

# A parish with a Heart in our Hands ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

27 October 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\*

\* Please see the **Parish Announcement**  
at the Parish News Section on page 3.

### 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

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

At the beginning of 2025, a new schedule for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take effect. **Please see the full Parish Announcement included in the Parish News Section on page 3.**

**Today's Gospel, the healing of the blind beggar Bartimaeus, Mark 10:46-52, is the last episode on Jesus' long journey to Jerusalem.** That journey had begun with the curing of a blind person at Bethsaida in Galilee (8:22-26). It concludes with this cure of a person similarly afflicted, as Jesus is leaving Jericho, the last town before Jerusalem. In this way, the cure of blindness 'frames' the journey at its beginning and end. The arrangement suggests an intention on the part of the Evangelist to make the physical blindness of the two men Jesus heals a symbol of the spiritual blindness of the disciples, which, as we have noted again and again, is the chief focus of Jesus' activity on the journey to Jerusalem.

The instant cure of Bartimaeus and his readiness to 'follow (Jesus) along the way' contrasts sharply with the reluctance of the disciples to come to terms with what awaits Jesus in Jerusalem (suffering and death) and their dragging their heels in the matter of following him there (10:32).

**CURE IN TWO STAGES** The first cure, in 8:22-26, was unusual in that the man recovered his sight in two stages: at first he saw only indistinctly; then, following further ministration from Jesus, he saw clearly. Taken symbolically, the two-stage cure reflects the situation of the disciples. They now know that Jesus is the Messiah (8:29) and so in this sense have partial 'sight'. But right to the end of the Gospel, despite frequent warnings, they fail to comprehend that Jesus' messianic ministry will involve giving up his life as a ransom for many (10:45).

They will have to go back to Galilee (16:7) and make the journey of understanding again and again before they can 'see clearly'. In a sense, the Gospel of Mark is designed to help believers make this journey over and over, until Jesus' suffering and the sufferings of their own lives become part of a deeper understanding of the mystery of the divine entry into the world's pain and suffering in the person of Jesus.

**JOURNEY OF UNDERSTANDING** What happens to Bartimaeus highlights by contrast just how far the disciples have to travel on this wider journey of understanding. Presumably he is sitting at the gate of the city, a good place to beg for alms. Sensing that a large crowd is passing through the gate and learning that at its centre is the miracle-worker from Nazareth, he begins to make a great commotion, calling on Jesus for help.

As with so many other desperate people in the Gospel, Bartimaeus has to surmount a barrier in his attempt to get access to Jesus. The crowd, including presumably Jesus' disciples, try to silence him and shoo him away. The discouragement only makes him cry out all the louder, until at last Jesus, becoming aware of him, stops and asks that he be brought over.

The Gospel account highlights the energy of the man's response: flinging off his cloak, jumping up and going to Jesus. Physically he has nothing – now not even his cloak. What he does have is an acute sense of his own need and a deep reserve of faith, which has driven him to break through the barrier so vigorously to get access to Jesus.

Jesus' question, 'What do you want me to do for you?' and Bartimaeus' response, 'Master, that I may see again', may seem redundant; the man's need is obvious. But the request that he voices is one that all who would be disciples of Jesus have to make over and over again throughout their lives – not in the sense of physical sight but in the sense of capacity to really follow Jesus with understanding of what his mission is truly about. In this area all lack a capacity to 'see' which only divine power can remedy.

**DISCIPLESHIP AND FAITH** And just as Bartimaeus, his sight restored, 'followed (Jesus) upon the way', so we will follow him 'along the way' of our own lives only if we know our need for a 'sight' that he alone can give. Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, becomes then, at this climactic stage of Jesus' journey, a model of discipleship and faith.

The **First Reading**, from Jeremiah, 31:7-9, speaks exultantly of homecoming that will reverse the bitterness of Exile. In later times the wonders foretold in such text were related to the hopes for the messianic era, which the healing miracles of Jesus, such as that described in the Gospel, fulfil. In line, too, with the attractive divine statement at the end, Jesus taught his disciples to address God – as he himself did – as 'Father'.

The **Second Reading**, from Heb 5:1-6, continues the sense of Jesus as High Priest. Because he is human, he can truly sympathise with human weakness. Because of his divine status and appointment, he is uniquely placed to bring our needs efficaciously before God.

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

**Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! "The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!" See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:9-11

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as his people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.



El Greco (1541–1614). Painted in the 1570s, Christ Healing the Blind

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

They reached Jericho; and as he left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me'. And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me'. Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here'. So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus.

Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again,' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you'. And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**We will rejoice at the victory of God and make our boast in his great name.**

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# Advent

RECOLLECTION

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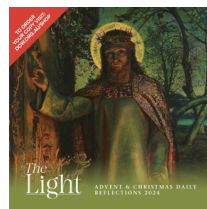


**You are invited to our Parish Advent Recollection led by Fr Hugh Thomas, CSsR on Saturday 30 Nov, beginning at 2PM to 5:30PM, followed by Vigil Mass at 6PM. Light refreshments included. All are welcome!**

Guest Speaker  
**Fr Hugh Thomas, CSsR.**  
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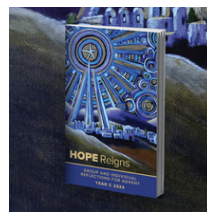
## ADVENT BOOKLETS

**Advent is fast approaching!** Below are some advent booklet resources to enrich your spiritual preparation for Christmas.



### The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2024

For questions and orders, call **(02) 4222 2411** or email **orders@dow.org.au**



### Hope Reigns

A 25-day reflection resource for Advent 2024

For orders and more information, visit **adventplus.com.au**

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

For over two years, our parish has held Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament according to the following schedule: Monday to Friday from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM, and Monday to Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. After careful consideration, several concerns have emerged:

- 1 Our three Camillian priests need to balance their commitment to Religious Community Life with their parish duties, particularly following the 8:00 PM Mass.
- 2 According to liturgical norms, it is more appropriate to hold the Holy Hour before the 8:00 PM Mass rather than after, as it serves as a profound preparation for the Eucharistic celebration.
- 3 The afternoon Exposition from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday, has consistently low attendance, calling into question the need for its continuation.
- 4 Devotion to the Divine Mercy, such as praying the Chaplet, can still be meaningfully practiced in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, even without formal Exposition, as demonstrated by the daily prayers following the 8:00 AM Mass from Monday to Saturday.

Following the Pastoral Visit of Bishop Danny Meagher on March 22 and 24, 2024, and based on his recommendations, the following changes will then be implemented:

- 1 **The Monday to Friday Holy Hour will be moved to 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**
- 2 **The Monday to Friday 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Holy Hour will be discontinued.**

We, the Parish Pastoral Council, after a thorough discussion and reflection on the matter, hereby support the decision to make these changes as to the Schedule of Holy Hours/Expositions of the Blessed Sacrament in our Parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council has discussed these changes thoroughly and supports them wholeheartedly. We ask for the understanding and cooperation of all parishioners as we implement these changes at the beginning of 2025. Let us continue to pray for a smooth transition.

**Signed by the Parish Pastoral Council**  
17 August 2024

## Canonical and Liturgical Considerations

### 1 Timing of the Holy Hour

### 2 Exposition After Mass

### 3 Attendance and Adoration

The regulation of perpetual or prolonged Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament includes the requirement that there must always be faithful present during the adoration. If attendance is minimal, as noted during the afternoon hours, it may be prudent to reassess and possibly discontinue these sessions, aligning with guidelines that suggest adoration should be meaningful and supported by a community of faithful.

## SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
<b>This Sunday</b> 26-27 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Genalor F Rachel S Philip Fan Tim S	Marc S Lesley A Cathy W Maddi S	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Corazon, Santa
<b>Next Sunday</b> 2-3 Nov	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Sr Maliya Philip F Gemma T	Francisco T Srs of Mercy Cathy W Maria C	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Gemma, Maria
<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, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Genalor F, Maria C, Tim L		

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** Tim, Dennis,  
Sunday 9:30 AM Mass Fr Ruben, Gemma  
**Sunday Morning Choir** Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani  
Sunday 11 AM Mass Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa  
**Chinese Community**  
Sunday 6 PM Mass Teresa, Gemma |  
**St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir** Michael

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





# FEAST DAYS

**28 Oct** Saints Simon and Jude  
**1 Nov** ALL SAINTS  
**2 Nov** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



**For the whole month of November, our parish will be praying for all the souls of the faithful departed.**

You may use the Mass Intention Envelopes at the foyer of the church or email us at [stjocamper@gmail.com](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com) with the names of the departed and/or your prayer intentions.

## Holy Mass Intentions & Offerings

Do you have Mass intentions you would like our parish to pray for? e.g. sickness, repose of the soul, thanksgiving, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, exams, and other special intentions you may have.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Intentions: ☐ Public ☐ Private

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# RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Seeking solace during illness or hospitalisation at RPAH 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.



## PARISH GIVING

### LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 815.35
2nd Collection	\$ 596.25
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 1,058.76

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



## PARISH NEWS

### PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY

HOME VISITATION

The Pilgrim Mary Home Visitation is facilitated to commemorate the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 as we are called to do so by Pope Francis and to encourage our St Joseph's parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary in their homes with their families.

From 15 Aug 2024 to 15 Aug 2025, our Blessed Mother will be "on a pilgrimage" to our parishioners' homes each week. To **join this initiative**, you may approach the members of the Legion of Mary who assist before the start of Sunday/Vigil Masses or alternatively **contact the parish office** for assistance.



### 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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com) or any members of our Lay Camillian Family and avail of our pastoral services to our suffering parishioners.



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

## CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

To see more initiatives within the Archdiocese, visit and subscribe to [gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

### CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS

iWitness is an annual young adults conference hosted in Sydney. The long weekend provides participants with a spiritually transformative experience, creating a space in which each person can grow in their love of God.



**Venue** The Ranch, Cobbyitty NSW 2570

**Tickets** [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1290910](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1290910)

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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.