

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

27 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

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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.

Today, as was the case last week, an episode from the life of Abraham told in the First Reading (Gen 18:20-32) serves as a foil for the Gospel (Luke 11:1-13). Both have to do with prayer – more specifically in the case of the Gospel with the attitude to God that true prayer requires.

People who have bargained for goods in markets overseas will quickly recognise what Abraham is doing. Good merchant that he is, he is “haggling” with God, trying to beat God down, so to speak. The continual excuses that he makes as he pleads for a lower number lend a comical tone to the interaction. Quaint though it is, what emerges from the story is a touching familiarity in the divine-human relationship. Abraham, the friend of God, knows that he can pressure God in this way.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

In a similar way human attitude to God is the central issue in the long sequence making up the Gospel, Luke 11:1-13. Responding to their request, Jesus gives his disciples an instruction on prayer. As in the longer version of the Lord's Prayer in Matthew, the petitions follow a distinct pattern that is itself an instruction on the nature of prayer. First there is focus solely upon God, then a focus upon God's “agenda” (that God's name be held holy, that God's kingdom come, etc.). Only after this Godward focus do the petitions turn to address human need (for sustenance, for forgiveness and finally for protection in the hour of trial).

Following this pattern, the prayer begins by addressing God in the way characteristic of Jesus: that is, as “Father”. In all likelihood behind the Greek *patēr* here lay the Aramaic “Abba” (Mark 15:36; Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6).

Jesus' use of this highly familiar address to God (perhaps “Dad” renders it best) made such an impression on the early believers that they retained the Aramaic original. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, under the impulse of the Spirit (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6), they found themselves “daring” to call God “Abba”. This address, and the Lord's Prayer which begins with it, express the truth that they now enjoyed an intimate filial relationship with God into which Jesus had drawn them.

STRONGER EMPHASIS

As the focus moves to God's “agenda,” we should note that the customary way in which the petitions are stated in English (“may ...”) sounds like a rather weak wish. The original expression (in Aramaic) was much stronger: “Make your name be held holy!”, “make your kingdom come!”, and so forth. That is, it is a matter of boldly telling God to see to it that this desirable state of affairs comes about.

The petition, “Give us today our daily bread” is rich with multiple meaning in the Greek original. The sense can also be “bread we need for our existence” or (in allusion to the Manna with which the Israelites were fed on their desert wandering), “Give us today bread our bread for tomorrow”, that is, the bread that people on a journey through a wilderness need to have with them.

In the petition for forgiveness the sense is not that God waits to see whether we forgive others before offering forgiveness to us; rather, we can block the flow of God's always-available forgiveness if we do not lead forgiving lives.

AWARENESS OF THE WORLD

The final petition reflects awareness that the world is often a place of trial, persecution and temptation. The wording, again, reflect Semitic idiom. There is no implication that God would lead people into such things. The prayer is that such troubles, if they occur, will not prove overwhelming, causing believers to fall away from their high vocation.

As a whole, the prayer is the prayer of a community that knows it constitutes the loved family of God, to whom, on its journey through life, it constantly turns in confidence and trust to receive those benefits that only God can give.

UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S LOVE

The wonderful parable that follows leaps straight out of the village life of Palestine. It is impossible to do it justice in a few sentences. Essentially it operates on a kind of a fortiori logic: if it impossible to imagine that a human being in such situations (the man who's gone to bed with his family) will not act (get up and give bread to his friend who knocks), how much more inconceivable it is that God would remain inactive when his community is in need.

Exactly the same logic rules the three examples that follow: if human parents would not act in the ways described, how much less would God. Yet do we often not catch ourselves out imagining God as less-loving, less-forgiving, less understanding than the best of our friends? As I said at the beginning, the focus of the entire sequence has to do with the image of God communicated by Jesus.

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

God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will be only twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will be only ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **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: _____



William Holman Hunt (1827–1910), *The Importunate Neighbour*

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with him, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's Children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

Now once he was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples'. He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you," I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O bless the Lord, my soul, and remember all his kindness.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

HAPPY FEAST OF SAINTS
JOACHIM AND ANNE
26 JULY



Prayer for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,
animated by the hope that comes from You!
Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.
Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace.
Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.
Help us to be, for our grandchildren,
for our loved ones and for everyone we meet,
the memory of your tenderness.
Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost.
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!

Amen.



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](https://www.instagram.com/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 If none indicated, the readers
This 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 - -
Next Sunday 2-3 Aug	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	TBC		
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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PREACH THE GOSPEL. HEAL THE SICK.

Read more



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!

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



A Catholic Response to Cultural Confusion

18 years of age or over event only

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.

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ANointed Women's Conference 2025

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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

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Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 1,067.10
2nd Collection	\$ 608.90
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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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