

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

31 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.

Baptism are usually scheduled Sunday 12:30pm; Baptismal instructions to be arranged with parents before baptism.

Weddings require six (6) months notice.

Humility seems to be the theme that unites the First Reading, from Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29, and the Gospel, taken from Luke 14:1, 7-14. But the Gospel contains far more than a commendation of the virtue of humility. As in so many scenes in Luke's Gospel, the episode described takes place at a banquet to which Jesus has been invited. He notices that the guests, as they arrive at the banquet, inevitably choose the highest, most honourable places. The comment he makes on this seems, at first sight, to be simply a piece of practical advice: choose the lowest place because, if there has to be a rearrangement (to seat everyone according to rank), it's much better to be promoted to a higher place than required to move down to a lower one. But the fact that the episode has been introduced as a "parable" suggests that something more significant than everyday advice is at stake. As in all parables Jesus taps into the everyday life of his audience that he knows so well. He plays on the feelings of honour and shame that ran so deeply in the Palestinian society of his day. Imagine what it would be like at a formal public meal (a wedding reception, say) to have to yield your seat and, in front of everyone, move down and take the lowest place of all. Think of the humiliation, the loss of face involved.

GREAT REVERSAL

The sense of horror that even the thought of such an experience conjures up gives bite to the situation the parable actually refers to: the great reversal that is to come at the end of time. If everything is going to be reversed when the Kingdom of God is established (see the Magnificat [Luke 1:51-53]; the Beatitudes and Woes [Luke 6:20-26]), those who choose now to sit with the poor and lowly are destined for promotion, while those who sit now with the rich and powerful will find themselves ordered down to the lowest places. So the point is made: if in the case of banquets like this present one you would experience such shame at finding yourself demoted before the eyes of all, just think how much more painful it will be to experience that at the end of the age, when all is decided and set forever!

In this way Jesus uses an episode from ordinary life (of no moral content at all) as a springboard, not to a moral maxim, but to a profound statement of the implications of the gospel. Hence the recommendation that follows as the final part of the reading. Better, when issuing invitations, not to invite your friends and relations; all that will get you is a similar invitation in return. Invite instead the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. In the present, they may appear to have nothing to offer. But being hospitable to them now stores up for you the welcome that truly matters: the welcome they will give you into the hospitality of God that lasts forever.

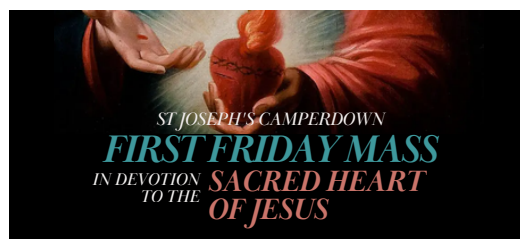
SPLENDID VISION

The Second Reading, from Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24, stands, as so often, rather apart from this but evokes a splendid vision in its own right. It forms the conclusion to the long exposition in Hebrews of Christian life as a pilgrimage, to some extent modelled on, but in every way surpassing the "pilgrimage" of the Israelites through desert of Sinai. For the Israelites the making of the old covenant was a fearful experience of the divine presence, remote and terrifying on the mountain. For the members of the Church, by contrast, what is described is a joyful arrival of pilgrims at the goal of their journey: the holy city Jerusalem. They arrive not as strangers but as citizens, delighted to receive the welcome accorded to "firstborn sons and daughters". They find the city thronged with fellow-pilgrims – multitudes of angels and the holy men and women of old ("the spirits of the saints who have been made perfect") – all gathered to celebrate the festival. It is the festival that celebrates the reconciliation between God and human beings achieved through the blood of Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant,

In one sense all this is yet to take place; it belongs to the future; we tread now our pilgrim way. Yet in the perspective of Hebrews, it is a vision already realised to the eyes of faith. Like night vision spectacles now worn in military operations, faith makes unseen realities "visible". It lifts our vision to this wonderful and privileged "citizenship" that is our destiny in union with God.

The liturgy, above all, is the place where we celebrate the actuality of what we believe, where we draw encouragement and hope for the journey that still lies ahead.

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.



First Fridays at St Joseph's

7PM Eucharistic Adoration
8PM Mass for the Sick and Healthcare Workers with Anointing of the Sick

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20.28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since and evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads prisoners forth into freedom. **R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!



A.N. Mironov, Parable of the Wedding Feast

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1.7-14

Now on the sabbath day he had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man". And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher". In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Lord, how great is the depth of the kindness which you have shown to those who love you.

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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: _____

Requested by: _____

Intentions:

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

CELEBRATING THE
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

ONE PARISH JOURNEYING IN LOVE

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CAMPERDOWN

CELEBRATING YOUR
TRADITIONS IN ETHNIC
DRESSES, SONGS, DANCES,
AND FOOD!



Join us in celebrating this year's
World Day of Migrants and
Refugees at St Joseph's
Camperdown!

SUNDAY 28 SEP, 9:30AM
Come wearing your traditional/cultural
clothing! All are welcome!

Calling all crafters & creatives!

Share Your Creativity at St Joseph's Camperdown!

As part of our Celebration for the World of Migrants and Refugees, we warmly invite all creative and crafty parishioners to showcase their skills and talents.

When: Sunday, 28th September, after the 9:30am Mass

Where: St Joseph's Camperdown

Bring along your handmade items to display, sell, or give away and be part of this joyful parish celebration of culture, creativity, and community.

Whether you paint, sew, knit, make jewellery, bake, or create in any way – we'd love to see and celebrate your gifts!

Interested? **Email** stjocamper@gmail.com
Contact Teresa Caxala – 0432 184 914

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors If none indicated, the readers
This 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 - -
Next Sunday 6-7 Sep	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	TBC TBC Philip F TBC	TBC TBC Elly W TBC	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.

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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.



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.

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.



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.

Meet and chat over food and a cuppa! All are welcome!

PARISH MORNING TEA

2nd Sundays
after 9:30am Mass



PARISH GIVING

Account Name

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPERDOWN

BSB Number 062-784

Account Number 10000 4825

Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$	772.30
2nd Collection	\$	352.30
EFTPOS Giving	\$	893.00

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