

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

21 Sep 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

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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 Gospel for today, Luke 16:1-13, features one of the most obscure parables in the Gospel tradition, that of the Dishonest or Rogue Manager. The first problem is actually to determine where the parable proper ends and the series of comments – added, it would seem, to make it intelligible – takes over. More precisely, is “the master”, who – surprisingly – praises the manager in the end, the master in the story? Or should we understand the master to be Jesus himself, adding a comment of his own? The former seems more likely. Without this concluding comment from the master the parable somehow lacks “bite”. Here is the surprise, the shock, that is so frequently a feature of the parables told by Jesus.

DISHONESTY ISSUE

Then the issue is to decide wherein exactly the manager’s “dishonesty” lay. It is tempting to see it consisting in what he does with his master’s creditors – getting them to write down reduced amounts of what they owe. But the master finds fault with the manager before he has recourse to this stratagem. His dishonesty has to do with the way he has conducted his master’s affairs before his dismissal and is in fact the reason for it. What he does after receiving notice may be opportunistic but it need not necessarily be wrong.

What in fact is the steward doing? The parable seems to presuppose an economic practice of the time where a manager enjoying considerable autonomy lets out items of his master’s property for a commission or interest which includes some proportion for himself. As far as the master is concerned there is nothing particularly dishonest in this; he gets his interest. If the manager gets a cut as well, so be it. In the story as told by Jesus, it would seem that what the manager does after receiving notice about his dismissal is to strip away the portion of the interest accruing to himself. He cancels his own cut because he reckons that it will be more advantageous when he is out of work – and too weak to dig and too ashamed to beg – to have the goodwill of people who may be able to help him, welcoming him into their homes. He “buys” their goodwill in this way and the master wryly praises him for what he has done. By incurring some immediate loss to secure long-term interest, he has acted “sensibly”. He has not clung to his wealth but used it to win goodwill that will serve him in the hour of need that is coming his way.

GREAT REVERSAL EXPECTED

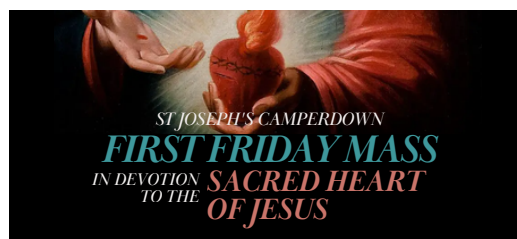
The parable presupposes the sense of a great reversal connected with the coming of the Kingdom as proclaimed by Jesus. In this reversal, as Mary proclaimed in her Magnificat (1:53) “the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away”. In view of it, Jesus could say in the Beatitudes, “Blessed are you who are poor” (6:20) and “Woe to you who are rich” (6:24). So, in the light of this reversal, the steward’s behaviour provides something to praise and emulate. Rogue he may be (a “child of this world”) but in this one respect – seeing a crisis coming and taking vigorous action, even at some cost to himself – he showed himself “more shrewd” than “the children of light”. With so much more at stake (eternal life), the wealthy among the latter would be well advised to strip themselves of their wealth now in order to win friends among the poor. When the poor have their privileged places in the kingdom, these same poor will welcome these benefactors into “eternal dwellings”. As generally for Luke, the only really useful thing to do with money is to give it away so that it will store up “treasure in heaven” (12:33).

SOCIAL JUSTICE APPEAL

The **First Reading**, from Amos 8:4-7, offers one of the most powerful appeals for social justice in the Old Testament. As such, it most effectively sets up a background for the Gospel. Rich land-owners observed the law against trade on the new moon but secretly longed for the feast to be over so that they could resume their defrauding of the poor. In any case, the law (Lev 19:9-10) enjoined them to leave the “sweepings of the wheat” for the poor to harvest. The prophet powerfully attacks their hypocrisy.

The **Second Reading**, from 1 Tim 2:1-8, is notable for two things. First, it features one of the most striking expressions in the New Testament of God’s universal salvific will; no nation or people, no single individual is excluded. Second, it makes the point that believers have to live as part of a wider society. Hence prayer should be offered for rulers and others in authority – pagans though they be – so that the church may live out its way of life in the world in tranquility and peace.

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 am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure



Marinus van Reymerswaele (1540). *The parable of the unjust steward.*

GOSPEL (cont.)

Luke 16:1-13

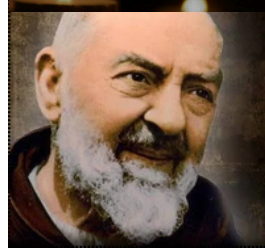
that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." 'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be faithfully kept. May my footsteps be firm in keeping your commands.

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FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS



*My past, O Lord, to your Mercy;
my present, to your Love;
my future, to your Providence!*

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (23 Sep)

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

CELEBRATING THE
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

ONE PARISH JOURNEYING IN LOVE

@ ST JOSEPH'S
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 and bring your **cultural**
delicacies to share! All are welcome!



MIGRANTS,
MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
BUILDERS OF PEACE
WITH CREATION

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.

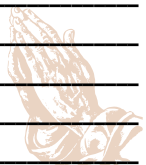
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Date: _____

Intentions: _____

Requested by: _____

For publishing? ☐ Yes ☐ No



SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors If none indicated, the readers
This Sunday 20-21 Sep	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel Sharon K Tanya	Francisco T Leslie John L James	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
Next Sunday 27-28 Sep	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Tanya Cynthia C Poie	Angela C Gordon Chris W Raymond	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, Jack

Sunday 9:30 AM Mass
Sunday Morning Choir Allen, Ethel, Jack | 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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parish. **Anyone wanting to volunteer, please ring or text Angeline 0431 718 137.** God bless.

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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



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

FIDELIS



Fidelis: The Beauty of Brokenness

We are thrilled to welcome Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT and Fr. John Burns - two beloved voices in the Church who need no introduction! - as they lead us into a profound exploration of how our brokenness can become a doorway to grace. Together, we'll journey into the heart of Catholic theology, reflecting on forgiveness, healing, and salvation and explore how the very wounds we carry can reveal Christ in deeply personal and transformative ways. Come with open hearts and expect to encounter beauty in places you may not have looked before!

Date: Wednesday, 24 September 2025
Time: 6pm to 10pm

Venue: Canterbury Leagues Club - Conference Room

Cost: \$25

For more information and to register, visit

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