

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year C

18 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.

The short sequence that makes up the Gospel for today (John 13:31-35) follows immediately on Jesus' prediction at the Last Supper that Judas will betray him. It may seem surprising that Jesus responds to Judas' departure on his treacherous errand with what amounts almost to a cry of exaltation: 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him'. The two matters are, however, closely – even causally – connected. Judas' act of betrayal will trigger the sequence of events that will culminate in Jesus' public execution upon a cross. In everyday understanding such an end to a human life would be the ultimate in shame and degradation.

In the perspective of the Fourth Gospel, however, it represents the 'glorification' of Jesus – and the glorification of the Father whose will lies behind everything that happens to him.

MANIFEST GOD'S GLORY

To understand this we have to appreciate the way in which 'glory' (Greek doxa) functions in the Fourth Gospel and in the biblical tradition that lies behind it. According to that tradition no human being can see God and live (cf. John 1:18). But the created world and certain remarkable events display the presence, power, and character of the unseen God. In this sense they manifest God's 'glory'. The most striking example of God's glory in the Old Testament is the pillar of cloud (that became at night a pillar of fire) which accompanied the Israelites at the time of their exodus from Egypt and years of subsequent wandering in the wilderness of Sinai (Exod 13:21; 40:34).

In the Fourth Gospel, as the Prologue (1:1-18) makes clear, the glory of God, revealed in this terrifying and remote way to the Israelites, has now been made manifest in the human flesh of Jesus: 'And the Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, the fullness of a gift that is truth' (1:14).

DIVINE LOVE

As the drama of the Gospel proceeds, it becomes clear that the high point of this revelation of divine glory in the human flesh of Jesus will come about as he is 'lifted up' and dies upon the cross. This death – at one level a work of human violence and treachery in extreme degree – represents at a deeper level the free outpouring of divine love for the human race. Jesus' 'glorifies' God in death in that he reveals the very being of God to be love (1 John 4:7, 16), becomes 'transparent', as it were, to the divine love (John 3:16). The retrospective ('has been glorified') and prospective ('will glorify') statements of Jesus in the gospel encompass a total process whereby both in his human life up till this and now, climactically, in his imminent death, God will be revealed as love.

The 'new commandment' given to the disciples – that they are to love one another, 'just as I have loved you' – flows essentially from this. It is 'new' in the sense that it is called for by the new set of circumstances that is fast approaching. After Jesus' death and return to the Father, the community will no longer have the physical presence of Jesus to make the divine love palpable in their midst. Their own, equally palpable, love for one another must instead take on this role. If this high requirement is fulfilled, if they do indeed love one another after the pattern he has set, then this will signal to outsiders that they are truly his disciples.

As so often, then, in this Fourth Gospel, we have in the community's understanding of itself the full sweep, so to speak, of Incarnation: the love which the members experience from one another, is an extension of the love they have received from Jesus, which is itself an extension of the divine love, reaching out to share eternal life with the world.

NEW CREATION

The **Second Reading**, from the Apocalypse, 21:1-5, depicts the sense of divine presence in the community in very different but complementary way. God's work of redemption, something which continues until the final triumph of the Lamb, represents a 'new creation': new heaven, new earth and new city of Jerusalem (the community) in which God will be 'at home' with God's people. What is presented is a glimpse of a future reality. But the depiction of it as 'descending' from heaven communicates the sense that its realisation is already under way here and now: the life of the present toiling, suffering and struggling community is indeed the 'new creation'.

On a more historical level, the **First Reading**, from Acts 14:21-27, describes a further stage of the expansion of the community as Paul and Barnabas consolidate the mission to the Gentiles and bring back a report on this to their base church at Antioch.

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.

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.



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Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of the creation new'.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!



Hans Memling (~1433–1494), John the Evangelist on Patmos and visions of the apocalypse

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. You will look for me, and, as I told the Jews, where I am going, you cannot come. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another, by this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, alleluia.

FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS*

20 May St Bernadine of Siena
21 May Sts Christopher Magallanes & co.
22 May St Rita of Cascia

24 MAY

**Our Lady Help of Christians,
Patroness of Australia**



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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 <small>If none indicated, the readers</small>
This 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
Next Sunday 24-25 May	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Rachel S Nancy T Louise Seras	Louie Sharah Leslie A Chris W Suzanne M	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - Marc S, Gordon L
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		

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, 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.
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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.



PARISH GIVING

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPERDOWN

BSB Number 062-784

Account Number 10000 4825

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Where is God calling you to?



Contact our Vocation Director
Fr Renante Sentillas, MI



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PREACH THE GOSPEL. HEAL THE SICK.

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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 with the following information.

Date: _____ Requested by: _____

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PASCHAL EUCHARIST

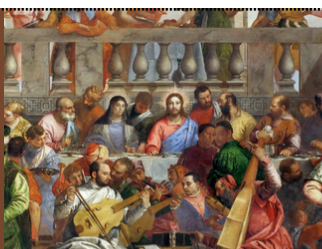
25 MAY

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ST MARYS CATHEDRAL

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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.

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