

# A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

6 July 2025

*Welcome to our parish!*

## PRIESTS

### Parish Priest

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

### 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.

**Luke's Gospel tells of two occasions when Jesus sent out disciples on mission.** In 9:1-6 there is the sending of the Twelve. Then, at the beginning of his great Journey to Jerusalem, he sends out ahead of himself 72 others in pairs. The sending out of this larger group makes up the **Gospel** for today (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20).

The fact that Luke records no less than two occasions of sending shows the significance he attributed to this action of Jesus. Undoubtedly, both accounts were meant to provide a model for Christian missionaries in his own day. Both underscore the essentially missionary nature of the Church: its supreme task is to proclaim the onset of the Kingdom of God.

### SENSE OF SPIRITUALITY

Both mission accounts also communicate a sense of the spirituality that should accompany the proclamation of the Kingdom. While the instructions Jesus gives the missionaries cannot, in most respects, translate literally into our own situation today, his central message, bearing upon spiritual practice, has a lasting relevance.

The instruction suggests that for the most part the world is not going to give a friendly response to the gospel. The presupposition behind this, as behind Jesus' mission generally, is that the world has largely fallen out of the hand of God into the grip of spiritual forces, hostile to God and to the true interests of human beings. The missionaries, therefore, do not operate on benign or even neutral ground. They are being sent out into territory that has to be wrested from the grip of the enemy. Hence the stress upon successful exorcisms in the disciples' exultant report on their return and the mysterious words of Jesus stating that he had watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. He had seen a heavenly reflection of the battle and being waged on earth and its victorious outcome.

### RELiance ON HOSPITALITY

The missionaries are to go out very lightly clad and taking no provisions for the journey. This means that they will have to run the risk of relying on what hospitality they find. This reliance has to do with the nature of the combat they face and the gift they bring. For combat with spiritual forces no amount of earthly protection will be of use. Like the armour of Saul that David first tried on before going out to face the Philistine giant, Goliath (1 Sam 17:38-51), it will only get in the way and detract from being armed with the power of God.

They have a right to hospitality because of the supreme value of the gift they bring. Any expenses their hosts incur in putting them up are simply negligible in comparison with what they have to give in exchange: the good news of God's unconditional offer of reconciliation (Luke 4:16-21), the invitation to the Kingdom, and the gift of messianic "peace".

### GIFT OF PEACE

This gift of peace seems to be the rationale behind associating with the Gospel the text from Isaiah 66:10-14 that makes up the **First Reading**. The prophet tells the exiles returning to a ruined Jerusalem to rejoice because her beauty, richness, and capacity to nourish will be restored. God will send peace – in the full Hebrew sense of "shalom" (abundance of life) – flowing to her like a river. This is the essential biblical image in which the message of the missionaries is couched.

But Jesus' instruction also foresees situations where neither the missionaries nor their message will receive a welcome. People do not always want to hear good news if it challenges their present assumptions and settled way of life. Then the missionaries will have to exchange their positive message for a negative prophetic gesture: shaking the dust of the inhospitable towns and villages off their feet as a sign of judgment to come.

Likewise, in the brief **Second Reading** from Gal 6:14-18, St. Paul speaks in starkly confronting terms: through the power of the cross he is "crucified" to the world and the world to him. Through the "death" that this involves there comes into being nothing less than a "new creation"; old categories and allegiances no longer apply. Only through such radical change does messianic "peace" become a reality: "peace" upon the "Israel of God".

### CHRISTIANITY REQUIRES WORK

Today's scripture readings challenge any easy assumption on the part of followers of Jesus that they can be casual about living by the values prevailing in the world around them. If we simply drift in the strong current of those values and the forces behind them, we shall surely drift away from the Gospel and the hope it holds out; we shall not be part of the radical new creation that God is calling into being through the cross of Jesus. As the old slogan goes, Christianity is comforting but not comfortable.



# Readings

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Within your temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **R**

## SECOND READING

Galatians 6:14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

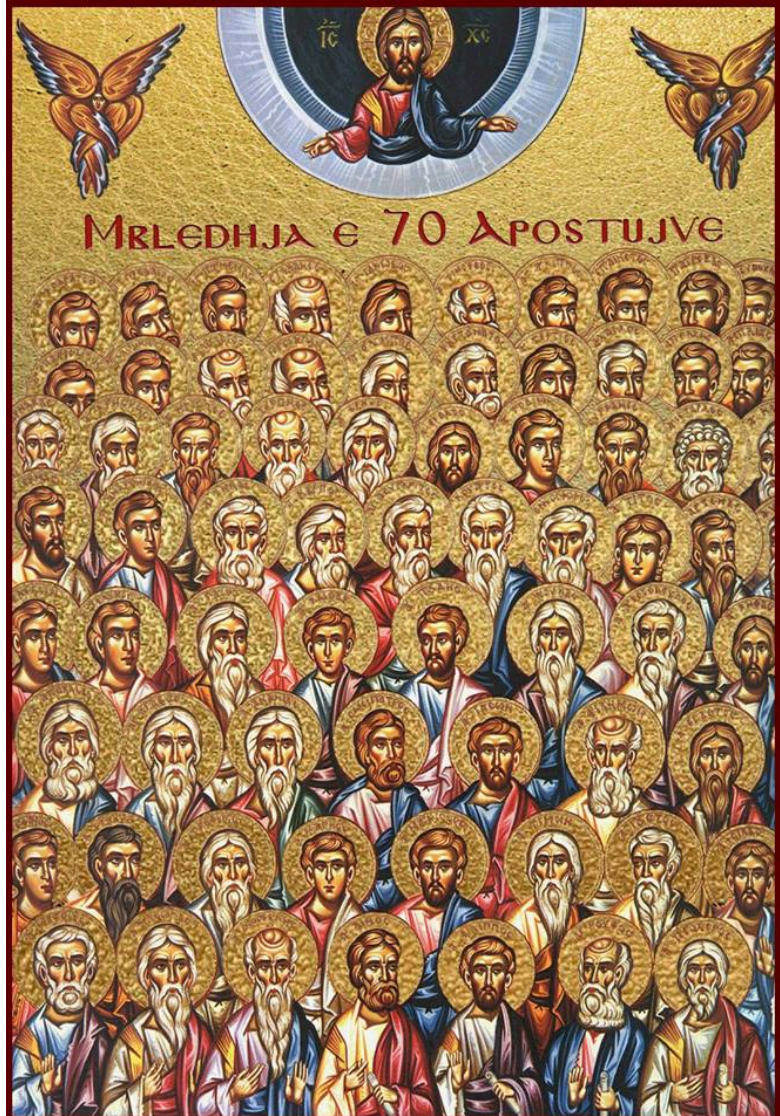
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house.



Orthodoxalbania (2020), Shqip: Ikonë e të Shtatëdhjetë Apostujve, të cilët i kujtojmë së bashku më 4 Janar.

## GOSPEL (cont'd)

Matthew 16:13-19

Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet you do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is he who hopes in God.**

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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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).



# 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 have begun 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

Join us in our parish celebration of St Camillus' Feast Day (14 July) on the **Sunday 13 July 6PM Mass**.

*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!  
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### FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

11 Jul	St Benedict
14 Jul	<b>St Camillus de Lellis</b>
21 Jul	St Mary Magdalene
24 Jul	St James



### 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> 5-6 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Gordon L Philip F Joven	Francisco T Leslie A Elly W Mark	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
<b>Next Sunday</b> 12-13 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Alicia B Gigi Elizabeth C Ricky L	Angela C Menchu Agnes W Tanya D	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		

## 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.



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Families interested in enrolling their child are welcome to join the waitlist via [scecs.nsw.edu.au/early-learning-childcare/scecs-upcoming-services-coming-soon](http://scecs.nsw.edu.au/early-learning-childcare/scecs-upcoming-services-coming-soon).

## Where is God calling you to?



**Contact our  
Vocation Director**  
Fr Renante Sentillas, MI



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## EVENTS IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

### 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/DDBLU>



### 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 of 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](http://trybooking.com/events/landing/1399095)



## 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.



## PARISH GIVING

### Account Name

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPERDOWN

BSB Number 062-784

Account Number 10000 4825

### Parish Collection

	W/C	16 Jun	23 Jun
1st Collection	\$	784.35	775.30
2nd Collection	\$	404.90	407.00
EFTPOS Giving	\$	911.16	2,251.18

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