

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

22 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

🕒 **Mon, Wed, Fri** 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.

The theme linking the First Reading and the Gospel seems to hover between two aspects of salvation that might, at first sight, seem to stand in some tension. On the one hand, the **First Reading** (Isaiah 66:18-21) stems from one of the great universalist passages of Second Isaiah where the prophet foresees the outreach of salvation, beyond Israel, to the nations of the world. The nations that once took members of God's people into captivity, will bring them back to Jerusalem in honour. Moreover – and this is truly striking – some members of the nations will become priests and levites in the Temple. We Christians from the nations of the world, baptised in Christ, are all heirs of this striking promise.

VISION OF INCLUSIVENESS

The universalist note is picked up in the concluding sentences of the **Gospel** (Luke 13:22-30), where Jesus observes that "people from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of God". But now the inclusive vision underwrites the prophetic warning that is the chief point of the entire passage. Those who might consider themselves "insiders" and so be complacent about their inclusion had better take note. Too late, they may wake up to find themselves excluded, while, to their anguish and chagrin, they see many included whom they would have considered outsiders.

The warning is sparked off by a question about the number who will be saved. Jesus will not respond to speculations in these terms. It is the present, not the future, that will decide the issue. So he turns the question back into a warning not to miss the opportunity while it is still available.

As always, the imagery he appeals to is taken from everyday life. When an entrance is narrow and many are trying to get through (think of people struggling to get into a department store when bargain sales are on), it pays to struggle and get to the front right away. Jesus is not necessarily commending such behaviour. He is simply pointing to common human experience and applying this everyday image to taking advantage of God's generous offer of salvation. In the person and preaching of Jesus this offer is now available but it will not always be there. People cannot just "coast" into salvation; an effort is required.

TRAVELLERS LOCKED OUT

The image then alters. It now seems to be that of travellers arriving late at a large household or inn. Though late, they hope for special consideration on the grounds of being known to the householder. But the lodging is full up with others (the people "from east and west, ...") who have got in before them; all is barred and locked up for the night. No use then standing outside knocking, claiming all kinds of familiarity with the householder. With his lodging satisfactorily full, he doesn't want to know them. Once again, the image plays powerfully on the feelings of his audience: imagine how you'd feel in that situation – out on the street for the night in a strange city, the door slammed brutally in your face. How you'd envy those ("from east and west, ...") who'd got in before you.

The hospitality of God is ample and generous. In the preaching of Jesus – continued down to our day in the preaching of the Church – we are all invited to the banquet. But the invitation will not be available forever. Human beings can exclude themselves from the banquet by not being prepared to accept the divine hospitality at the time, and in the company, of God's choosing.

GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS

Here, once again, we encounter the sense, so strong in Luke's Gospel, that conversion of heart is not something people can afford to put off indefinitely. God's ways are not our ways. Daily the Gospel challenges the narrowness of our thoughts and the limits of our generosity. To allow this to happen is, in effect, to go in by "the narrow gate", the gate that strips us of the "baggage" our selfishness makes us acquire. For those prepared to live in this way, the question of salvation barely arises. It can be safely left in the hands of the all-generous God whose only desire in our regard is to call us to the banquet of life.

The **Second Reading**, from Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, speaks of suffering in terms of an image fairly common in the Wisdom literature of the Bible: that of the "disciplinary" punishment a father might give his son. Such a view of parent behaviour is unlikely to be appealing today. (It is a view that is challenged, incidentally, in the Book of Job.) In preaching from this reading it might be best to concentrate on the image of the discipline required in athletic training, which also seems to be present.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call to you all the day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **R**

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!



Charlotte Reihlen (Idee); Paul Beckmann (Ausführung),
Der breite und der schmale Weg - The Narrow Path and the Wide Path

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages he went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven; man grows bread from the earth, and wine to cheer his heart.

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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.

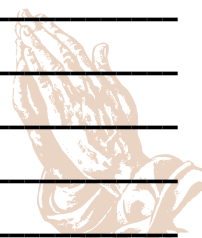
You may use one of the **Mass Intention Envelopes at the foyer of the church** or email us at stjocamper@gmail.com with the following information.

Date: _____

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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

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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 If none indicated, the readers
This Sunday 23-24 Aug	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Alicia B Tanya Cynthia C Poie	Ricky L Gordon L Chris W Raymond	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
Next Sunday 30-31 Aug	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	James Rachel Lisa C Joven	Greg Leslie Anna T Mark	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	Mon Garry, Tue Etchie, Wed Amy, Thu Doris, Fri Ricky, Sat Gemma Corazon F, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Maria C, Tim L, Alexander M		

PARISH CHOIR

ORGANIST/PIANIST | CONDUCTOR

Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass
St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir

Fr Ruben, Dennis,
Gemma

Sunday 9:30 AM Mass
Sunday Morning Choir

Allen, Ethel | Yani

Sunday 11 AM Mass
Chinese Community

Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa

Sunday 6 PM Mass
St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir

Gemma | Teresa

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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We're excited to announce the opening of our Early Childhood Education and Care service at St Joseph's, Camperdown – opening January 2026!

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.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

CALLED & GIFTED

DISCERNMENT PROCESS

Mon 8 Sept - Mon 24 Nov 2025

gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process/



RESCHEDULED

CAMINO of ST JOSEPH

AN OVERNIGHT WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH

5 - 6 SEPTEMBER 2025
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
NEW DATE



**REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**

FOR MORE INFO: SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/MAXIMUS

OPEN TO MEN AGES 16+. ADULT SUPERVISION IS STRICTLY REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD.



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

BSB Number 062-784

Account Number 10000 4825

Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ To be posted
2nd Collection	\$ To be posted
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 1,613.38

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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.

Visit our parish website

