

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – Year C

20 Apr 2025

Welcome to our parish!

## PRIESTS

### Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

### Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Ruben Mandin MI

### Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

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## PARISH OFFICE

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## SCHEDULE OF MASS

### Weekend Mass

Saturday 8am, 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:30am, 11am, 6pm

### Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 8am, 8pm

Devotion to the Sacred Heart

**Every First Friday 8pm**, we celebrate the Mass for the Sick and Carers of the Sick with Anointing of the Sick

### Eucharistic Adoration

📅 **Mon - Fri** 7:00 PM  
Before 8PM Mass;  
Reconciliation available

### Reconciliation

📅 **Sat & Sun** 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM  
**Mon - Fri** 7:00 PM  
Before 8PM Mass

### Anointing of the Sick

Anytime (in hospital, page the Catholic priest on-call)

### Baptism, Confirmation / RCIA, Wedding & Funeral

Please enquire via our parish office at [stjocamper@gmail.com](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).

**Baptism** are usually scheduled Sunday 12:30pm; Baptismal instructions to be arranged with parents before baptism.

**Weddings** require six (6) months notice.

Happy Easter! ❤️

May you have a happy and holy celebration with your family and loved ones! from all of us at St Joseph's Camperdown



The scripture readings set out for the Easter Sunday Mass remain unvaried across the three-year cycle. However, an alternative, 1 Cor 5:6-8, is given for the **Second Reading**, Col 3:1-4, and at evening Masses the account of the risen Lord's appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35 (otherwise set down for the Third Sunday, Year A), may be read.

It is perhaps odd that, unless this latter option be taken up at Sunday evening Masses, neither the Easter Vigil Gospel nor that of Easter Sunday recounts an appearance of the risen Lord. We hear simply about the disciples' discovery that the tomb of Jesus was empty.

### UNNERVING DISCOVERY

The scene from the Fourth Gospel, John 20:1-9, set out for today's Gospel, joins the Synoptic tradition in associating Mary Magdalene with this totally unnerving discovery. Later, of course, she will meet the risen Lord (John 20:11-18). But now, following her discovery, she comes running to Simon Peter "and the other disciple" (the significant figure this gospel dubs "the Disciple whom Jesus loved"). Her running and her plaintive cry, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him", bespeak the anguish of continuing love and loss. The inference – Johannine irony at its best – is that some human agency (the gardener, the authorities, grave-robbers) have worked this final indignity on the Lord; even in death his body is to have no peace. So, we are left with this tremendous sense of emptiness and loss.

### ANXIOUS LOVE

At Mary's report, Peter and the 'other disciple' likewise set out on a 'race' of anxious love. By having the other disciple best Peter in the race and arrive first, the evangelist sets the scene for a very significant distinction concerning what is to be found in the tomb. Though he arrives first, the other disciple does not enter the tomb immediately.

Instead, he bends down and sees linen cloths on the ground. Peter goes in and, once inside, sees something else besides. Inside the tomb one can see not only the linen cloths in which Jesus' body was wrapped but also the cloth (corresponding to what we would call a 'handkerchief') that covered his face. This is rolled up neatly and set in a place by itself. What Peter deduces from this we do not know. But when the 'disciple whom Jesus loved' eventually enters the tomb and sees the complete picture regarding the grave clothes, the neatly rolled-up face cloth functions for him as a 'sign': an indication that the absence of Jesus' body was not due to human agency – grave robbers do not bother to fold up neatly clothing they leave behind – but to a majestic, divine resumption of life.

### CLAIM FULFILLED

The One who had called himself 'the Resurrection and the Life' (11:25), has fulfilled his claim to have the power to lay down his life and likewise to take it up again (10:18). As the Gospel comments, the beloved disciple 'saw and he believed'. He did not see the risen Jesus – as later Mary Magdalene, Peter and the other apostles and eventually Thomas would – but he saw enough to remember now the scriptural prophecy that the Messiah would rise from the dead. In this way, before all the others, he came to faith in the resurrection.

My sense is that the unnamed 'disciple whom Jesus loved' (traditionally identified with John the son of Zebedee) stands in there for all of us – believers of subsequent generations. It may be that he is left unnamed precisely so that we can identify with him and enter the story through him. Unlike Mary Magdalene, Peter and the insistent Thomas, we do not actually see (or feel or touch) the risen Lord and yet we believe. We can see emptiness and absence not as failure and loss but, in the light of Scripture, as mysterious evidence of the divine power to bring life out of death, to call back into being 'things that are not' – as St Paul says, identifying our faith with that of Abraham, (Rom 4:17).

### FIRST READING

The **First Reading**, from Acts 10:34, 37-43, gives an account of the sermon Peter preached in the house of the pious Roman centurion Cornelius. It provides a neat summary of the essential Gospel, which the four canonical gospels expand. The Gospel reaches out to embrace the Gentile world, previously considered "unclean"; its inherent reconciling power overcomes the alienation of that world from God.

### SECOND READING

In the **Second Reading**, from Colossians 3:1-4, Paul reminds his audience of the way in which even now, albeit in a hidden way, they have a share in the risen life of their Lord. Keeping constantly in mind the thought of their sharing in his triumph over sin and death should light their present path with hope and joy.

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

## FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end. **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deed. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

## SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.



Anonymous (17<sup>th</sup> century), Icon of Women at the grave

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

Month of  
May  
Mary

*Let us pray the Holy Rosary in  
honour of our Blessed Mother*

**All Saturdays of May**  
after 6pm Vigil Mass

## WHEN

**Sat 3, 10, 17 & 24 May**

Rosary in the church after 6pm Vigil Mass

**Sat 31 May**

*Scriptural  
Living Rosary*

in front of the church,  
after 6pm Vigil Mass





# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

## Easter Vigil Mass Readings & Psalms

I	GEN 1:1-2:2	Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
II	GEN 22:1-18	Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.
III	EX 14:15-15:1	Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.
IV	IS 54:5-14	I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
V	IS 55:1-11	You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
VI	BARUCH 3:9-15,32-4:4	Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
VII	EZEK 36:16-28	Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

### We are now on Instagram!

Below are our official social media accounts. Follow us to keep updated with parish news and activities!



Scan below



### PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY HOME VISITATION



The Pilgrim Mary Home Visitation commemorates 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.

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

COME AND JOIN OUR

## EASTER LUNCH

SUNDAY 20 APR

AFTER 9:30AM & 11AM MASS

**ALL ARE INVITED!**



Meet and chat over food and a cuppa! All are welcome!

### PARISH MORNING TEA

2nd Sundays after 9:30am Mass

You are welcome to bring a plate to share! If you would like to **regularly contribute** to our **Parish Morning Tea**, contact our parish office at [stjocamper@gmail.com](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).



**First Fridays at St Joseph's**

**7PM** Eucharistic Adoration  
**8PM** Mass for the Sick and Healthcare Workers with Anointing of the 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.

## SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors If none indicated, the readers
<b>This Sunday</b> 19-20 Apr	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Sharon K Marc S	Francisco T Leslie A John L Gordon L	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - Louie Seras, Suzanne M
<b>Next Sunday</b> 26-27 Apr	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Rachel S Nancy T Louise Seras	Louise Sharah Leslie A Chris Wong Suzanne M	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - Marc S, Gordon L
<b>Daily Mass</b>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Evening</b>	Angeline L, Alicia B, Echie, Doris K (Thu), Garry C, The Sisters, Gemma T (Sat), Ricky L (Fri) Corazon F, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Maria C, Tim L, Alexander M		

## PARISH CHOIR

ORGANIST/PIANIST | CONDUCTOR

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

### Have you got the heart to volunteer in the music ministry?

Come and join our parish choir! You can contribute in singing, playing an instrument, or operating the slides.

**We would love for you to join -- beginner or not!**

To join, please approach one of our choir members before/after mass or email our parish office at [stjocamper@gmail.com](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).



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.



# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

**Next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Divine Mercy Sunday.**

## The Image of The Divine Mercy

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy.

**Read more:** The Divine Mercy | <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/image>

Jesus, I trust in You

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS AND 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.

You may use one of the **Mass Intention Envelopes** at the foyer of the church or email us at [stjocamper@gmail.com](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com) with the following information.

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

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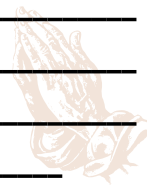
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## RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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.

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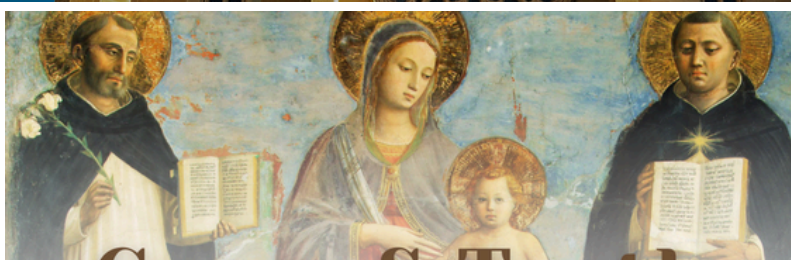
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### Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 1,054.15
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EFTPOS Giving	\$ 946.97

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



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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.

**Visit our parish website**

