

# A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

# ST JOSEPH'S

# CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Solemnity of the MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – Year B

2 June 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

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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 feast of the Body and Blood of Christ enables the Eucharist to be set in a broader scriptural context than is possible on Holy Thursday. This year the wider context appears in readings unified around the theme of the 'blood of the covenant.'

The **First Reading**, Exodus 24:3-8, describes the solemn ritual in which the Sinai covenant was sealed. Moses has received the Torah (Law) from God and put it in writing. In the context of a sacrificial ritual, he reads out the law to the people and, following their consent to abide by all the commandments in the Torah, he sprinkles them with the blood from the sacrifices, saying 'This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.' In this way the covenant that bound God to Israel and Israel to God is formally ratified and sealed through blood. Of course, the blood in question is the blood of animal sacrifices. But blood is taken to be a symbol of the life-force. Hence its significance.

### WIPING AWAY OF SIN

The old covenant had a ritual, celebrated yearly on the Day of Atonement, when the barrier to the covenant relationship created by the accumulated sins of the people over the past year were wiped away by God. On this one day of the year the High Priest entered the most sacred part of the Temple, the Holy of Holies, and sprinkled the blood of a sacrificed animal upon the cover over the Ark of the Covenant (Lev 16:11-16). This ritual enacted God's wiping away the sin of the people and the renewal of the covenant relationship. The extract from the Letter to the Hebrews in the **Second Reading** (Heb 9:11-15) portrays Christ's saving action in terms of this ritual, while insisting on its vastly superior efficacy and the fact that, unlike the older rite, it is 'once for all,' needing no repetition. The blood is not now the blood of animals but the precious blood of Jesus himself. And the sanctuary that he has entered is not the earthly Holy of Holies but the sanctuary of heaven itself, which he has entered in resurrection and exaltation to God's right hand.

The Eucharistic traditions of the Gospels (and Paul's account in 1 Cor 11:23-25) carry further this association of blood and covenant. Drawing in Jeremiah's prophecy of a 'new covenant' (Jer 31:33), they see the sprinkling of Christ's blood on Calvary as God's establishment of a 'new covenant' for a renewed People of God. On the night before he died, Christ shared a final Passover meal with his disciples. Modifying the Passover ritual, he impressed a special meaning on the death he was to undergo the following day: the shedding of his blood, symbolised in the cup of wine, would be the inauguration of a 'new covenant in his blood.'

### INAUGURATION OF A RITUAL

Though the command to repeat the Eucharistic gestures ('Do this in memory of me') does not appear in the Markan account set down for today's **Gospel** (14:12-16, 22-26), as it does in Luke (22:19) and Paul (1 Cor 11:24, 25), the inauguration of a ritual to be repeated is clearly implied. When believers of subsequent generations recall and repeat what the Lord did at that Last Supper, they place themselves in a situation similar to that of the Israelites whom Moses sprinkled with blood at the ratification of the first covenant. They appropriate to themselves all the saving benefits associated with the 'new covenant' established in Christ's blood. They commit themselves anew to abide by the way of life required by that covenant, a life of obedient love modelled on the loving service of Christ.

The Markan account (cf. also Matt 26:28) specifies that the blood will be 'poured out for many.' The little phrase 'for many' echoes the climax of the Fourth Servant Song of Isaiah where the Servant's suffering and death is stated to have meaning because in his death he 'made many righteous' and 'bore the sin of many' (53:11-12). In an earlier echo of the Song, Jesus had countered the false ambition of his disciples by explaining that he had come, 'not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (10:45).

### DIVINE SERVICE

The Eucharist catches up this sense of the divine 'service' performed by Christ upon the cross: one innocent person giving himself up to death in order to free 'many' (potentially the entire human race) from the captivity and condemnation associated with sin. The Eucharist, then, continually re-enacts the loving, costly outreach of God in Christ to draw human beings into the life-giving covenant.

The pilgrim People of God celebrates the Eucharist in anticipation of the 'new wine' of the Kingdom and as a means whereby it is continually cleansed and renewed on its journey.

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

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

## FIRST READING

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115(116):12-13, 15-18

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **R**  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **R**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **R**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-15

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!



Gustav Dore (1866), The Last Supper

## GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it', he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

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# 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!



REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 19 JULY

## CONFERENCE COST

\$75 | Book by 31 May  
\$90 | Book from 1 June



## Parish Renewal Conference 2024

Gather with Archbishop Anthony Fisher and hundreds of fellow Catholics for illuminating keynotes, practical workshops, and beautiful liturgy to be equipped and strengthened for mission. Be part of the transformation in our Church today!

**Date:** Saturday, 3 August 2024

**Time:** 8:45 am - 5:00 pm

**Venue:** Liverpool Catholic Club

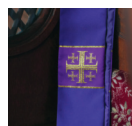
**Cost:** \$90 plus booking fees

**Register by 19 July via**  
[gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)



## Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Fri 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM,  
after 8:00 PM Mass



## Reconciliation

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Mon - Fri After 8:00 PM Mass



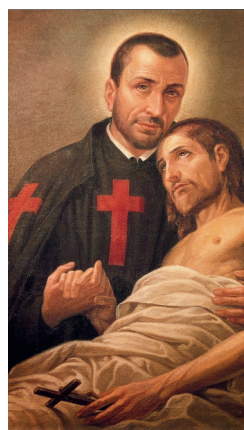
ST. JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

**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 colleague, and others.



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

Our Parish warmly welcomes members of the **Legion of Mary** who are serving in the

*Ministry of  
Ushers & Greeters*

Thank you for your generosity in service!



## SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
<b>This Sunday</b> 1-2 Jun	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	Alicia, Isabella Maria, Francisco - Genalor, Corazon
<b>Next Sunday</b> 8-9 Jun	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	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Santa, Corazon
<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  
**Camillus & Ave Maria Choir**

Fr Ruben, Dennis

Sunday 9:30 AM Mass  
**Sunday Morning Choir**

Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani

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**.





## UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH

2024

# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

FORMATION EVENINGS

Thursday 6 June 2024

7:00pm 9:00pm

St Raphael's, Hurstville South



Parish Priests and Administrators, with their Parish Pastoral Councils, are invited to an evening of formation and sharing on the new Archdiocesan Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines.

SCAN TO REGISTER

[tinyurl.com/2pwmw](https://tinyurl.com/2pwmw)



## 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).

### Become a Catechist or a Catechist Helper!

Contact our Parish Catechist, Alicia Buxton 042155967



### Archdiocesan RCIA Certification Course 2024

This 8-week Zoom Course will help new and current RCIA team members gain a deeper understanding of the RCIA journey – the Church's official means of evangelisation. **FREE** | Begins on 23 May - 11 July

Register now



## FEAST DAYS

### The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (7 Jun) and The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary (8 Jun)

Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary:

"My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means."



Image Source: Immaculate Conception Parish (Columbus Ohio)

### OTHER UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

3 Jun Saint Charles Lwanga and companions; 4 Jun Saint Boniface; 6 Jun Saint Norbert; Saint Marcellin Champagnat

## PARISH GIVING

### LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 867.10
2nd Collection	\$ 495.25
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 446.85

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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

### 2024 SYDNEY HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Commemorating the lives of all people who have died while experiencing homelessness in the past year

PLEASE JOIN US

Friday 21st June 2024 at 6pm  
MARTIN PLACE AMPITHEATRE



JOIN THE NETWORK OF CATHOLICS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



### Addiction/ Alcoholism: The 12 Steps and Catholic Spirituality

Are you or a loved one troubled by addiction or alcoholism? The Calix Society is a way to recover, incorporating 12-step recovery and Catholic Spirituality.

Date

Sydney Unit meets on Saturday, 1 June at St Joseph's, Enfield

5:30pm Mass | 6:30pm - 7:30pm Refreshments and "About Calix" talk

Contact

Tim 0401 600 422 or Kevin 0435 668 382 or [calixsydney@outlook.com](mailto:calixsydney@outlook.com)

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



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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 [safeguardinginquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardinginquiries@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.