

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER, Good Shepherd Sunday – Year B

21 April 2024

Welcome to our parish!

PARISH PRIESTS

Parish Administrator

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 Fourth Sunday after Easter is traditionally 'Good Shepherd' Sunday, with the Gospel reading taken from the long discourse in John 10 where Jesus presents himself in this attractive image. The **First Reading** is taken, once again from the early chapters of Acts, 4:8-12. It features Peter's defence before the authorities in Jerusalem following his arrest at their instigation. His appeal is based on evidence that they cannot deny: the cure, through the power of the Lord Jesus, of a crippled man (3:1-10), who used to beg publicly. Hence Peter's conclusion: 'Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth..., for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved' (4:10-12).

This text has been controversial in recent years since it has been used to argue that Christian faith alone is the path to salvation, to the exclusion of all other religions. This is to take this single text out of context and extract from it rather more than it can bear. What is at issue in the original context is an intra-Jewish debate (Peter and all the apostles were, of course, Jews) as to whether Jesus was or was not the Messiah. The Second Vatican Council, while upholding the position of Jesus as universal Saviour, nuanced this traditional belief in a more pluralist direction by acknowledging that other great faiths reflected 'a ray of that Truth (Jesus Christ) who enlightens all' (Nostra Aetate §2) – an insight that has undergone further development in the years since the Council.

'**LAVISHED LOVE**' In the **Second Reading** we have a truly attractive passage from the 1st Letter of John, 3:1-2. It features one of the clearest statements of the early Christian conviction that believers, through the union with Christ established by faith and baptism, have a share in the filial relationship that he has with God (see John 1:12; 20:17), and in the intimacy with God and hope of sharing God's eternal life that this entails. In the face of the world's hostility and contempt, believers can rest secure in the knowledge that this is how God regards us – as sons and daughters on whom God has 'lavished love' (Jerusalem Bible translation). Secure in this conviction, we can be content at present to be quite 'agnostic' about the details of what the future (beyond death) holds. The central truth is that it will involve what is not presently available to us: direct vision of God and the transformation into the divine likeness that goes with that vision and leads to sharing God's eternal life.

This image of Christ as 'Good Shepherd' reaches right back to the tradition that the first king of the royal house of Judah, David, was originally a young shepherd. Instead of lording it over their subjects like the rulers of other peoples, Israelite kings, as successors of David, were meant primarily to be shepherds for the people. Few kings lived up to this standard. But the long-awaited Son of David, the Messiah, was expected to be the 'Good Shepherd (King)' par excellence.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD Today's **Gospel** (John 10:11-18) forms the centrepiece of the long sequence (chapter 10) devoted to this theme in the Fourth Gospel. Twice Jesus makes the solemn claim, 'I am the Good Shepherd.' The emphasis rests upon the initial 'I' and the adjective. In contrast to the authorities, who have proved to be negligent and mercenary, leading to the dispersal and ravaging of the people, Jesus is the 'good' Shepherd.

The claim rests on two qualities. The first is that, in contrast to shepherds who run away at the sign of danger, Jesus is prepared to stay with the sheep and, if necessary, lay down his life to protect them. The second is that his relationship with the sheep is one of true knowledge – 'knowledge' in the biblical sense that implies deep intimacy. Moreover, Jesus continues, such knowledge is itself a projection of the knowledge and intimacy that exists between himself and the Father.

REACHING OUT We believers of subsequent generations find a point of inclusion in the discourse when Jesus refers to 'other sheep,' not yet of this fold, who have to be brought in. Here the Good Shepherd, as living Lord of the Church, reaches out to us. At the end of the passage Jesus reflects majestically on his death. While outwardly life may seem to be taken from him, his surrender to death will be a supremely free act of love: the Good Shepherd giving his life to save his sheep. And the self-giving love that impels him to do this is simply an extension of the love of the Father than lies behind and energises his entire mission.

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 merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING

ACTS 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy herein your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blessed is the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R**

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

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Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617–1682), *The Good Shepherd*

GOSPEL

JOHN 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the Good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, these, I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen, alleluia.



Worship Without Fear

A Statement from the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP

The stabbing of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel and Father Isaac Royel is shocking and has caused distress to many in the community.

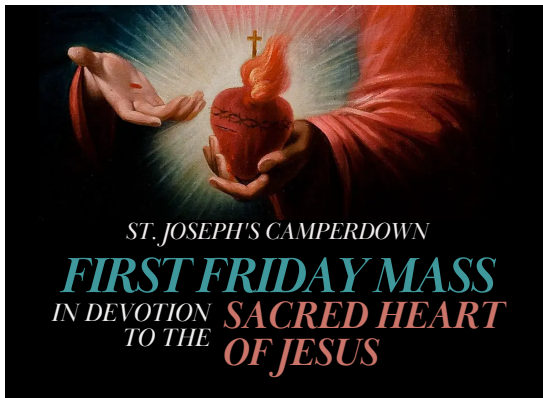
Houses of prayer have traditionally been places of peace and solace, refuge and sanctuary and so the video footage of the attack upon a religious leader during a religious service inside a church has been especially confronting. The images of the violence that subsequently occurred outside the church are also confronting.

We have seen these types of events in other countries but, up until now, Australia has been largely free from this type of blatant violence in and around places of worship.

Every person in this country, be they bishop or priest, rabbi or imam, minister or congregant, should be able to worship in safety, without fear that they might be subject to acts of violence while gathering in prayer.

I urge the faithful to not respond to these events with fear, avoiding places of worship because they are worried about further attacks, nor with anger, engaging in acts of reprisal or revenge. The best response to violence and fear is prayer and peace.

On behalf of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and in solidarity with other religious leaders, I offer prayerful support to Bishop Emmanuel, Father Royel and all others affected. May the God of peace reign in our land.



ST. JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN
FIRST FRIDAY MASS
 IN DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

First Fridays | 8PM
Holy Mass for the Sick and Healthcare Workers

followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing until 10PM

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



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



Calling Volunteers: Readers & Collectors

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer and serve in the parish as a reader or collector, please contact **Angeline 0431 718 137**.

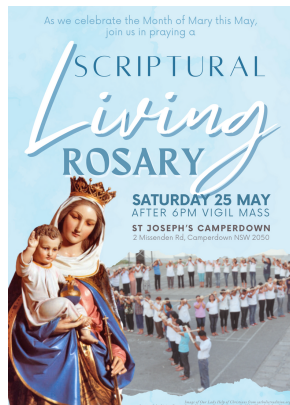
UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH



19 MAY

Pentecost Sunday

As the Universal Church celebrates the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles of Jesus Christ after 50 days since He resurrected, we will witness as well in our Church the Recognition and Blessing of All Volunteers of our beloved Parish during the weekend Masses. The Parish is indeed proud and grateful to all our volunteers and constantly pray for their faithfulness in their respective ministries.

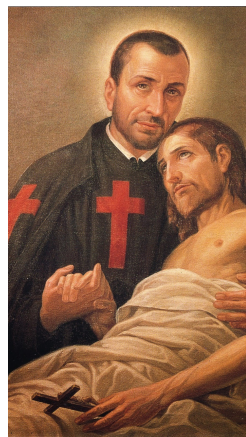


25 MAY

Scriptural Living Rosary

May is the Month of Mary. As its culminating activity, we will pray a Scriptural Living Rosary as one parish in front of our parish Church in honour of our Blessed Mother after the 6PM Vigil Mass.

The Scriptural Living Rosary is a communal way of praying the Rosary. Though the Rosary is already a Scripture-based prayer, the "Scriptural" aspect comes from integrating extended Bible passages during the prayer, while the "Living Rosary" refers to people symbolizing the beads of the rosary.



Lay Camillian Family

SYDNEY CHAPTER

The Lay Camillian Family (LCF) is a lay association of the **Ministers of the Infirm** and therefore shares in the charism and spirituality of the Camillian priests and brothers.

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 LCF and avail of our pastoral services to our suffering parishioners.



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

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
This Sunday 20-21 Apr	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Genalor F Lesley A Agnes C Tim S	Isabelle K Gordon John L Maddi S	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Corazon, Santa
Next Sunday 27-28 Apr	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Angeline L Lesley Nancy T Gemma T	Genalor Rachelle G Sheron K Maria C	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Corazon, Santa
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 **approach our choristers** or send us an **expression of interest** at stjocamper@gmail.com.





"Teach Us to Pray" Resource Now Available

After the year dedicated to reflection on the documents and the study of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council in 2023, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a **Year of Prayer**. The Holy Father announced its launch on **Sunday 21 January 2024**, on the fifth annual celebration of the 'Sunday of the Word of God'. Previously, in a letter written on 11 February 2022, addressed to the Pro-prefect, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, to entrust the organization of the Jubilee to the Dicastery for Evangelization, the Pope wrote: "From now on I am happy to think that the year preceding the Jubilee event, 2024, will be dedicated to a **great 'symphony' of prayer**. First of all, to recover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and adore him." In preparation for the Jubilee, therefore, individual dioceses are invited to promote the centrality of individual and community prayer during this year.



Scan QR code to access the **"Teach Us to Pray" Booklet**

This booklet is available online in: Italian, English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Polish



Source: Jubilee 2025 Dicastery for Evangelization www.iubilaeum2025.va

The Catholic Weekly



Mar Emmanuel forgives attacker in audio message: "I love you my son"

By Marilyn Rodrigues, April 18, 2024

Assyrian bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel has addressed his attacker three days after the attempt on his life, saying as a spiritual father, "You're my son, I love you and I will always pray for you."

Premier, PM call for unity after declaring Mar Emmanuel stabbing a 'terrorist attack'

Mar Emmanuel will 'show face of Jesus' in wake of murder attempt, Fairfield priest says

Read more at www.catholicweekly.com.au

CATECHISTS' CORNER

Would you like to be a living witness of Christ and a witness of God's love to children in public schools?

Delight in a spiritually fulfilling mission. Our Parish children are hungry to hear the story of Jesus and the hope and joy he brings.

Become a Catechist or a Catechist Helper!

Contact our Parish Catechist, Alicia Buxton [0412155967](tel:0412155967)



PARISH GIVING

LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 638.95
2nd Collection	\$ 429.75
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 653.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!



WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

CAMINO of ST JOSEPH

26/27 APRIL 2024

AN OVERNIGHT WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER.

WWW.SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/MAXIMUS

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

To see more events and initiatives within the Archdiocese, visit and subscribe to gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

Worship Without Fear
See Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP's Statement on Page 2

On behalf of the Parish Renewal Team, The University of Notre Dame Australia presents

Didaskō

Adult Faith Formation

SISTERS of LIFE

The Sisters of Life are women who are in love with Love – Love incarnate, crucified, and Risen – and captivated by the truth of the beauty of every human person, created in God's image and likeness.

20 APRIL Alumni Retreat Day
9am – 5:30pm | Theme: Turning to God.
University Alumni are invited to this full day retreat

St. Martha's Leichhardt | \$20

21 APRIL Womens event
5pm – 7:30pm
Tangara School for Girls | \$10

24 APRIL Fidelis
6pm | Join us for an exciting Fidelis with the Sisters of Life at their last public event in Sydney.



Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology
Fr Benjamin Johnson OFM Cap
Mondays 15, 22 and 29 April 2024, 7:30pm – 8:45pm



Cost: \$35 per person, \$100 for Parish Groups (+ BOOKING FEES)
Online via Zoom
Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko



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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.