

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B

16 June 2024

Welcome to our parish!

PARISH PRIESTS

Parish Administrator

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

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Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Michael Gimena MI

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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

The **Gospel** for today, Mark 4:26-34, features two of Jesus' parables, followed by a comment from the evangelist concerning Jesus' practice of speaking in parables. As is generally the case in regard to the parables, the two featured here concern what the "Kingdom of God" is "like". ("Reign" would be a better translation of the Greek *basileia* than "Kingdom" since what is in view is not a political entity but rather a regime or ethos that determines how things are run.)

While central to Jesus' preaching (see Mark 1:14-15), the Kingdom is an elusive concept, aspects of which he sought to communicate through symbol and image rather than systematic definition.

INTERVENTION OF GOD

The Kingdom is in fact best approached through its negative counterpart, the rule of Satan that it is displacing. The presupposition is that the world, including Israel, has fallen into a state of alienation from God. This lapse has meant human subjection to demonic rule, resulting in all kinds of evil, violence, and dehumanisation. In the centuries leading up to the time of Jesus, faithful Jews interpreted key prophecies, especially those contained in the Isaiah 40-66, as pointing to a coming intervention of God that would break the grip of the demonic in human affairs and replace it with the liberating reign of God. This intervention, often seen as involving an ideal ruler of David's line ("the Messiah"), would free God's people, Israel, from foreign domination, and establish a messianic era of righteousness, prosperity, and peace.

This was the conventional hope for the Kingdom that the disciples of Jesus and the crowds to whom he preached would have shared. For Jesus, however, the essence of the Kingdom was not the gaining of political freedom or prosperity – at least not in first instance. The essence of the Kingdom was renewed relationship with God, involving an unconditional offer of forgiveness and familial intimacy with God ("Our Father"). Although the outward aspects of the Kingdom remained something for the future, these essential features were presently available through repentance and faith. Hence the core "good news" proclaimed by Jesus: "The Rule of God is at hand; repent and believe the good news" (Mark 1:15).

Most of Jesus' parables, including the two featured in today's Gospel, address these differences between the Kingdom as proclaimed by Jesus and the wider expectation of the crowds.

A TIME FOR THE HARVEST

In the parable of the Seed Growing Secretly, once the landowner has sown the seed he simply lets it be. He goes about his life, confident that the soil will work a growth process without any intervention on his part. Only when he sees the grain is ripe, does he move to put in the sickle for harvest. Likewise, Jesus has sown the "seed" of the Kingdom in his preaching. Then follows a long period when nothing seems to be happening, at least nothing visible or dramatic. But all the while growth is taking place and a time for the harvest will arrive.

The parable its hearers to think of God in terms of the man who sowed the seed and then sat back, allowing the growth process to run its unseen course. At the present time the Kingdom is taking hold and quietly growing in the "soil" of receptive human hearts. God allows that to happen, delaying the "harvest" until the "fruit" is ripe. The absence of visible and dramatic signs does not mean that the Kingdom is not already at work; it is at work, producing "fruit" that will be "harvested" in God's good time.

The small parable of the Mustard Seed addresses the present insignificance of the Kingdom from a fresh aspect. Here the point lies in the contrast between tiny beginnings and the vast scale of what will result in the end. While derived from tiny seeds, mustard bushes grow vigorously and can take over vegetable gardens. The final detail about birds finding shade in the branches contains more than a hint that the Kingdom as finally constituted will contain the vagabonds of society and, in due course, members of the nations of the world.

PARABLE OF ASSURANCE

The **First Reading**, Ezek 17:22-24, prepares the way for this detail. So, again, this parable gives assurance and hope to those who may be presently dismayed by what appears to be the unimpressive beginnings of the Kingdom.

Thus, each in their own way, both parables serve to counter discouragement – an effect no less necessary for believers today than in the time of Jesus.

In the **Second Reading**, 2 Cor 5:6-10, Paul's desire to be "with the Lord" leads him to view present apostolic existence as an "exile". The present task, however, is so to live as to be found worthy of that longed-for destiny. (The translation "law court of Christ" seems to envisage Paul's statement of eschatological accountability rather too concretely in a forensic direction.)

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

"The Lord says this: From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one stunt tall trees and make the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord have spoken, and I will do it."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91(92):2-3, 13-16

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music in your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

SECOND READING

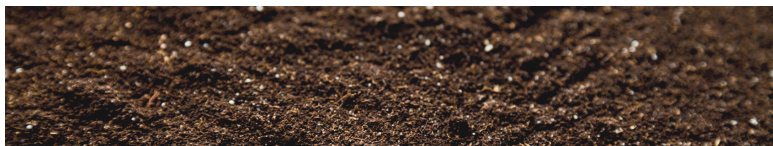
2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence, when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not yet by sight; we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord.

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!



Kuzma Petrov-Vodkin (1878–1939), Christ of the Cornfield.

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say that the kingdom is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which, at the time of its sowing, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were by alone.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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EFFICACIOUS NOVENA TO THE

Sacred Heart of Jesus

JUNE, MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

I. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you. ' Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of... (here name your request)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ' Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of... (here name your request)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away. ' Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of ... (here name your request)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us. – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Padre Pio recited this novena every day for all those who requested his prayers.

Source: EWTN

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

- Esther 4:14 -



**PARISH
RENEWAL
CONFERENCE
2024**



SATURDAY
3 AUGUST
8:45AM-5PM

Liverpool Catholic Club
424 - 458 Hoxton Park Road,
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Parish Renewal Conference 2024

Gather with Archbishop Anthony Fisher and hundreds of fellow Catholics for illuminating keynote, practical workshops, and beautiful liturgy to be equipped and strengthened for mission. Be part of the transformation in our Church today!

Date: Saturday, 3 August 2024

Time: 8:45 am - 5:00 pm

Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club

Cost: \$90 plus booking fees

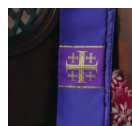
Register by 19 July via

gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events



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.

Our Parish Bulletin is published weekly online at
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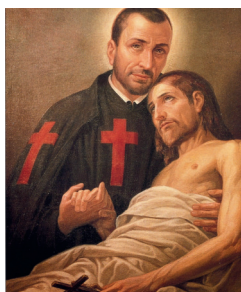


Our Parish warmly welcomes members of the **Legion of Mary** who are serving in the

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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.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
This 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
Next Sunday 15-16 Jun	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Nancy T Tim S	Francisco T Lesley A Sharon K Maddi S	Alicia, Amy Maria, Francisco - Santa, Corazon
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

Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass

Fr Ruben, Dennis

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.



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Hundreds of people are displaced and many more affected by a devastating landslide that struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea.

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FEAST DAYS

19 Jun Saint Romuald
21 Jun Saint Aloysius Gonzaga



Guercino, The Vocation of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga.

22 Jun Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

24 Jun The Nativity of St John the Baptist



Jan Rombouts I (~1535), The Birth of St. John the Baptist.

27 Jun Saint Cyril of Alexandria
28 Jun Saint Irenaeus
29 Jun Saints Peter and Paul

WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

2024 SYDNEY HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Commemorating the lives of all people who have died while experiencing homelessness in the past year

PLEASE JOIN US

Friday 21st June 2024 at 6pm
MARTIN PLACE AMPITHEATRE



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The Catholic Weekly
Available at the foyer of the church

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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.

Would you like to be a catechist and teach children about Jesus and the scriptures?



Join our **New Catechist Recruit Training Day** 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	\$ 666.85
2nd Collection	\$ 384.30
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 370.00

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land, on which St Joseph's Camperdown stands, for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

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.