

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year B

24 November 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\*

\* 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 the Church's liturgical year (Year B) comes to a close with the feast of Christ the King – for many, doubtless, an anachronistic and alien image.** The early generations of believers probably faced much the same problem. The idea of Christ as King, which was inevitably bound up with recognition of him as the Jewish Messiah, had overtones of power and domination that must have seemed incongruous in view of what they believed concerning Jesus. They too had to reclaim and remind the idea of kingship before it could be appropriately applied to him. This is in fact what we see happening in the extract from the Fourth Gospel's presentation of the trial before Pilate, which forms the Gospel for today.

### REASSURANCE AND COMFORT

To prepare for this we have, as First Reading, a celebrated passage from the Book of Daniel (7:13-14). As I explained in connection with last week's readings, apocalyptic literature, of which Daniel is the archetype, is basically designed to give reassurance and comfort to the suffering faithful. It does so by depicting their coming rescue and vindication in scenes of vivid imagery and symbolism. Just before this particular vision, all the empires that have historically oppressed God's people have been depicted in a series of horrible beasts. The phrase 'one like a son of man' refers, in first instance, to a human figure in contrast to all those beasts. The human figure represents the suffering faithful of God's people, to whom in due course world sovereignty will be given. The choice of a human figure as symbol indicates a sovereignty that will not be exploitative or violent – like that of the beasts – but the restoration of the true human flourishing that was God's original intent for humankind.

In later Jewish tradition the 'one like a son of man' lost its purely symbolic reference and 'Son of Man' came to be understood as a transcendent heavenly figure whose coming was awaited for the liberation of God's people. It was in such form that the title Son of Man came to be applied to Jesus. Its origins in Daniel gave it the sense of one who comes to sovereignty and power out of faithfulness in great suffering – something that made it far more appropriate for Jesus than the title 'Messiah'.

In fact, the Gospel tradition seems to have used the 'Son of Man' title and its associations as a way of turning the kingly associations of 'Messiah' in a more suitable direction. In this sense the reading from Daniel is highly appropriate for this feast.

### TRIUMPH OF CHRIST

The Book of Revelation (Apocalypse), the beginning of which provides the Second Reading, 1:5-8, is rather much a re-writing of Daniel in the light of Jesus Christ. Replete with biblical allusions, it assures the Christian community, oppressed by the power of the Roman empire, of the triumph of Christ, who himself once stood before the power of Rome (Pilate) as a faithful witness and whose sufferings brought them into being as a royal and priestly people, like Israel of old (Exod 19:6). Though they are now oppressed and suffering, they will soon share in the triumph of Christ, who is the beginning (Alpha) and end (Omega) of all human history.

The centrepiece of the Passion story in the Fourth Gospel is the long confrontation between Jesus and the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, before whom he is on trial. Jesus' adversaries are trying to make out that Jesus is a king ('King of the Jews') in the sense of a messianic pretender to the throne of David and hence a threat to the rule of Rome. In the extract that forms today's Gospel, John 18:33-37, Jesus owns his kingship but radically redefines it away from the kind of worldly rule that could rival that of Rome.

All kingship requires allegiance. The allegiance that Jesus has as king is an allegiance from all those who are 'on the side of' truth, an allegiance fundamentally of love in that, 'lifted up' (on the cross), he will draw all people to himself (12:32).

### WHAT IS TRUTH?

Later (v 38), Pilate will ask, 'What is truth?' and not wait for an answer. 'Truth' in the sense of this Gospel basically means the revelation of God, as Jesus reveals God to be, and the view of human life that flows from that vision.

Jesus' whole life has been a revelation, defence and witness to 'truth' in this sense. Now he is on trial for it – as countless others, down to and including our time, will be on trial in the same cause. Pilate may have the physical power of Rome behind him. Jesus has the allegiance of all who seek the truth. They will suffer for bearing witness to it, as he did. Today's feast asserts that they who have shared his witness will share his victory as well.

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 lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever.**

## FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **R**

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead, the ruler of the king of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!**



Mihály Munkácsy (1844-1900), *Christ Before Pilate*

## GOSPEL

John 18:33b-37

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'Do you ask me this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord will reign forever and will give his people the gift of peace.**

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PARISH *Advent* RECOLLECTION 2024



Guest Speaker  
**Fr Hugh Thomas, CSsR.**  
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**THIS COMING  
SATURDAY  
30 NOVEMBER,**

Join our **Parish Advent  
Recollection** led by **Fr  
Hugh Thomas, CSsR.**

The recollection will be  
from **2PM to 5:30PM** and  
will be followed by **Vigil  
Mass at 6PM.**

Light refreshments will be  
served. Invite your family  
and friends too! **All are  
welcome!**



## 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



## 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 at [stjocamper@gmail.com](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com) for assistance.



## 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 colleagues, and others, especially those who are sick.



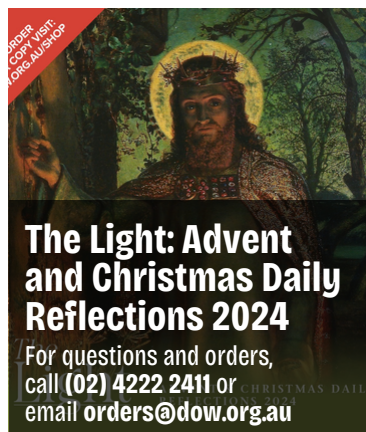
## Lay Camillian Family

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.

## ADVENT RESOURCES

Enrich your Advent preparation with these booklets:



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

For questions and orders, call (02) 4222 2411 or email [orders@dow.org.au](mailto:orders@dow.org.au)



### Hope Reigns

A 25-day reflection resource for Advent 2024

For orders and more information, visit [adventplus.com.au](http://adventplus.com.au)

## SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

| Week                            | Mass Times                             | Commentator & 1st Reader   | 2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful       | Collectors  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| <b>This Sunday</b><br>23-24 Nov | Vigil 6 PM<br>9:30 AM<br>11 AM<br>6 PM | Alicia B<br>Marc S<br>Nancy T<br>Tim S   | Yvona W<br>Gordon L<br>Sharon K<br>Maddi S | Alicia, Marc<br>Maria, Francisco<br>-<br>Tim S, Maddi S |
| <b>Next Sunday</b><br>26-27 Nov | Vigil 6 PM<br>9:30 AM<br>11 AM<br>6 PM | Roster to be provided in the next bulletin issue.<br>Thank you for your patience!  |  |   |
| <b>Daily Mass</b>               | Morning<br>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 Tim, Dennis,  
**St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir** Fr Ruben, Gemma

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

**Sunday Morning Choir**

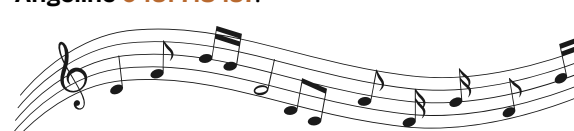
Sunday 11 AM Mass Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa

**Chinese Community**

Sunday 6 PM Mass Teresa, Gemma | 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/guitar/etc., please don't hesitate to express your interest by **approaching our choristers before or after Mass** or messaging Angeline **0431 718 137**.





To all members of our **Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Readers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, Choir members, Greeters & Ushers (Legion of Mary), Martha Ministry (Collectors, Cleaners, and Marshalls), Events Ministry, and Lay Camillian Family - Sydney**

Please join our

# CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Saturday 14 December, 2pm-5pm at the Parish Presbytery Grounds

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## FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

**24 Nov OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**25 Nov** Saint Catherine of Alexandria

**30 Nov** Saint Andrew

**1 Dec** First Sunday of Advent

**3 Dec** Saint Francis Xavier

**4 Dec** Saint John Damascene

**6 Dec** Saint Nicholas

**7 Dec** Saint Ambrose

**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 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.



## PARISH GIVING

### LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection \$ 697.60

2nd Collection \$ 477.65

EFTPOS Giving \$ 482.48

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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.