

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year C

23 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.

Formerly in connection with this feast, there was much emphasis on the triumph and kingly rule of Christ, to which all nations were summoned to submit. Since Vatican II the reformed Lectionary adopts a sense of Christ's kingship much more closely aligned on Scripture. It does not shrink from bringing out the paradox involved in claiming the Crucified One as "King", as the choice for the Gospel makes very clear.

The **First Reading**, 2 Sam 5:1-3, sets up the theme of kingship by telling how David, who had previously been simply King of Judah is anointed as King of both Judah and Israel. David had arrived at this point following a long and bloody conflict with claimants from the house of Saul. However, the lectionary surely wants us to note the terms in which he is promoted here: "You ... shall be shepherd of my people Israel".

SHEPHERDING ROLE

In this "shepherding" role, David is to establish the model of kingship that will characterise his most significant descendant: the Messiah, Son of David.

The **Gospel**, Luke 23:35-43, takes us to the last moments of Jesus life, as he hangs on the cross. The mockery he endures from the leaders of the people (Note: not the people as a whole) and the soldiers rests upon a worldly understanding of kingship. If this man is indeed the "King of the Jews" as he has been made out to be and as the title above his cross asserts, then he ought to be able to bring the kind of "salvation" the world understands.

This would be first instance rescue for himself from the death that now lies immediately before him. The soldiers and thief crucified on his left join in the mockery in similar terms. The man dying on Jesus' right, however, turns everything around. He proclaims Jesus' innocence and then, addressing him by his personal name, simply asks: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". The plea acknowledges that Jesus is King but recognises as well that his kingdom is not simply identifiable with kingship and authority as conventionally understood, on which the mockery of the others rested.

MAJESTIC RESPONSE

The majestic response of Jesus transforms the whole perspective: not in the distant future, not even tomorrow or the day after but, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise". Here again we hear the great Lukan "Today" (sounded first in the synagogue at Nazareth [4:21]; later pronounced in defence of Zaccheus [19:9]).

"Today" transfers salvation from the remote future to the present. The essence of salvation is not to be saved from physical death, as the mockery had suggested. It is to be "with Jesus," to accompany him on the "exodus" (Luke 9:31) to the Father now under way.

The reference to "Paradise" is obscure. But it would seem to contain the hint that Jesus is even here playing the role of "Second" or "Last Adam" as Paul indicated in 1 Cor 15:45. In his journey to the Father, Jesus is reclaiming for the human race the benefits of God's original intent for human beings as told symbolically in the story of Eden (Genesis 2). The "Kingdom" which Jesus is bringing about is not one of domination and authority like the kingdoms of this world where rulers "lord it over" others (Luke 22:25). It is a Kingdom where the chief aim is to bring all people to fullness of life and humanity according to the original design of God. This is the proper meaning of "salvation" and the true work of a King who really is primarily "shepherd" of his people.

KINGSHIP OF JESUS

So Jesus at this last moment displays his kingship of Jesus by shepherding this most marginalised one, assuring him of inclusion in the community of the saved. To do so, innocent though he is, Jesus has come down to this extraordinary degree of degradation and suffering in order to be truly alongside him. He places himself in the position where the man can address him simply as a fellow human being, "Jesus, ...".

We do not, I think, properly grasp the meaning of Jesus' kingship, unless we are prepared to adopt the dying thief's position and point of view – his vision of Jesus, his simple faith, and his sincere plea. He is our "point of insertion" into the mystery of the One who joins us on our journey to lead us on his journey to the Father.

With the Gospel understood in this way, the **Second Reading**, from Colossians 1:12-20, falls into place as a grateful meditation in more general terms on how God has brought us out of the power of darkness into the kingdom of his beloved Son. The Church is the "beachhead" of God's design to bring all humanity to the inheritance of the saints in light.

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.



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

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever.

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. "Look," they said, "we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, 'You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R**

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **R**

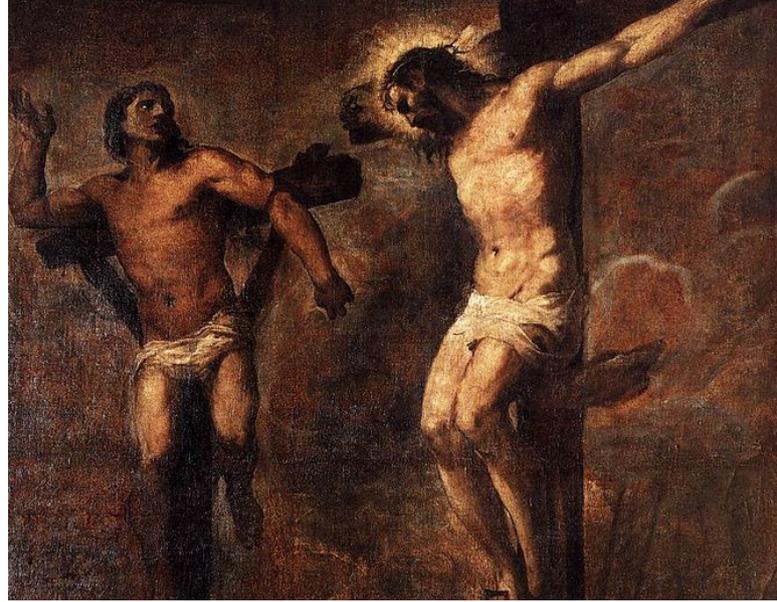
SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done; he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!



Titian (1490–1576). *Christ and the Good Thief*.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription: "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals hanging there abused him. "Are you not the Christ?" he said. "Save yourself and us as well." But the other spoke up and rebuked him. "Have you no fear of God at all?" he said, "You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. "Jesus," he said, "remember me when you come into your kingdom." "Indeed, I promise you," he replied, "today you will be with me in paradise."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace.

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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.



Join us in our preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord this Advent

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

FRIDAYS 28 NOV, 5, 12 & 19 DEC | 6PM @ PARISH HALL

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

SATURDAY 6 DEC | 3PM RETREAT 6PM VIGIL MASS

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

2025

FRIDAYS OF ADVENT
28 NOV, 5, 12 & 19 DEC

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP
6:00PM REFLECTION @ PARISH HALL

SAT 6 DEC

ADVENT RETREAT
3:00PM RETREAT | 6:00PM VIGIL MASS

TUE 16 DEC TO WED 24 DEC

NOVENA DAWN MASSES
5:00AM, *EVERYDAY FROM TUE 16 DEC - WED 24 DEC WITH BREAKFAST SERVED AFTER MASS*
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE CONTINUES EXCEPT FOR WED 24 DEC*

WED 24 DEC*

5:00AM **NOVENA DAWN MASS** (Final)
8:00AM **WEEKDAY MASS**



CHRISTMAS EVE
6:00PM **CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS***

* To give way for the 24th Dec Christmas Eve Mass times, there will be **NO** 7PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and the usual weekday 8PM Mass.

11:30PM **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**
12:00MN **MIDNIGHT MASS CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**



THU 25 DEC

CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30AM | 11:00AM | 6:00PM
CHRISTMAS MEALS SERVED AFTER 9:30AM & 11:00AM MASS

SUN 28 DEC

THE HOLY FAMILY
9:30AM | 11:00AM | 6:00PM

2026

THU 1 JAN

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
8:00AM | 8:00PM

SUN 4 JAN

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
9:30AM | 11:00AM | 6:00PM

A Peaceful Christmas and a Health-loving New Year to all!

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SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors <small>If none indicated, the readers</small>
This Sunday 22-23 Nov	6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana Rachel Cynthia C Poie	Angela Leslie Chris W Raymond	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
Next Sunday 29-30 Nov	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon Tanya Lisa C Ricky	Francisco Gordon Anna T Angeline	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.

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	\$	843.30
2nd Collection	\$	511.50
EFTPOS Giving	\$	1,343.74

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.

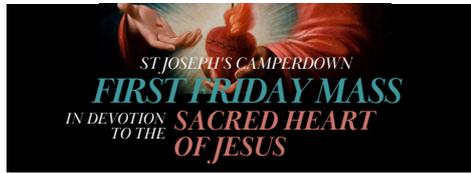
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



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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