

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

26 Oct 2025

*Welcome to our parish!*

## PRIESTS

### Parish Priest

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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.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be advised that **all masses on Saturday 1 Nov, including the 6PM Mass**, will be the Mass of the **Solemnity of All Saints Day**. All Masses on **Sunday 2 Nov** will be the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls' Day**.

### Readings

**Sat 1 Nov** (including 6PM Mass) Rev 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

**Sun 2 Nov** Ws 3:1-9, Pss 114:5-6, 115:10-11, 15-16, RPs 114:9; Rom 8:31-35, 37-39; Jn 14:1-6

**The readings today – at least the First Reading, from Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 35:12-14, 16-19 and the Gospel (Luke 18:9-14) – are, like those of last week, concerned with prayer.** Now, however, the issue is not so much persistence in prayer as the kind of person whose prayer is most likely to receive a favourable hearing from God.

The **First Reading** makes clear that the Lord does not grant favours like the powerful in this world. They are inclined to give a hearing to people of influence and prestige, people who “present well”. The Lord, on the contrary, is no “respector of personages” but ever more inclined to listen to those in the greatest distress.

Attractively, the text speaks of the Lord as ready to “listen” to the widow “as she pours out her story”. Nothing, surely, is more important when people are distressed as to listen to their story. In some situations that is all we can do, but it is already a very great deal. The text, then, shows us what prayer is all about: baring a sincere heart to the Lord, who listens to our story and, our whole life long, waits till we have told it to the end.

### THOSE THE LORD HEARS

The parable in the **Gospel** targets “some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else”. Whereas, as the First Reading has just reminded us, “The humble person’s prayer pierces the clouds”, such people are not going to get a good hearing from God. The characters in the parable illustrate these two radically different ways of coming before the Lord in prayer.

In a strongly religious society the issue as to who is virtuous and who is not will always be prominent. In the milieu of Jesus, the gospels particularly associate such concern with the Pharisees. In preaching, however, we must be careful not to reinforce the view that the kind of judgmental behavior represented by the Pharisee in this parable was typical of Pharisees in general, let alone of Judaism as a religion. It is to be found in all religions, Christianity included.

Whereas in prayer the focus should be upon God, the concentration of this Pharisee rests upon himself. Worse, it is also upon the failings of his fellow human beings. Before enumerating all his own virtues – things quite admirable in themselves from a religious point of view – this person sets himself apart from the sinful mass of humankind (“thieves, rogues, adulterers”). How convenient for him that a representative of these kind of people is right here at hand in the person of the tax-collector.

### GOD ISSUES THE PRIZES

The Pharisee illustrates the attitude of those who can only bolster their own self-image by putting down others. For such people life is a competition in virtue. God assesses the results and issues the prizes. Prayer is an opportunity to keep God informed about one’s own success and also about the shortcomings of others. As so often in Jesus’ parables, it is all a bit of a caricature. But nonetheless, if we are honest, we can ask ourselves how often we catch ourselves out doing much the same?

The tax-collector, by contrast, stands down the back simply pleading that God be merciful to him, a sinner. In what sense sinner? Because of personal moral failure, for which he now repents? We should not immediately jump to this conclusion. Could it simply be that he finds himself trapped in an occupation that makes him a sinner in his own eyes and those of his world – an occupation which, perhaps, with a family to support and no other job possibilities, he cannot simply abandon? All this the parable leaves open. In any case, as Jesus points out, God’s view reverses both verdicts. The one who came to God’s house in his own eyes a sinner went home with God’s favour (“justified”); the one so sure of his virtue went home without it.

### DIVINE VERDICT

This double divine verdict recorded in the parable could offer comfort to many people today who find themselves or their loved ones (for example, their children) caught in situations judged objectively “sinful” on more traditional thinking whether in the area of sexuality, or marital involvement or professional occupation. In a complex world, loyalties often run in several directions. The application of general moral rules and norms to individual lives requires sympathy and pastoral understanding of the pressures and burdens most people have to bear. The parable suggests that God’s view, at any rate, does not always run simply along conventional lines. The divine impulse is always towards acceptance, mercy and liberation.

The confidence expressed by Paul as he reviews his life in the **Second Reading**, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18, looks not so much to his own achievements but to the generosity and faithfulness of God.

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

**Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.**

## FIRST READING

Sirach 35: 12-14.16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgment. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4: 6-8.16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring



Unknown - Woodcut for "Die Bibel in Bildern" (1860). The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

## GOSPEL (cont.)

Luke 18: 9-14

even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**We will rejoice at the victory of God and make our boast in his great name.**

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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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## FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

*November Mass Intentions*

*Praying for our Departed Brothers and Sisters*

For the whole Month of November, our parish will be praying for all our departed brothers and sisters.

You may write the names of your departed loved ones in the envelopes provided at the foyer of the church or send us an email at [stjocamper@gmail.com](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).

Sat 1 Nov **All Saints' Day**  
and proclamation of St. John Henry Newman as "Doctor of the Church"  
Sun 2 Nov **All Souls' Day**



# 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*



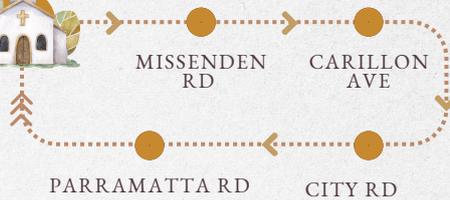
### FEAST OF OUR LADY

## *Health of the Sick* PROCESSION

**SUNDAY  
16 NOV 2025**  
4PM PROCESSION  
6PM MASS



PROCESSION BEGINS AND ENDS AT  
ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN



On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of November, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Health of the Sick at St Joseph's Camperdown. Join us as we process through the grounds of Camperdown. Procession will begin at 4pm at St Joseph's Camperdown, and onto Missenden Rd, Carillon Ave, City Rd, Parramatta Rd, and making our way back to St Joseph's for the 6pm Sunday Mass. During the procession, we will be praying for our sick brothers and sisters, local healthcare institutions, healthcare workers, and our sick, homebound, and elderly 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 26-27 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Rachel Cynthia C Poie	Angela C Leslie Chris W Raymond	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
Next Sunday 1-2 Nov	<small>ALL SAINTS</small> 6 PM <small>ALL SOULS</small> 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon The Sisters Philip F Mark	Francisco The Sisters Elly W Joven	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 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 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](http://scecs.nsw.edu.au/early-learning-childcare/scecs-upcoming-services-coming-soon).

## 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.

## 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).

## 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.



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

## PARISH GIVING

### Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$	769.50
2nd Collection	\$	491.20
EFTPOS Giving	\$	888.13

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

## CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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**SISTERS of LIFE**  
ADVENT RETREAT  
No longer forsaken (No Lord Delights in You) - Isaiah 62  
Preparation for the season of Advent!  
Be filled with Hope in this Jubilee year. Join us for an afternoon of reflection and retreat as we await the light of Christ.  
1PM - 5PM | SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025 | ST JOACHIM'S PARISH, LIDCOMBE

REGISTER: [trybooking.com/DFBJT](http://trybooking.com/DFBJT)

**Join the Sisters of Life this Advent** for an afternoon of prayer and reflection under the theme "No longer forsaken: the Lord delights in you" (Isaiah 62). The afternoon will include a time of reflection and prayerful silence. Light refreshments provided.

Come and be renewed in the love and hope of Advent to be reminded that you are deeply loved, and He delights in you.

**Saturday 29 November 2025**  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
at St Joachim's Catholic Church  
2 Mills Street, Lidcombe NSW 2141  
Register via [trybooking.com/DFBJT](http://trybooking.com/DFBJT)



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