

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year C

11 May 2025

Welcome to our parish!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

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Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

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PARISH OFFICE

🕒 **Mon, Thu** 10AM - 4PM

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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.

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

Weddings require six (6) months notice.

POPE LEO XIV



Image from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP's Facebook Post fb.com/photo/?fbid=1214890396674097&set=a.253204649509348

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

"Habemus papam" — we have a new pope, shepherd, father for the Church.

The Church in Sydney and Australia joins people throughout the world in giving thanks to God for the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

A native of Chicago and a member of the Order of St Augustine, Pope Leo XIV spent decades as a missionary in Peru before being appointed by the late Pope Francis to lead the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops.

Like the late Pope Francis, Pope Leo XIV will bring to the Church the experience of being part of a religious order with an emphasis on simplicity and community. But he also brings a missionary heart with a determination to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ "to the ends of the earth".

As a canon lawyer who has served for the past two years as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, he will also bring expertise in Church law and governance.

It was very moving that the Holy Father opened his first address to a watching world with a greeting of peace, and repeated the central truth of the Gospel, that God loves all of us "without any limits or conditions," several times in his brief remarks.

It is our earnest hope that the Holy Father will join us in Sydney for the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028. It will be a joy to welcome him here.

I call on all Catholics and others of good will to get behind this pope with our prayers for him. May God bless him in his ministry.

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favourably on your servant Leo,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 13:14. 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole country-side.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7:9.14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



Konrad Witz (1400–1445), *The Miraculous Draft of Fishes*

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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.

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Month of May Mary

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

All Saturdays of May,
in the church
after 6pm Vigil Mass

3, 10, 17 & 24 MAY
HOLY ROSARY

31 MAY
SCRIPTURAL
LIVING ROSARY

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 for assistance.



Follow us on Instagram to keep updated with parish activities!
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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.

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.



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 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
This Sunday 10-11 May	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Alicia B Gigi Elizabeth C Louise Seras	Yvona W Menchu Agnes W Suzanne M	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - Marc S, Gordon L
Next Sunday 17-18 May	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 Sharah, Suzanne M
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	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.



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.

To all mothers in our parish: Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

May God bless you and your family,
and may Our Lady continue to
nurture and guide you in your
vocation of motherhood.



Homily Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C - 11 May 2025

Last Sunday we saw Simon Peter commissioned to take up the pastoral office ('Feed my lambs; feed my sheep') previously exercised by the Good Shepherd himself. The Gospel for today, even though it comes from an earlier part of the Fourth Gospel (10:27-30), carries on from that commission in that it pursues the sense of the members of the community as 'sheep' belonging to the flock of the risen Lord. Though the context of Jesus' discourse is new (it is now that of the Jewish feast of the Dedication, celebrated in commemoration of the rededication of the Temple under the Maccabees), the sense of Jesus as Good Shepherd remains implicit as other aspects of the pastoral image are developed.

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

First of all, members of the community listen to the Shepherd's voice. They are aware that he is constantly addressing them (in the Scriptures and the sacramental life of the Church) and they attune their hearing to the sound of his voice and the message it imparts.

Secondly, there is knowledge. They are confident that the Good Shepherd, like reliable Palestinian shepherds at the time of Jesus, has intimate knowledge of each one of them – knows their strengths and weaknesses, their capacities and liabilities. This leads to trust and readiness to follow whenever and wherever the Shepherd calls.

The image begins to move in a fresh direction when Jesus presents himself as the one who gives the sheep 'eternal life'. In the Fourth Gospel, 'eternal life' refers to human participation in God's own eternal being and communion of love (1:4, 12-13) – something that begins here and now. Since it is indeed the life of God, it will ensure that the flock will not be lost (from eternal life) or stolen from the Good Shepherd. The grasp that binds the flock to this gift of life is not simply that of Jesus. Behind him is the grasp of the Father, 'who is greater than anyone'.

CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S LOVE

The strength of these assertions might suggest that once people become believers they gain an automatic assurance of salvation. I do not think the evangelist, if pressed, would be quite so absolute as the formulations make him sound. We are dealing here with a biblical way of speaking where absolute statements are used to inculcate great confidence in God's love and power. The gospel is exploring and exploiting to the very limit the richness of the image picturing the relationship between the believing community and the Lord as sheep and Shepherd. In the everyday pastoral world from which the image is taken, sheep get lost and sheep get stolen. Those most vulnerable are those whose shepherds are not strong. The Christian community need have no fear in this regard. Their Shepherd is strong with the strength of God – indeed, since 'the Father and I are one', their ultimate Shepherd is in fact God.

This final statement stressing the complete unity between Father and Son takes us back to the sublime Christology of the Prologue at the beginning of the Fourth Gospel: 'No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is ever in the heart of the Father, who has made (God) known' (1:18). The sense of intimacy, of knowledge, of self-sacrificing love that attends the Good Shepherd image in reference to Jesus applies just as much to the disposition of the Father in our regard as well.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

In the **First Reading**, from Acts 13:14, 43-52, the lectionary continues the sequence begun on the Second Sunday of Easter presenting 'snapshots', as it were, of the life and mission of the post-Easter church. Here it would be important not to interpret the account of Paul and Barnabas at Antioch in Pisidia in an anti-Jewish way. It is interesting that after preaching to the Jews in the synagogue – the reading omits Paul's sermon – Paul and Barnabas exhort them to 'remain faithfully in the grace God had given them'. This is not the language of conversion from one religion to another. It is only a minority of Jews who make trouble and cause Paul and Barnabas to turn to the pagans. But in so doing they are actually fulfilling the destiny of Israel to be 'a light to the nations', according to the prophecy of Isaiah (42:6; 49:6; 51:4; 60:3), taken up by Simeon at the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:32).

The **Second Reading** presents one of the great visions of the Apocalypse (7:9, 14-17), depicting the ultimate triumph of the faithful. Not all the faithful are in view but those in particular who have suffered persecution, even death, for their fidelity to the faith. The reading links thematically with the Gospel in its insistence that the Lamb (= the risen Lord) will be their Shepherd and lead them to springs of living water.

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.

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.**

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

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.

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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