

# A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

# ST JOSEPH'S

# CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

14 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

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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 **First Reading**, taken from the Book of Amos 7:12-15, tells of the prophet Amos' rejection by the priest at the shrine of Bethel. Amos preached at a time when the southern and northern Kingdoms of Israel (Judah and Israel, respectively) existed side by side. Amos was a southerner given the unenviable task of being sent as a prophet to the northern kingdom. Bethel, the royal sanctuary of that kingdom, became the target of Amos' critique since the worship established there condoned and legitimated glaring social inequality, in particular, the exploitation of the poor by the wealthy.

Threatened by the denunciation and regarding Amos as a representative of the "professional" class of prophets – seers chiefly renowned for ecstatic behaviour rather than the delivery of challenging messages – the priest of Bethel tells the prophet to go back to his own land and do his prophesying there. Amos retorts that he is not one of those "tame" professional prophets but a simple shepherd, who was called to be a prophet by the Lord and sent with a message to Israel. It is the Lord's authority, then, that lies behind his message, guaranteeing its validity and its eventual vindication by events.

**SENT OUT TO PREACH** The **Gospel**, Mark 6:7-13, places the Twelve in the line of this authentic prophetic tradition in that they are ordinary people sent out with the authority of Jesus to carry on the preaching, liberating, and healing role that has been his alone up till now. What is striking is the "lightness" with which they are to travel. They are to submit themselves to the risk of hospitality. No bread – that should be provided for them; no haversack (the modern equivalent would be a sleeping-bag) – lodging should also be provided; and, for the same reason, no money. Sandals, yes, and a staff (as a walking stick, but also to ward off dangerous animals) because they will be constantly on the move.

If they do meet with inhospitality and rejection in any place, then they are to respond with a prophetic gesture indicating judgment (shaking the dust from under their feet; cf. Acts 13:51) and move on.

The lightness of equipment is so as not to compromise their absolute trust in the divine authority that has been given to them and to avoid any suspicion of self-seeking in the enterprise. They must have confidence that the "treasure" they bring to people in the shape of the Good News of the Kingdom vastly outweighs any burden of hospitality that they will impose and that this will be recognized by those destined to be gathered into the community of the Kingdom.

**PILLARS ON WHICH THE CHURCH IS BUILT** The Twelve, of course, are the "pillars" upon which the later Church will be built. Their mission here foreshadows that of the Church, establishing something essential for its life: that it is always a community on mission, entrusted with the supreme treasure of the Gospel and the healing ministry carried out in the Sacraments.

How it is to imitate these first missionaries in the "lightness" of its travel is far more of a problem, granted the massive institutional plant and wealth that the Church has acquired in the course of the centuries. There are no facile solutions to this – save perhaps the otherwise traumatic experience of persecution. But the Gospel reminds the Church that the effectiveness of its prophetic role – its critique of prevailing cultural assumptions and practice – will largely be in proportion to the "lightness" with which it travels, the trust in the goodness (hospitality) of ordinary people and the lack of self-seeking it presents to the world. This is perhaps all the more necessary at a time when the Church's credibility has been so seriously eroded by the sexual abuse crisis.

In the **Second Reading**, we begin a series of readings from Ephesians (1:3-14), a letter which offers a systematic distillation of the theological vision of Paul.

Absolutely central to that vision of the Apostle of the Gentiles is God's design to unite Jews and Gentiles in the one body of the Church. It not easy for us believers of a much later age to appreciate Paul's continuing wonder at that divine achievement.

We are not so conscious of the rigid Jew/Gentile division which, before his conversion, he would have jealously preserved. Here he records for his Gentile converts the great privileges of Israel – especially that of being chosen before the foundation of the world – and his prayerful wonder at the way God associated Gentile believers with that choice in order to forge, through Christ, one people to praise God's name. The reading seeks to catch us up in that wonder and prayerful praise.

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

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

## FIRST READING

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 84(85):9-14

**Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we are claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.



James Tissot (1836-1902), *He Sent them out Two by Two*

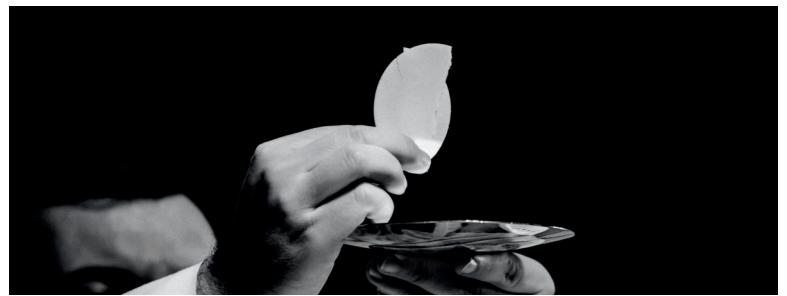
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.



## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

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JOIN US IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE *Feast* OF ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS  
SUNDAY, 14 JULY 6PM MASS, FOLLOWED BY A FELLOWSHIP AT ST JOSEPH'S PRESBYTERY GROUNDS



# UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATION

## OF THE *Feast* OF SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

FOUNDER OF THE MINISTERS OF THE INFIRM | PATRON OF THE SICK, HOSPITALS & HEALTHCARE WORKERS

CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, 14 JULY 6PM MASS,  
FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP AT ST JOSEPH'S PRESBYTERY GROUNDS



THE RELIGIOUS SISTERS of MERCY  
of ALMA MICHIGAN



50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS  
[almamercy.org/anniversary](http://almamercy.org/anniversary)

We invite you to join us for

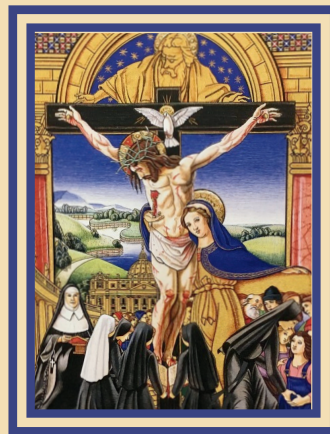
### *Prayers and Adoration*

at St. Joseph's Convent

2:00pm - 5:00pm 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

- SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 -



Lay Camillian Family  
SYDNEY CHAPTER

On Sunday 14th of July 6PM Feast  
Day Mass of St Camillus, we will  
be installing **new members** of our  
Lay Camillian Family, Sydney  
Chapter.

Let us pray for our parishioners  
who dedicate to being instruments  
of God's love and compassion  
through serving the sick, as St  
Camillus did in his life.

*St Camillus,  
Our Lady Health of the Sick,  
Pray for us!*

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](mailto: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
<b>This Sunday</b> 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
<b>Next Sunday</b> 20-21 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Alicia B Sr Maliya Agnes C Gemma T	Marc S Gordon L John L Genalor F	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Santa, Amy
<b>Daily Mass</b>	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  
**St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir** Fr Ruben, Dennis, Tim, Gemma  
Sunday 9:30 AM Mass  
**Sunday Morning Choir** Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani  
Sunday 11 AM Mass  
**Chinese Community** Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa  
Sunday 6 PM Mass  
**St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir** Teresa | Michael

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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
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# PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY

HOME VISITATION

**Watch this space!**  
More details to come.

## PARISH GIVING

### LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 820.05
2nd Collection	\$ 477.90
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 772.76

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



## WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

### 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,  
Prestons NSW 2170

Do you want to see our parishes renewed? Join us for a day of formation, workshops and networking to be equipped and strengthened for mission. Be part of the transformation in our Church today!

**CONFERENCE COST**  
\$75 (Book by 31 May)  
\$90 (Book from 1 June)



REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 19 JULY



### JOIN THE NETWORK OF CATHOLICS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



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Available at the foyer of the church

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### Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

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

Your urgent support is needed now. Donate at [www.caritas.org.au/png](http://www.caritas.org.au/png)



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AUSTRALIA

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0424742571 0469898620



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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](mailto: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.