

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Year C**

**9 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](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.

**While most people would probably nominate St Peter's at the Vatican as the centre of Catholicism, historically and officially that honour belongs to the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of the Pope as Bishop of Rome.** The Lateran Basilica goes back to the gift of site for a church made by Constantine, the first Christian emperor, in the early fourth century. It was the first truly monumental church building that Christians were able to erect after the centuries of persecution. For more than one thousand years, as the seat of the papacy, the Lateran Basilica was the centre of the Western Church.

Nonetheless, despite its historical importance, believers today might wonder why they are being asked once again to interrupt the sequence of Sundays of the Year to celebrate the feast of the dedication of this church.

To this it can be said that because of the central position of the Lateran as cathedral church of the one who, as Bishop of Rome, is universal Pastor, there is a sense in which it is a church for all the faithful. Beyond that, in celebrating the feast of this central church, believers are celebrating their own local church, whether it be a glorious and monumental building in its own right or a far humbler and perhaps provisional place of worship.

### **LIVING STONES**

More radically still – and this is what the scriptural readings will especially bring out – believers are celebrating today the church that is made up not of bricks and mortar but of themselves as 'living stones', the 'temples' (local faith communities) God has built in every place to dwell among humankind. Every local community can in a true sense make this feast their own.

The scriptural offerings begin with a **First Reading** taken from a (somewhat truncated) excerpt from Ezekiel's vision of the renewed Temple in Jerusalem (47:1-2, 8-9, 12). Because the presence of the Lord has returned to the Temple (following the return of Israel itself from exile), the waters flowing from the Temple have become life-giving in the spectacular way described – even the Dead Sea is seen as being made to teem with fish when the waters enter it. The vision has entered Christian imagination as a powerful symbol of the life (grace) that flows to human beings through God's presence in the Temple of the Church.

### **GOD'S SPIRIT**

In the **Second Reading**, 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17, St Paul moves from speaking of the Christian community at Corinth in terms of a 'plantation' to that of a 'building', and finally a 'holy building' or temple, in which God's Spirit dwells. Christian ministers, such as himself and his co-workers, are the builders who are bringing this holy building to completion. The essential foundation that Paul has laid is Christ. As is necessary for the success of any building operation, all subsequent builders must ensure that their work, the community of believers, is rightly aligned upon the foundation, that Christ's values and commitments determine their life. The image of the community as a holy building or temple was something early Christianity derived from Judaism.

It communicates the sense that even when absent from a physical place of worship the gathered community is already itself a holy building (temple) in which the Lord is present. The physical building is the outward, local, visible expression of the Christian conviction that it is God's delight to dwell among human beings – a presence made vastly more accessible through the Incarnation of the Son, extended to all times and places through the sacramental life of the Church.

The **Gospel**, John 2:13-22, adds a christological crown to this rich scriptural offering. In John's account, Jesus' 'cleansing' of the Temple in Jerusalem is radical. By driving out the animals and money changers he is really overthrowing the whole system of Temple worship based upon animal sacrifices that had existed hitherto.

### **FATHER'S HOUSE**

'Zeal for (his) Father's house consumes' him in that his whole life and teaching is one great campaign to disclose and make effective the presence of God on a vastly wider scale than in the confines of the material Temple. His 'zeal' or passion for this mission will 'consume' him in the sense of bringing him to his death. However, as his disciples subsequently realise, his own body will become the new place of God's presence, the 'Temple' which, through rising from the dead, he will build 'in three days'.

Believers need not mourn the loss of the Temple in Jerusalem (destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE). They live within the new 'Temple' constituted by the body of their risen Lord.

Believers today celebrate the dedication of material sacred buildings – the Lateran and their own church. They should do so conscious of the rich sense in which they themselves constitute the Temple of the Lord.

# Readings

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.**

## FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12**

The angel brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the façade of the temple was toward the east; the water flowed down from the southern side of the temple, south of the altar. He led me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where I saw water trickling from the southern side. He said to me, "This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit .for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine..

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R**

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17**

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are the temple.

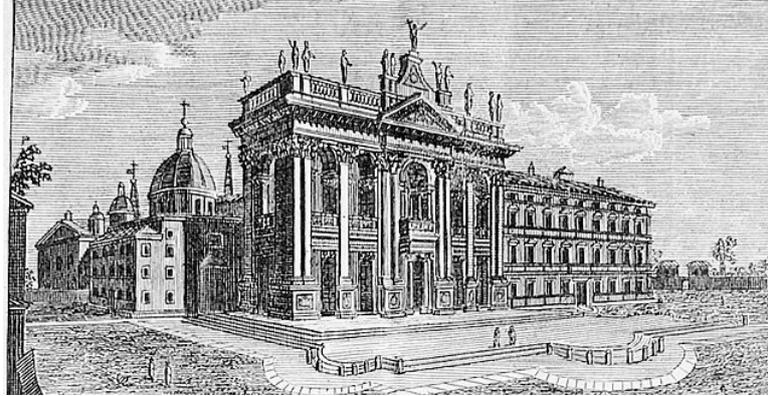
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**John 2: 13-22**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' Coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon sellers, "Take this all out of here and stop turning my Father's



Francesco Rinaldi (1825). Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran, Lithograph.

## GOSPEL (cont.)

**John 2: 13-22**

house into a market." Then the disciples remembered the words of the scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus Answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews replied, " It has taken forty six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.**

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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).



FEAST OF OUR LADY  
*Heath of the Sick*  
**SUNDAY 16 NOV**

**4PM PROCESSION 6PM MASS**

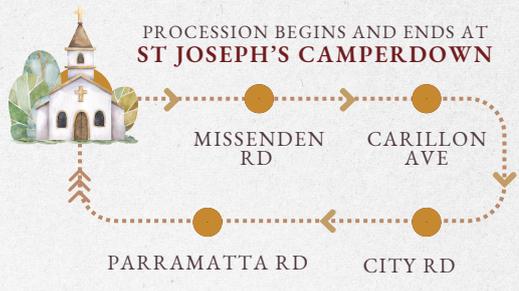
# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH



This Week

## FEAST OF OUR LADY *Health of the Sick* PROCESSION

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



The forthcoming **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 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.



Join us in our Parish Advent Retreat this Jubilee Year of Hope

# Advent Retreat

AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

**SATURDAY 6 DEC, 3PM**

Watch this space for more details

## 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> 8-9 Nov	6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon Gigi Elizabeth C Mark	Francisco Menchu Agnes W Joven	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
<b>Next Sunday</b> 15-16 Nov	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana 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  
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](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.

# St Joseph's Preschool & Long Day Care

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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.

The statue of our Blessed Mother is continuously on a pilgrimage to our parishioners' homes each week. To **join this initiative** or the Legion of Mary, you may approach the **members of the Legion of Mary** who assist before the start of Sunday/Vigil Masses, or contact the parish office at [stjocamper@gmail.com](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).

## 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).

## PARISH GIVING

### Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$	646.15
2nd Collection	\$	395.60
EFTPOS Giving	\$	1,961.08

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](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

## CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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# SYDNEY STREET FEAST

"A Response to Pope Francis' World Day of the Poor"

## FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

11AM AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FORECOURT



STREET FEAST 2025 IS HOSTED BY THE JUSTICE AND PEACE OFFICE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY



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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.

Visit our parish website

