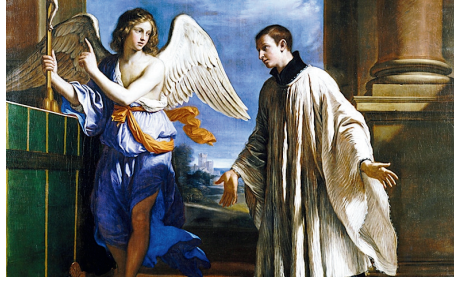
FEAST DAYS

10 Jun Saint Barnabas
13 Jun Saint Anthony of Padua



Luis Juárez, San Antonio y el Niño.

19 Jun Saint Romuald
21 Jun Saint Aloysius Gonzaga



Guercino, The Vocation of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga.

22 Jun Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or email safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.