

# A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul – Year C

29 June 2025

*Welcome to our parish!*

## PRIESTS

### Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

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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.

**In accordance with a very ancient tradition the Church links the Apostles Peter and Paul in a common feast, as the proto-martyrs of the Church of Rome.** While each does have a supplementary feast to himself (St Peter's Chair in Rome [22 February]; the Conversion of St Paul [25 January]), we might well think that each of these apostles is of sufficient stature to warrant a separate major feast in his own right – and inevitably, as the choice of readings for today's feast reveals, it is Paul who is left holding the shorter straw.

This is regrettable because in many ways the Catholic Church has still to come to terms with Paul – to hear the witness of Paul along with and alongside the traditionally dominant tradition of Peter. The Reformation protest in the 16th century and the break of unity to which it led was largely inspired by the letters of Paul. Deeply wounded by the revolt, the Catholic Church shied away from Paul for centuries until at Vatican II the Pauline witness was heard again with renewed vigour.

### REDISCOVERY OF PAUL

It is important to this rediscovery of Paul and not let a celebration of Peter completely overshadow his fellow apostle and martyr of the Church of Rome.

The scripture readings set down for today are not particularly helpful in this regard, since Paul is not really allowed to speak for himself in the Second Reading but only through the words of the post-Pauline author of 2 Timothy (4:6-8, 17-18). The passage puts into Paul's mouth a stirring-enough reflection on his career as he senses the approach of the time when he is to join his Lord in the heavenly kingdom. He gives confident expression to his great trust in the fidelity of the Lord, to whom he himself has striven to be faithful throughout his long apostolic service.

More directly relevant to today's joint feast would have been Paul's account of his sharp exchange with Peter ('Cephas') at Antioch in Gal 2:11-14, where he rebuked the prince of the Apostles for 'not walking a straight line in respect to the Gospel' (v 14)! Where Paul represents the outward-thrusting, boundary-breaking tendency of the mission, Peter is the more central figure, the focus of unity, who holds the Church together by leading and educating the less adventurous to understand that the new direction indeed represents the call of God.

### TWO IMPULSES

The Church will always need these two impulses: the Petrine focus of unity and link with the tradition; the Pauline outreach to the margins and the new. Today's joint feast is a significant recognition of the existence of both impulses within the Church, and the need for them to be in dialogue and interplay for the health of its life and mission

The remaining two readings feature Peter. The Second Reading, Acts 12:1-11, provides a vivid description of his deliverance through divine intervention from the power of Herod (not Herod the Great, who reigned at the time of Jesus' birth, but a later Herod, Agrippa 1). Peter had exercised leadership in the very early community of disciples in Jerusalem (Acts 1-5). Most recently (Acts 10-11) he had been a central figure in discerning that the Church should reach out beyond Judaism to the Gentile world, admitting converts from this world to citizenship in the renewed People of God. His miraculous rescue from imprisonment and threat of death is a divine ratification of that new direction, even if now another figure – Paul – is being called (Acts 9) to be the principal instrument of its realisation (Acts 13-14, 16-28).

### FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

The Gospel, inevitably and rightly, features the great Petrine text from Matt 16:13-19, where following his confession of Jesus as 'the Christ, the Son of the living God,' Peter is designated the 'rock' foundation on which Jesus will 'build' his Church. The link between 'Peter' and 'rock' is lost in English; it is very close in the Greek in which the Gospel was written and perfect in the Aramaic ('Cepha') which Jesus and the original disciples spoke. In biblical imagery the gift of the keys signifies delegated authority in the household of God (delegated from Christ; cf. Isa 22:20-25), and the power to bind and loose concerns the conveys authority to teach the way of life that will equip people for the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Catholic tradition finds here the scriptural validation for the ongoing Petrine ministry exercised by the Roman pontiff in the service of the Church. It is important to note where it all begins: in the God-given revelation to Peter of the true identity of Jesus. It is this 'knowledge of Christ' that is the Church's supreme treasure to impart to the world – something upon which Peter and Paul are in total agreement.

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

**These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord set me free from all my fears.**

I will bless the Lord at all times his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued his from all his distress. **R**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R**

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the



Pietro Perugino (1448–1523), Cappella Sistina (Cristo consegna le chiavi a Pietro)

## SECOND READING (cont.)

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Peter said: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered: You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church.**



# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH



## PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

Patron Saint of the Sick, Hospitals, and Healthcare Workers

On **Saturday 5 July**, we will begin our **Novena to St Camillus de Lellis**.

The Novena will be prayed on the following Masses:

- Before the 8am and 8pm Weekday Masses
- Before the 8am Saturday Mass
- Before the 6pm Vigil Mass and
- Before the 6pm Sunday Mass only

The **Sunday 13 July 6PM Mass** will be the parish celebration of **St Camillus' Feast Day (14 July)**.

*St Camillus, pray for us!*

### 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.



Follow us on Instagram to keep updated with parish activities!  
@StJosephsCamperdown



### FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

**28 Jun** The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary  
**29 Jun** **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**  
**3 Jul** Saint Thomas  
**11 Jul** Saint Benedict



### 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](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> 28-29 Jun	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Rachel S Nancy T Mark	Francisco T Leslie A Chris W Louie Seras	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
<b>Next Sunday</b> 5-6 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Philip F Joven	Francisco T Leslie A Elly W Mark	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
<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		

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.

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

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## 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.



## EVENTS IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

### PURPOSE FEST

2 JULY 2025  
ROSEBANK COLLEGE



Register Here

### Purpose Fest 2025 - Young Adults/Adults Session

Welcome to the Sydney Archdiocesan Purpose Festival, featuring international guest speaker Fr Gregory Pines and our very own Fr Greg Morgan. Come along to experience faith, fellowship, the Sacraments, and answers to the big questions. Picture this: Festivals, Eucharistic Adoration in pin-drop silence, Inflatables, Sacred Music, Praise and Worship, Stalls, and more!

**DATE:** Wed 2 July 2025 | **TIME:** 5:00PM - 10:00PM

**VENUE:** Rosebank College, Five Dock NSW 2046 | **COST:** \$20

For more information and to register, go to [trybooking.com/events/landing/1403037](https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1403037)

### Love, Sex & the Body UNLEARNING THE LIES

A Catholic Response to Cultural Confusion



With Guest Speaker  
Bishop Tony Percy

Saturday 9 August 2025  
1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Chapter Hall, St Mary's Cathedral

Register:  
<https://trybooking.com/DBLU>



### A Catholic Response to Cultural Confusion

In a world with mixed understandings of love, sex, and identity, many in the Church and outside are left wondering: What does the Church really say about sex?

Join Bishop Tony Percy for an afternoon of real talk, honest questions, and Catholic answers. With live Q&A and a panel of married Catholics, we'll explore how the Church responds to today's challenges around contraception, cohabitation, relationships, and the human person.

**Come with your questions. Leave with clarity and hope.**

**\*18 years of age or over event only\***

### ANOINTED Women's Conference 2025

**You were created with purpose.**

**You are chosen. You are anointed.**

This full-day conference will be filled with inspiring Catholic speakers, opportunities to connect with other women. The day will be an encounter with Jesus through Adoration, Reconciliation, Music ministry and an exploration of your truest identity as woman.

**WHEN:** Saturday 27th September 2025

**WHERE:** Royal Randwick Racecourse, Sydney

**WHO:** All women over the age of 18!

Tickets available at

[trybooking.com/events/landing/1399095](https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1399095)



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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.

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