

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

7 July 2024

Welcome to our parish!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

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

The theme that links the readings today seems to be that of the “rejected prophet”. The not very attractive but mercifully brief **First Reading**, taken from the call of the prophet Ezekiel (2:2-5), sets this up. The Lord instructs the prophet that he is to stand by his message even though it will meet with rejection from a rebellious people. The message will be vindicated in due course.

It is against this background that the **Gospel**, Mark 6:1-6, describes Jesus’ return to his hometown Nazareth. He is accompanied by his disciples, who are now beginning to constitute his “new family” (3:31-35), distinct from the members of his original family listed here. When on the Sabbath day Jesus begins to teach in the synagogue, his former townsfolk are amazed at the authority and wisdom of his words.

RIGHT QUESTION, WRONG TONE

In a sense, they ask the right question, “Where did the man get all this?” But the contemptuous tone (“the man”) already signals rejection. Had they pondered a little longer on the “where” (or “whence”), they might have begun to arrive at the right solution: that the authority and wisdom Jesus is displaying comes from his empowerment with the Spirit of God (Mark 1:10).

Instead, the Nazarenes immediately seek to put him back into the box of their previous knowledge of him: he is the carpenter and, yes, they know and can list all the members of his family. With this they can be comfortable. Impossible that one of them, one so familiar, could really be a prophet sent from God to instruct them. Small-town prejudice and narrow-mindedness blinker perception of the reality that is there before them, forcing Jesus to repeat in reference to Nazareth the adage, “The only place where prophets are without honour is in their own hometown, . . .” (v 4).

This Markan account of the incident goes on to comment, “And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them” (v. 5). “Deeds of power” in Mark’s Gospel refer to the liberation of people from a variety of afflictions (spiritual, psychological and physical) that the worldview of the time attributed to demonic possession. We do not have to follow that attribution in all instances, but we should ask what corresponds in our understanding to this sense of captivity to demonic forces. We can see it as Jesus confronting all that seeks to control and de-humanise people, alienating them from God and from fellow-human beings.

FAITH ALLOWS GOD’S POWER

What is remarkable here is the way in which the Gospel so frankly records Jesus’ helplessness to do any such deeds of power for his townsfolk because of their lack of faith. Faith or the lack of it conditioned his power to help. Put the other way round and more positively; it is faith that allows God’s power to be effective in our world.

The episode shows that the greatest enemy to faith can simply be “familiarity”: a refusal to believe that God’s presence and God’s power could come to us in so familiar a form as the person next door. The Nazarenes had their own fixed ideas as to when and where and how the Messiah should come to Israel – and the one they knew as the local carpenter simply didn’t fit the bill. So the only place that really missed out on Jesus’ works of power was his own hometown.

Progress in the spiritual life – growth in the Spirit – almost always shows itself in the ability to recognise God more and more in the ordinary, the everyday. This is why the great saints never stopped wondering – being filled with wonder at the mysterious presence of God they constantly sensed all round them. The full meaning of the Incarnation is not only that the Son of God became a human being but that he took human form in a town as ordinary and insignificant and out of the way as Nazareth (cf. John 1:46). Perhaps we have to identify and name “the Nazareth” in our own selves.

FRANKNESS OF ST PAUL

With respect to the **Second Reading** (2 Cor 12:7-10) we should surely be grateful to St Paul for the frankness with which he acknowledged the “thorn in the flesh” that remained despite all his pleadings with God to take it away.

It must have been something well known and obvious, since he clearly expected his Corinthians audience to know what he was talking about – something like a physical ailment that made his appearance unattractive or an impediment of speech. Whatever it was, the “thorn” that God would not take away became a key aspect of his spirituality and sense of God’s grace. Faced with seemingly ineradicable character traits and weaknesses, we too have to learn, “When I am weak, then I am strong.”

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

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122(123)

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. R

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy. R

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. R

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weakness my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did



Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519), Salvator Mundi

GOSPEL (cont.)

Mark 6:1-6

the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us? And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is he who hopes in God.

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A Prayer for the Sick and those who serve them



Lord, in your love for the sick you filled St Camillus with your gifts of love and care for the sick. Assist us now even more generously with your power and protection.

Grant us physical, emotional, and spiritual healing along with a spirit of patience and acceptance of what can not be changed.

Make us holy and, through the intercession of St Camillus, comfort us.

Grant also, O Lord, the presence of your Spirit in those who minister to the sick that, through your power, they may be filled with love and compassion for those committed to their care. Amen.

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH



On Friday 5th July, we began our **Novena to St Camillus de Lellis** who is the Patron Saint of the Sick, Hospitals, and Hospital Workers.

The Novena will be prayed on the following Masses:

- Before the 8am and 8pm Weekday Masses
- Before the 8am Saturday Mass
- Before the 6pm Vigil Mass and
- Before the 6pm Sunday Mass only

As a parish, we'll celebrate **St Camillus' Feast Day** on the **14th of July, Sunday 6PM Mass**.

St Camillus, pray for us!



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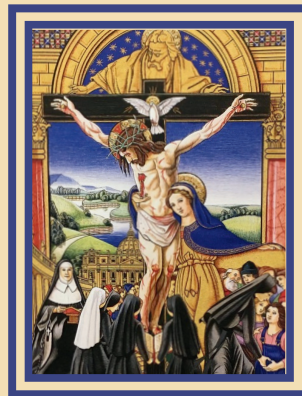
We invite you to join us for

Prayers and Adoration

at St. Joseph's Convent

2:00pm - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday 14th July
with Holy Hour starting at 3.55pm

In thanksgiving for our 50 years Jubilee and
in celebration of St. Camillus de Lellis, one of
our Constitution Saints



Our Holy Father Pope Francis has granted that a

Plenary Indulgence

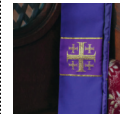
may be obtained by praying in any of the oratories of our Homes of Mercy throughout the Jubilee year

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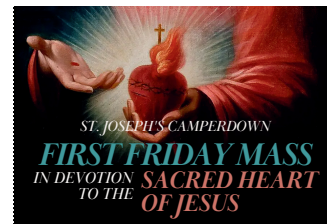
Eucharistic Adoration

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



First Fridays | 8PM
followed by Eucharistic
Adoration and Blessing
until 10PM

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



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 6-7 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Philip F Gemma T	Francisco T Lesley A Cathy W Maria C	Genalor, Amy Maria, Francisco - Amy, Maria
Next Sunday 13-14 Jul	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	Alicia, Cora Maria, Francisco - Corazon, Amy
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, Gemma

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**.



FEAST DAYS

9 July Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and companions
11 July Saint Benedict
13 July Saint Henry
14 July Saint Camillus de Lellis

St Camillus de Lellis — Born in Buccianico (Italy) in 1550. He was converted at the age of 25 and consecrated his life to the care of the sick and the reform of health care. He founded the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm (Camillians) in 1582 to continue his work. He died in Rome in 1614 and is the patron of the sick and those who serve them.

15 July Saint Bonaventure
16 July Our Lady of Mount Carmel
20 July Saint Apollinaris



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?

For queries, please contact our Parish Catechist Coordinator, Alicia Buxton 0412155967.





ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN
PRESENTS

PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY

HOME VISITATION

Watch this space!
More details to come.

PARISH GIVING

LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 785.95
2nd Collection	\$ 324.00
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 737.01

Thank you for your generosity and support!



WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

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2024**



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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.