

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Solemnity of the MOST HOLY TRINITY, Trinity Sunday – Year B

26 May 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 Church closes the long Lent–Eastertide liturgical season with a feast that invites us to sit back and reflect upon the nature of God as revealed in the Paschal mystery: the feast of the Holy Trinity. It is, of course, through the experience of that mystery and subsequent theological reflection upon it that the early Christians came to know God as three Persons in the one divine essence. The doctrine of the Trinity is not, then, an arid theological puzzle but a necessary conclusion from a sense of being grasped by and held within a divine communion of love. For all the terrors it might inspire in the hearts of preachers on its yearly round, it is a feast about the nearness rather than the remoteness of God.

Of course, the formulation of the doctrine of the Trinity in its classic shape did not occur until well after the New Testament era. It is difficult, then, to find suitable Old Testament readings for the feast.

A PEOPLE CHOSEN

The reading from Deuteronomy (4:32-34, 39-40) chosen as the **First Reading** is appropriate in the sense that Moses, before outlining the commandments the people are to observe, reminds them of the experience of God that lies behind them and the extraordinary privilege that Israel enjoys as a people chosen, rescued, singled out and addressed by God. The Lectionary appears to want to relate the sense of a people who "heard the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire" to the revelation of God as Trinity that has come to us through the incarnation of the Son. Just as Israel's commitment to the Law (Torah) flowed from that experience of God, so the experience of being grasped by God as Trinity stands behind the way of life incumbent upon Christian believers.

Though there is no explicit mention of the Trinity in the New Testament, there are a surprising number of places in the Letters of Paul that feature a Trinitarian pattern. Today's **Second Reading**, Rom 8:14-17, is one of these. The Spirit communicates to believers a sense of the intimacy with God the Father that is theirs, as sons and daughters of God, in union with Christ. Jesus seems to have addressed God as "Abba – the informal address to the male parent in Aramaic (= "Dad").

Hitherto unknown, as far as we can judge, in Judaism as an address to God, Jesus' usage in this respect made such an impression upon the early disciples that they retained the original Aramaic even when they moved into Greek-speaking regions. More striking still, they found that the Spirit was impelling them to address God in the same way (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6)—a sure testimony to the fact that they now shared the intimacy and closeness of Jesus' relationship to the Father. The upshot is banishment of the fear that would be associated with a servile relationship to God and the gaining of the confidence and freedom that comes from a sense of being "one of the family." The reading concludes on a note of hope. The sense of being God's sons and daughters leads naturally to that of being heirs, with the destiny to eternal life that such a status entails. Since everything depends upon believers' union with Christ as principal Son and heir, it also implies a sharing with him in the paschal mystery: sharing his sufferings in order to share his glory.

COMMAND TO BAPTISE

The **Gospel**, taken from the concluding scene in St. Matthew's Gospel (28:16-20), ends on what is perhaps the most explicitly Trinitarian note in the New Testament: the command to baptise "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The risen Lord, having completed his mission on earth, claims "all authority in heaven and earth." Empowered with that authority the Church is to go to the nations of the world and "make disciples of them", communicating to them a sense of the outreach of divine love into the world, and the conquest of sin and death represented by the whole mission of Christ.

When people who respond positively to the Gospel receive baptism in the name of the Trinity they undergo an experience akin to that of Israel in the Exodus. Through the waters of baptism they become members of a people liberated from slavery to enjoy the privileged closeness to God described with reference to Israel in the First Reading but now immensely deepened through the intimacy gained in Christ. The "commandments" they are taught to observe flow from this relationship and give expression to it in everyday life.

All told, the scriptural offering for today's feast should communicate a dynamic sense of Christian life as a participation in the outgoing communion of love that is the Holy Trinity.

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

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit: for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you forever.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32(33):4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R**

By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

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.



Anthony Van Dyck (1599–1641), *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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Let us Walk with Christ as one parish in celebration of Corpus Christi



WALK WITH CHRIST
FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2024


CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
Catholic Communities + Crematoria
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ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

VISIT: SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/WALKWITHCHRIST

FESTIVAL: Martin Place from 1:00PM

PROCESSION: Begins at 2:30PM sharp, Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St





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
Choir Members*

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer and serve in the parish, please message **Angeline 0431 718 137**.
God bless!

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH

As one parish at St Joseph's Camperdown, let us altogether Walk With Christ on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

The Sydney Archdiocese invites all Catholics to unite and honour the real presence by attending the Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession through the Sydney CBD.

This joyful public proclamation seeks to manifest the spiritual joy at the presence of the Saviour in the Eucharist and His role as benevolent spiritual ruler.

WHEN
Sunday, 2 June with a festival beginning at **1:00pm** in Martin Place.

The **procession** begins at **2:30pm sharp** from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street.





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 





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.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS				
Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
This Sunday 25-26 May	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Nancy T Tim S	Francisco T Lesley A Sharon K Maddi S	Alicia, Isabella Maria, Francisco - Amy, Corazon
Next Sunday 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
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
Camillus & Ave Maria Choir Fr Ruben, Dennis

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



26 May
Most Holy Trinity

Andrei Rublev (~1430), Holy Trinity (Troitsa)



31 May
The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Unknown Artist (n.d.), The Visitation



2 Jun
The Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ

Unknown Author (1676-1725), Allegory of the Eucharist

OTHER UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

27 May Saint Augustine of Canterbury

29 May Saint Paul VI

1 Jun Saint Justin

3 Jun Saint Charles Lwanga and companions

4 Jun St Boniface

6 Jun Saint Norbert; Saint Marcellin Champagnat

7 Jun THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

8 Jun The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Former PM John Howard stands up for religious freedom

by Marilyn Rodrigues, 21 May 2024

Former Prime Minister John Howard has strongly defended the right of faith-based schools to hire staff who share the same religious beliefs and values as "common sense", saying that it should be respected in any new legislation affecting religious freedoms.

Andrew's story of heartbreak to hope in Christ

Monica Doumit: Evert's talks are urgently needed

Review: Blake Art Prize exhibition

One family's joyful Walk with Christ

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.

Become a Catechist or a Catechist Helper!

Contact our Parish Catechist,
Alicia Buxton **0412155967**



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



PARISH GIVING

LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 854.30
2nd Collection	\$ 380.45
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 411.59

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WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Parish Renewal Conference 2024: Early Bird Pricing Closes 31 May

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: Early bird \$75 plus booking fees (closes 31 May); \$90 plus booking fees

(1 June onwards)

Register by 19 July via
gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

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

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, 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

2024

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

FORMATION EVENINGS

OPTIONS

Wednesday 1 May 2024
7:00pm 9:00pm
St Kevin's, Eastwood

Wednesday 29 May 2024
7:00pm 9:00pm
St Joseph's, Moorebank

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



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



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.