

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

16 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

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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.

We are approaching the end of the Church's liturgical year – that time when – to the terror of preachers – the readings become increasingly "eschatological". No wise preacher, of course, would mention the word "eschatology" from the pulpit. But to remind ourselves what scripture scholars mean by "eschatology" may be useful when preparing homilies.

"Eschatology" refers to teaching or speculation about what is going to happen in the future. More specifically, it deals with what will take place in that "final" future (the Greek word *eschaton* means "limit") when the whole universe will undergo radical transformation at the hands of God.

In Judaism at the time of Jesus and indeed for two or three centuries before his birth, the expectation that the world as presently known was coming to an end or about to be radically transformed was widespread.

What gave rise to this expectation and tended to sharpen it from time to time was the difficult situation in which the faithful in Israel found themselves, especially situations of oppression and persecution, at the hands of foreign powers. People longed for a time when God would intervene and institute a great judgment, where the oppressors and the wicked would be condemned and the faithful vindicated and saved. All, including the world order, would then be set at rights. The "Kingdom" or "Reign of God" would be established.

HOPE FOR RESCUE

The hope for such a rescue gave rise to a whole new genre of literature described as "apocalyptic" because it is normally cast in the form of a "revelation" (*apokalypsis* being the Greek word for "revelation").

Apocalyptic literature tends to express the hope for salvation in highly symbolic form, with vivid imagery depicting upheavals and calamities on a cosmic scale (wars, earthquakes, stars falling from heaven, darkness over the earth, moon turning to blood and so forth). The purpose is to allow the faithful to be caught up imaginatively in the ultimate victory of God and to derive encouragement from this in their present trials. In colloquial terms, the essential message is: "hang in there". Tough as the present times may be, all has been foreseen by God and is being drawn towards a final vindication.

In many ways, handling the apocalyptic texts of the New Testament in a way that will help them communicate a message of encouragement presents preachers with their most difficult task. The error is to miss the symbolic and imaginative nature of the material: to take the scenarios it describes literally, as though they offered a recognisable and clear "program" of events, rather than an affirmation of God's triumph. All through the Christian centuries, sects and millennial movements of every kind have waxed strong – and dangerously – on the basis of a literal reading of such texts.

COMING DAY OF JUDGMENT

Today's First Reading, from the late prophetic Book of Malachi (3:19-20), in its brief span provides a classic illustration of apocalyptic eschatology: the sense of a coming day of judgment, which will have divergent outcomes for evildoers, on the one hand, and the faithful (those who "fear the Lord's name") on the other. In itself, of course, the text is not messianic. But, read in the light of the Gospel, it is hard not to hear in its attractive statement, "the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays", a prophecy of the advent and ministry of Messiah Jesus.

The Gospel itself, Luke 21:5-19, comes from the first half of the great discourse on future events that Jesus gives as his days in Jerusalem draw to their inevitable climax. Despite this location in his earthly life, the discourse really looks out beyond his death and resurrection to the time of the Church.

It deals with what might be called the "passion of the disciples", the trials and temptations that await them in the space of time before the Kingdom is finally in place. They would be persecuted, hauled before law-courts, and – most poignantly – suffer inner-community and inner-family division and betrayal.

The discourse addresses this situation, showing that Jesus had accurately foreseen all these things and placed them in the context of a sequence of events leading up to the final triumph of God at the time of his own return as cosmic Lord.

TIME OF THE CHURCH

The "time of the Church" addressed in the discourse has extended vastly beyond anything the early believers ever expected or foresaw. But we retain the doctrine of the "Second Coming" in our creeds, not because we literally believe – as fundamentalists do – that Jesus will one day appear on the clouds of heaven, but because we believe in the eventual triumph of God's sovereignty in the universe. Until then all is provisional. Wars, famines, earthquakes continue.

Those who proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, who work for justice and a more human life for all, are reviled, cast into prison and "disappeared". Grounds for dismay, disillusionment, loss of faith are always there. The discourse is for our time as much as for early generations of believers.

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

The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3: 19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. with trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R**

Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world, and all its people. let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R**

For the Lord comes, comes to rule the earth. he will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **R**

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 3: 7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

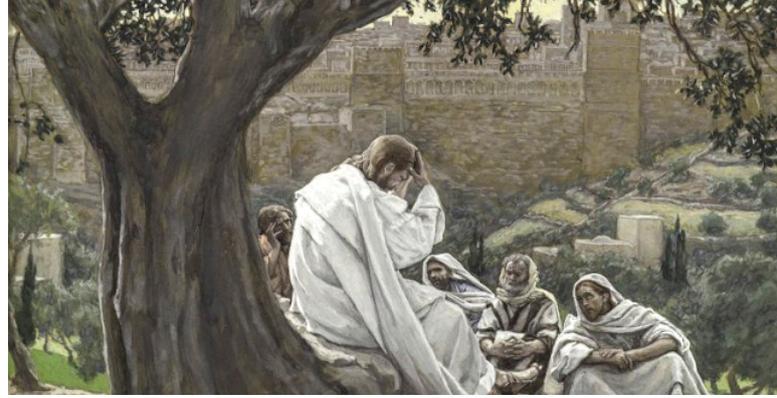
Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21: 5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another; everything will be destroyed." And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand."

Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will



James Tissot (1836-1902). *The Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple.*

GOSPEL (cont.)

Luke 21: 5-19

hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

It is good for me to be with the Lord and to put my hope in him.

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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 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.



FEAST OF OUR LADY
Heath of the Sick
SUNDAY 16 NOV

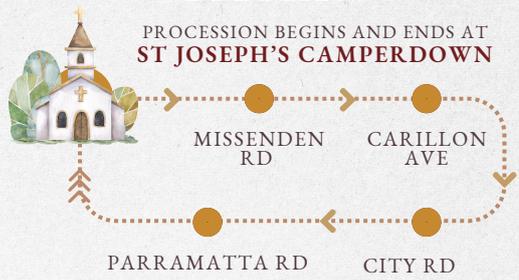
4PM PROCESSION 6PM MASS

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH



FEAST OF OUR LADY *Health of the Sick* PROCESSION

THIS SUNDAY
16 NOV 2025
4PM PROCESSION
6PM MASS



Let's Go

This Sunday 16th of November, we celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady Health of the Sick** at St Joseph's Camperdown. At 3:30pm, we begin to gather in the church and at **4pm the Procession begins**. 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. We will close with the **6pm Sunday Mass**.



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
This Sunday 15-16 Nov	6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana Rachel Sharon K Tanya	Angela C Leslie John L James	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
Next Sunday 22-23 Nov	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana Rachel Cynthia C Poie	Angela Leslie 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
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.

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.

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

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	\$	891.35
2nd Collection	\$	367.25
EFTPOS Giving	\$	1,132.78

Thank you for your generosity and support!

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

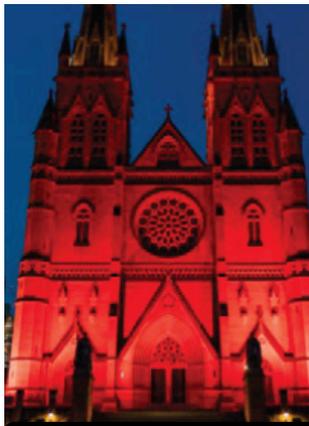
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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land, on which St Joseph's Camperdown stands, for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres 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. 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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