

*A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'*  
**ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

12 Oct 2025

*Welcome to our parish!*

## PRIESTS

### Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

### Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Ruben Mandin 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](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.

**The connection between the First Reading, from 2 Kings 5:14-17 and the Gospel, Luke 17:11-19, set for today is fairly clear.** Both depict a person who has been cured from skin complaint returning to acknowledge and give thanks to God. [The disease in each case is traditionally referred to as leprosy. However, it is now recognised that the terms used in the original languages could refer to a variety of ailments of the skin. A sensitive preaching of today's readings will avoid speaking about 'lepers'.]

What a pity, however, that the **First Reading** does not give us the full account of the cure of Naaman the Syrian, since it is surely one of the most attractive stories emerging from the Old Testament – one which Jesus himself alludes to in his inaugural preaching at Nazareth according to Luke 4:27.

It would be good to read the entire narrative in 2 Kings 5:1-17. Naaman is a great and powerful general. He wants to be cured and has his own ideas as to how the cure should come about. He is enraged when the prophet Elisha doesn't even bother to come out of his house to meet him but simply sends out a message telling him to bathe seven times in the river Jordan. How sensible and touching the advice of the general's servants: 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' (v. 13).

When Naaman swallows his pride and follows the instruction of the prophet, his flesh is restored 'like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean' (v. 14).

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

This is where the part of the episode set out in the Lectionary comes in. Naaman returns to the prophet's house, stands before him and makes his confession of faith in Israel's God. Not only has he been cured of his physical ailment. He has undergone a profound conversion. He has abandoned his preconceived ideas about the cure. He has put aside his national pride and submitted to the dictates of the Israelite prophet. Above all, this had led him to a knowledge of Israel's God as the only God of the whole earth.

Only one more thing does Naaman have to learn. No gifts in return – either to God or God's prophet – are required or accepted. Israel's God distributes favours with absolute freedom and generosity. The one thing necessary is grateful acknowledgment.

It is on this point, of course, that the Naaman story is at one with the healing episode told in the Gospel.

On Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, 10 persons afflicted with a skin complaint cry out to Jesus for mercy, keeping their distance as the Law obliged them to do. All 10 are made clean when they follow Jesus' instructions to go and show themselves to the priest (see Lev. 13:49).

For nine of them that is where the matter ends. But the tenth, who happens to be a Samaritan, returns loudly praising God. When he prostrates himself before Jesus and thanks him, Jesus remarks on the absence of the other nine. None of them had returned to give praise to God except this 'stranger'!

Once again in this Gospel, as earlier in the famous parable (Luke 10:29-37) the audience is confronted with a "good Samaritan". The appropriate behaviour of the foreigner, the one on the margins, has shown up the shortcomings of those more centrally placed in the Jewish society of the time.

### SALVATION

It is only this one who receives from Jesus the assurance: 'Stand up and go on your way; your faith has brought you salvation'. We have here a precious indication of the meaning of 'salvation' in Luke's Gospel.

The other nine, of course, experienced healing in a physical sense. But they did not really experience 'salvation' in the full sense. Beyond physical healing or rescue, salvation for Luke above all means coming to know God in a new way as a God who saves, and being transformed by that knowledge. The Samaritan who returns to give thanks really comes to the 'knowledge of salvation' hymned in Zechariah's Benedictus canticle (1:77).

### SUMMONS TO CONVERSION

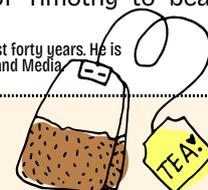
As so often, Luke's gospel compels its hearers to confront the human tendency to categorise and place labels on people. Here one who is doubly marginal – by reason of his illness, by reason of his ethnic background – shows himself more disposed to really know Israel's God and so experience salvation. The episode is not just about the healing of an afflicted person. For all else involved, including ourselves, it is a summons to conversion.

In the **Second Reading**, 2 Tim 2:8-13, Paul bases his encouragement of Timothy to bear hardships on what appears to be an early hymn to Christ.

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

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

**PARISH MORNING TEA**  
2nd Sundays after 9:30am Mass



# Readings

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel.**

## FIRST READING

**2 Kings 5: 14-17**

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R**

## SECOND READING

**2 Timothy 2: 8-13**

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Luke 17: 11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



Gebhard Fugel (1863-1939). *Christ and the lepers* - Fugel.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The rich suffer want and go hungry, but nothing shall be lacking to those who fear the Lord.**

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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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

### St Luke (18 Oct)

*Patron Saint of Artists, Physicians, Surgeons, Notaries, Brewers, and Butchers*

St. Luke was one of the four evangelists and a Gentile from Antioch in Syria. St. Paul calls him "the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14), indicating his previous occupation. As a writer, he composed the third Gospel, which provides the most extensive and thorough biography of Our Lord, as well as the Acts of the Apostles, an account of the early apostolic labors, especially those of Peter and Paul.

Between these two volumes, he wrote more of the New Testament than any other author, with St. Paul writing the second most. St. Luke is often considered the founder of Christian iconography and depicted painting images of the Blessed Mother. The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist on October 18.

Source: EWTN

# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

## SCRIPTURAL *Living* ROSARY

**SATURDAY  
25 OCTOBER**  
6PM VIGIL MASS  
FOLLOWED BY THE  
SCRIPTURAL LIVING ROSARY

*Let us come together as one  
parish in prayer during the  
month of the Holy Rosary*



CELEBRATING THE  
WORLD DAY OF  
MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

**ONE PARISH  
JOURNEYING  
IN LOVE**  
@ ST JOSEPH'S  
CAMPERDOWN



**MIGRANTS,  
MISSIONARIES OF HOPE**  
BUILDERS OF PEACE  
WITH CREATION

We would like to **thank you**, our parishioners at St Joseph's Camperdown and all our visitors for your presence and participation in our celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees and the Season of Creation last 28<sup>th</sup> September!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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who has generously provided our sound system needs for the programme and festivities after Mass.



## 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> 11-12 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon Gigi Elizabeth C Joven	Francisco Menchu Agnes W Mark	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
<b>Next Sunday</b> 18-19 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Rachel Sharon K Tanya	Angela C Leslie John L James	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
<b>Daily Mass</b>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Evening</b>	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 Fr Ruben, Dennis, Jack  
**St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir**  
Sunday 9:30 AM Mass Allen, Ethel, Jack | 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).



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 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.



# 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.

## 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](mailto: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

## Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$	952.80
2nd Collection	\$	447.50
EFTPOS Giving	\$	984.15

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

# CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

[gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

## Sydney Synod 2026

Can you give Archbishop Fisher positive, practical, and faithful ideas to address the three longings of Sydney Catholics: that our liturgies be more prayerful, our communities more Christ-centred, and our Church in Sydney more mission-oriented? Come along to our regional consultations:

**St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**  
Date: **Tuesday, 14 October 2025**  
Time: 6 - 9 PM

**All Saints Parish Liverpool**  
Date: **Thursday, 16 October 2025**  
Time: 6 - 9 PM

Registration is essential via [sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod](http://sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod)



# SYDNEY SYNOD 2026

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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](mailto: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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