

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed / All Souls' Day – Year C

2 Nov 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.

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 Lectionary offers a wide variety of readings for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, which replaces a Sunday of Ordinary Time that falls on 2 November. Here I comment on those offered first in the Lectionary, which actually provide an attractive set. As in the Scriptures generally, they say little about what happens to people after they die but much about the faithfulness of God, the supreme guarantee for believers of the gift of eternal life.

The **First Reading**, from Isa 25:6-9, is a magnificent passage to begin the commemoration. The prophet promises that 'on this mountain' – that is, on the mountain of Sion in Jerusalem – God will prepare a banquet for all nations, wiping away the tears and 'the shroud cast over all peoples'.

The 'shroud' is the threat of death – the prospect of our own death, and that of our loved ones. The prophecy makes clear that God's only intent in respect to human beings is to have them as guests at a rich 'banquet' of eternal life. Later, passages such as this gave rise to the image of the 'messianic banquet' as the key symbol of the Kingdom of God. The occasions on which Jesus miraculously fed the multitudes in the wilderness were a foretaste and pledge of the full divine 'hospitality' to come – as of course is also the Eucharist celebrated 'in his memory of him'.

HOPE OF SALVATION

In the **Second Reading**, Rom 5:5-11, St Paul asserts the hope of salvation that flows from God's faithful love. The first sentence speaks of the Spirit in terms of the standard biblical image of water gushing forth or, as here, 'poured out'. What has been 'poured out' in our hearts through the gift of the Spirit is an assurance of God's love. It is not our love for God that is in view – though that should follow – but a felt sense of God's love for us. In Paul's view this is what should engender hope for the future, despite our inability to see beyond the veil of death.

Paul then develops this 'proof' from God's love in a series of statements featuring a kind of a fortiori logic. If when we were sinners ('enemies'), God loved us so much as to give up his Son to a costly death to bring about reconciliation, how much more, now that we are reconciled and 'friends', will God not ensure that we are brought 'the full distance', so to speak, that is, to final salvation.

Having paid so great a cost (the death of the Son) God will hardly leave us 'half-way'. [Note that at the end of v 9, despite popular translations (Jerusalem Bible; NRSV), the Greek original simply refers to being saved 'from the wrath' – no mention 'of God' in this connection. The inclusion of this phrase in a context where God's love is central, has always seemed unjustified and unfortunate to me.] In the face of death, the passage flings a defiant act of hope based upon Paul's keen sense of God's faithfulness and love (see also Rom 8:31-39, where the same argument returns).

APPROPRIATE CHOICE

The episode in Luke's **Gospel** where Jesus raises of the son of the widow of Nain (7:11-17) is an appropriate choice for today's commemoration. This scene, unlike so many others in the Gospels, does not begin with someone asking Jesus for help. As he approaches the Galilean village of Nain with his disciples, he simply comes across the funeral procession and, moved with compassion, takes action. 'Moved with compassion' translates a Greek word (esplagchnisthe) indicative of strong emotion. The lame translation 'Jesus felt sorry for her' (the Jerusalem Bible reading in our Lectionary) is hardly adequate. Luke uses the same Greek expression to convey the response of the Good Samaritan for the wounded man that he sees by the side of the road (10:33); it is also the reaction of the father of the Prodigal Son when, from afar, he catches sight of the young man returning to the family home (15:20). In other words, we have to do here with a great wave of divine compassion welling up in the face of human tragedy – here the death of a young person, and the grief and future desperate situation of his mother. Without a husband and lacking other sons, who will provide for her in her later years?

Note the lovely touch at the end. Jesus doesn't just call the young man back to life: 'He gave him back to his mother' (v. 15). The mother's grief is as much the concern of Jesus as the restoration of the young man to life.

In this way the Gospel in a more general way addresses not just the problem of death itself but the grief occasioned by the passing of those we love.

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

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R**

I trusted, even when I said: I am sorely afflicted, and when I said in my alarm: 'No man can be trusted'. **R**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way? Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.



Albrecht Dürer (1471–1528). Adoration of the Trinity.

Readings for today were taken from the Lectionary III of the Roman Missal, Revised Edition approved for use in the dioceses of Australia by Collins, Geoffrey Chapman, and E.J. Dwyer.

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: _____
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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.

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

McAuley Tea

at Saint Joseph's Home of Mercy

Join us for an afternoon of prayer and friendship as we share our charism of union and charity



Saturday 8 November 2025
3pm Afternoon Tea | 4pm Holy Hour

 THE RELIGIOUS SISTERS of MERCY
of ALMA MICHIGAN

Email: sydney@almamercy.org

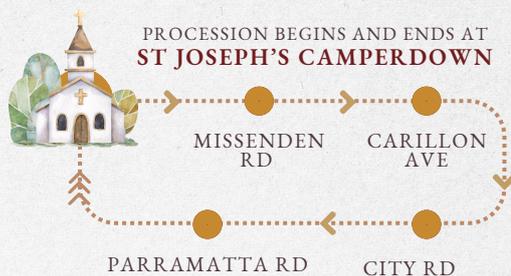


FEAST OF OUR LADY

Health of the Sick

PROCESSION

SUNDAY
16 NOV 2025
4PM PROCESSION
6PM MASS



On Sunday 16th 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 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 1-2 Nov	SAINTS 6 PM	Corazon The Sisters Philip F Mark	Francisco The Sisters Elly W Joven	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco	
	ALL SOULS { 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM				
					Vigil 6 PM
					9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM
Next Sunday 8-9 Nov	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon Gigi Elizabeth C Mark	Francisco Menchu Agnes 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
Fr Ruben, Dennis, Jack

Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass
St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir

Sunday 9:30 AM Mass
Sunday Morning Choir Allen, Jack | Jayda, 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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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.

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.

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.

PARISH GIVING

Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$	634.80
2nd Collection	\$	421.30
EFTPOS Giving	\$	1,128.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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.

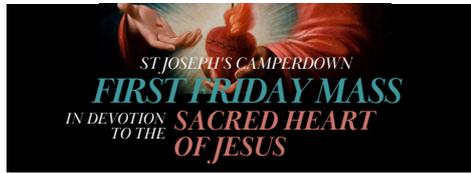
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



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.



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

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1-2 NOV 2025

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