

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

20 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

🕒 **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.

A clearly identifiable and attractive theme unites today's readings: the theme of "hospitality", which in many ways runs right through the Gospel of Luke. The **First Reading**, from Gen 18:1-10, gives part of a delightful episode where Abraham provides the traditional hospitality of his culture to three mysterious strangers. I say "mysterious" because sometimes the narrative suggests that there are three figures who have come to visit Abraham, sometimes only one. Patristic commentators in fact saw here an Old Testament hint of the Trinity. Certainly, the travellers have a divine aura about them. Later (19:1) they are referred to as angels. The 15th century Russian iconographer Andrey Rublev has wonderfully depicted all these aspects of the mystery in his well-known icon.

DUTIES OF HOSPITALITY

What rings through the story is the extreme solicitude of Abraham to provide the duties of hospitality (in fact, of course, the chief burden will fall on Sarah, his wife). But the point to notice is that the guest(s) come not simply to receive but also to give. They leave a promise – a divine promise, in fact. Abraham and Sarah, childless hitherto and now well on in years, are to have a child (cf. Gen 21:1-2). So, the hospitable Abraham has received from those to whom he gave hospitality a marvellous gift in return. He has received a future for himself and his family. His family will become a great people (Israel) and a blessing for all the nations of the earth (Gen 18:18).

MARTHA AND MARY

In the **Gospel**, Luke 10:38-42, two sisters, Martha and Mary, give hospitality to Jesus. Martha appears to be the dominant personality. Certainly, her hospitality is more active and practical. Her sister Mary simply sits at Jesus' feet and listens. This sets up the kind of "triangular" pattern often to be seen in Luke's gospel: Jesus interacts with a character, usually someone in a marginal situation in some respect; a third character or party takes offence at this and grumbles or murmurs. Jesus defends the more marginal party, showing how her or his action is the more appropriate in terms of what he has to offer.

In this case, it is Mary, seemingly the younger sister, whom Jesus defends. While Martha has fussed about preparing too many dishes, when just one would have sufficed, Mary has "chosen the better part" – literally, "the better portion (or "dish")". In view of the identity of the One here present as guest and the gift that he has to give, it is Mary's attitude that is the more appropriate. As in the case of Abraham and his guests, hospitality is not simply flowing one way. Martha and Mary have far more to receive from their guest than he has to receive from them.

DISTRACTIONS

Understandably, down the ages and perhaps particularly in recent times, it is Martha who has evoked more sympathy. Her complaint that she has been left to do all the work by herself seems at one level very justified. But this is precisely where the provocation of the Gospel has its bite. As Luke's Gospel so often makes clear, frenetic service, even service of the Lord, can be a deceptive distraction from what the Lord really wants. Good people are always prone to measure their goodness by all they do for the Lord. They forget that nothing that they can ever do could match all they need to receive, and that the Lord's primary intent towards us is to bestow upon us life, love and salvation, rather than to make use of our service.

The scene has also been controversial in feminist interpretation. Is Jesus, in a liberating way, defending in Mary the right of women to be free of traditional "women's work" (kitchen duties, etc) in order to receive the kind of instruction from himself that will equip them for leadership in the community? Or is he, on the contrary, subtly putting women in their place by praising a woman (Mary) who takes a more passive role, while criticising the more active and energetic Martha?

Both these positions miss the mark. The fact that two characters in the episode are women, while significant in its way, may not be the main point. As so often, the Gospel's focus is upon the abundance of God's gift and the barriers that human beings put up against receiving it.

GOD'S GIFT

In its own way, the **Second Reading**, from Colossians (1:24-28) likewise dwells on the abundance of God's gift. Paul meditates on God's purpose, through his own ministry, to draw the nations of the world into the riches of salvation previously confined to Israel. There is no part of the human world where the saving power of Christ is not ready to break out. Hence the striking "definition" of the "mystery" Paul serves: "Christ among you, your hope of glory".

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.

On Friday 15th August - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr John Iacono will be celebrating a Healing Mass at St Joseph's Camperdown, beginning at 6:45pm; Mass will begin at 8pm as per usual schedule. All are welcome!

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God himself is my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will offer you a willing sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. **R**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R**

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: _____ ☐ For publishing ☐ Not for publishing

Requested by: _____



Johannes Vermeer (1632–1675), *Christ in the House of Martha and Mary*

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord keeps in our minds the wonderful things he has done. He is compassion and love; he always provides for his faithful.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

FEAST OF

St Camillus de Lellis



Thank you for joining us last Sunday 13th of July for the

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

Patron Saint of the Sick, Hospitals, and Healthcare Workers

If you would like to read a reflection from Fr Michael (Mike) Gimena MI that he shared during his Homily in the Mass, head onto our Facebook Page or Instagram.

Brewed Reflection

BY FR MICHAEL GIMENA, MI

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C & Feast of St Camillus de Lellis



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!
@StJosephsCamperdown



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 19-20 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon Rachel Sharon K Joven	Francisco Leslie John L Mark	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
Next Sunday 26-27 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Alicia Tanya D Nancy T Corazon	Diana Gordon Chris W Francisco	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
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.

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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.

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?

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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



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.



PARISH GIVING

Account Name

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPERDOWN

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Account Number 10000 4825

Parish Collection

1st Collection \$ 870.40

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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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