

# A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

13 July 2025

*Welcome to our parish!*

## PRIESTS

### Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

### Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Ruben Mandin 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.

**The parable of the Good Samaritan, which forms the Gospel for today (Luke 10:25-37), is one of those parts of the New Testament concerning which we would have to say that, if it were lacking, Christianity would be something else.** Here we encounter something truly distinctive of the teaching of Jesus.

The supplementary question from the lawyer, "And who is my neighbour?", is hostile ("to test him"). Because Jesus has drawn the right response out of him and shown that he really knew the answer to his question about inheriting eternal life all along, the lawyer wants "to justify himself" – show that there really is a deeper question lurking there.

## RADICAL RECONFIGURATION

And what an answer he gets! The parable, as Jesus tells it, radically reconfigures both his question and the concept "neighbour". To see how it does this, let's look at the parable in itself – that is, as Jesus probably told it, apart from the setting it has in Luke's gospel. The passing-parade, so to speak, of travellers along the road sets up a pattern that builds up expectation in those who hear the story. Representatives of various classes of persons on a journey arrive at the place where the wounded traveller lies by the side of the road, see him there and respond.

In the first two cases – those of the religious functionaries, the priest and the Levite – the response is to pass by on the other side. They have to avoid contact with the dead or soon-to-be-dead that would prevent them carrying out their sacred duties. So, who do we expect the third traveller to be? Probably a Jewish layperson – someone who, unlike the others, will pick up the tab, so to speak, do the decent thing by a fellow citizen fallen on bad times. But, surprise! surprise! the third person who comes along is not a Jew at all but an enemy, an alien: a Samaritan. Surely, he will pass by on the other side! Or, more likely, see if there is anything left to rob, finish the man off, and hasten on his way.

## SHATTERS PREJUDICE

Centuries of familiarity with the phrase "Good Samaritan" have dulled us to the oxymoron involved at the time of Jesus in putting those two words – "good" and "Samaritan" – together. For Jews Samaritans were not "good" but "bad" (cf. John 4:9).

When the story tells how this Samaritan is "moved with compassion" ("moved to the depths of his being" would be a more accurate translation of the Greek word) and when it goes on to describe how he doesn't just administer first aid but piles on further help, even paying for long-term care out of his own pocket, it shatters long-established stereotyping and prejudice. Here, from this ethnic enemy, comes over-the-top goodness and humanity. The story forces the hearers to put together the previously opposed ideas "good" and "Samaritan".

Something like what it would mean to us to say "good terrorist", "good drug dealer", and so on.

## SEE THE PERSON

The story shows that the Samaritan does not see a conventional label – "Jew" – hanging round the neck of the wounded traveller. He has broken through the labels, on which old hostilities are pegged. He sees simply a fellow human being in need of help.

This vision lies at the heart of the idea of "neighbour" that Jesus is trying to transform. What does it really mean to be "a neighbour"? Before any action it has to do with attitude and with how I see another person. Do I see primarily an ethnic, cultural, social or occupational tag? Or do I go through all these surface things and see, first and foremost, and with compassion, a fellow human being? So, it is not only what the Samaritan does that is exemplary. It is where he starts from that constitutes the real challenge.

Moreover, in reply to the lawyer, Jesus has taken the concept "neighbour" and shifted it from being a tag that I may or may not apply to another, to being a quality or a vocation that I take upon myself and actively live out. As stated above, the whole frame of reference has shifted from, "Who is my neighbour?", to "To whom can I ought I be neighbour?" Just people like me? Or also people who are not like me, not "one of us" at all. The "way to eternal life" is to allow oneself to become in this way an active instrument of the boundary-breaking hospitality of God.

The **First Reading**, from Deuteronomy 30:10-14, admirably sets up the Gospel with its sense that we do not have to go far to fulfil what God wants. The "word is near" in the sense that it begins with the attitude I have to those around me. It is, first of all, "in my mouth, in my heart".

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

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

## FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R**

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R**

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **R**

## SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!**



Unknown (1537), *The Good Samaritan* - De barmhartige Samaritaan

## GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

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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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com) with the following information.

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

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# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH



*Thank you for joining us in our Novena to St Camillus de Lellis that started Saturday 5 July!*

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

Patron Saint of the Sick, Hospitals, and Healthcare Workers

Come and join our **parish celebration of St Camillus' Feast Day (14 July)** on **Sunday 13 July 6PM Mass!**

*St Camillus, pray for us!  
Our Lady Health of the Sick, 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 **St Camillus de Lellis**  
21 Jul St Mary Magdalene  
25 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> 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>Next Sunday</b> 19-20 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	TBC TBC TBC TBC	TBC TBC TBC TBC	TBC TBC TBC TBC
<b>Daily Mass</b>	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](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



[camillianvocationaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:camillianvocationaustralia@gmail.com)



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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

1st Collection	\$ 917.35
2nd Collection	\$ 430.55
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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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