

# A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

3 Aug 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.

For once there is a common theme running across all three readings today, including the second, from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:1-5, 9-11). The theme is that denoted by the Greek word "pleonexia", which literally means "the desire to have more and more". It is usually translated "avarice" or "greed", both of which are accurate enough but do not quite catch the full nuance of the Greek.

St Luke's Gospel makes much of the hindrance wealth creates for discipleship – and ultimately for attaining fullness of life in community with God and fellow human beings. The problem lies not so much wealth in itself as in the desire to have more and more, which is exactly what is meant by pleonexia.

### FEARS FOR THE FUTURE

In Luke's view human beings are insecure creatures. We are afraid for the future and, in that fear, desperately clutch at what would seem to offer protection and security against all manner of threats. Wealth seems to be the most obvious source of security: with wealth we shall not go hungry or thirsty, we shall have a good roof over our heads, we shall gain influence and power; we are more likely to have good health, a long life, and enjoy the best life has to offer. But the deep fear that feeds our insecurity also feeds the desire for wealth. That desire itself can become insatiable. It can threaten to take over and control everything, making us increasingly insensitive and oblivious to other and deeper values: the needs of our fellow human beings and above all our relationship with God.

This is what Jesus illustrates in the parable told in the Gospel for today (Luke 12:13-21). Prompting the parable is a request from a man who wants Jesus to intervene in a dispute between himself and his brother regarding the dividing up of the family inheritance. The request is not unreasonable but it illustrates how preoccupation with matters of this kind may make people deaf to the deeper and more significant issues that Jesus is addressing.

### ENGAGING PARABLE

The parable – as with all good parables – would quickly engage Jesus' hearers. Poor, as the majority of them doubtless were, they would envy the landowner whose land had been so productive that his chief problem was finding space to store his harvest. They would envy even more his prospect of being able to sit back later on and enjoy the good life because he had so much security stored up for many years to come.

How keenly, then, they would feel the intervention of God: "This very night the demand will be made for your soul". "Soul" basically refers to life itself but there is an overtone, surely, of the quality of a person: "what you're worth as a human being". This is what God will inquire about in terms of capacity for eternal life, for enjoying the riches of life with God. And it is exactly this question about the deeper human values that the man's preoccupation with his wealth – its safe storage and the material benefits it brings – has caused him to neglect.

The only security that is really lasting consists in being "rich" in the sight of God. This is because relationship with God is the only relationship or attachment that can transcend the barrier of death. The parable powerfully illustrates how attachment to wealth – the desire to acquire, hold on to and enhance it – prevents people from attending to the relationship with God that brings the only security that counts in the long run.

Such desire also poisons human relationships and erodes the concern for others that is the basis of community. Attachment to wealth in this sense is incompatible with living, sharing and celebrating what Jesus is living, sharing and celebrating: the hospitality God is offering both now and in the life to come.

### SHORTNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

The **First Reading**, from Ecclesiastes 1-2, serves as a pointer to the theme of the Gospel. The shortness of human life and its inevitable limiting by death makes labouring and toiling for wealth "vanity": that is, something ultimately without meaning.

In the rich passage from Colossians making up the **Second Reading**, "greed" (pleonexia) is simply one in a list of vices that Paul says belong to the old, pre-conversion way of life that believers have now "died" to through baptism. They now share the risen life of the Lord, in which is being realised the Creator's original design for human beings to be made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26-28).

Paul does not mean that believers have to pretend to be living some heavenly life, cut off from the realities of present earthly existence. Rather, a sense of the immense dignity that they already have in a hidden sense should have a transformative effect upon the way they live now.

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, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.**

## FIRST READING

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Colossians 3:1-5.9-11**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.



Rembrandt (1606–1669), *The Parable of the Rich Fool*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Luke 12:13-21**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs'. Then he told them a parable: 'There once was a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time". But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat.**

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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.

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# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

## Called

A DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER  
FOR VOCATIONS

TALK | Q&A | HOLY HOUR | MASS

**SATURDAY, 30 AUGUST 2025**

3PM START | ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

Scan QR code  
to register



## Called: A Day of Reflection & Prayer for Vocations

Join us on **Saturday 30th of August at 3pm** to reflect on the different types of vocations and the Essential Elements of Religious Life with Sr Maliya Suen, RSM.

There will also be an opportunity for Q&A with priests and religious, followed by a Holy Hour for Vocations, and the Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass.

Whether you are a parent, parishioner, friend, or discernor -- all are welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Register via scanning the QR code or visiting [forms.gle/AxB4MjZR9y6evoRz7](https://forms.gle/AxB4MjZR9y6evoRz7)

## 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](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](mailto: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](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> 2-3 Aug	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F The Sisters - Joven	Francisco T The Sisters - Mark	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
<b>Next Sunday</b> 9-10 Aug	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Gigi - Joven	Angela C Menchu - 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

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).





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## 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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**PREACH THE GOSPEL. HEAL THE SICK.**

**Read more**



**On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Come with your questions. Leave with clarity and hope. [trybooking.com/DBBLU](http://trybooking.com/DBBLU)**

### ANointed Women's Conference 2025

**You were created with purpose.**

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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](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	\$	539.55
2nd Collection	\$	300.65
EFTPOS Giving	\$	958.42

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**Visit our parish website**

