



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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA



Baroque painting of the Adoration of the Magi by Bartolome Esteban Murillo.

ANNOUNCEMENT Parish Office Closure:
 Dear parishioners, please be advised that our Parish Office will be **closed** from Wed 31 Dec 2025 and will **reopen** on **Wed 4 Feb 2026**. During this period, our parish email will not be regularly monitored. For anointing requests in RPAH, please page the Catholic priest via 02 9515 6111. Enquiries via call and/or email will be addressed upon our Parish Communication Coordinator's return. Thank you and God bless!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Ruben Mandin MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Michael Gimena MI

PARISH OFFICE

Parish office reopens
4 Feb 2026

Mon, Wed, Fri 10AM - 4PM
2 Missenden Rd, Camperdown
(02) 9557 1181
stjocamper@gmail.com
stjosephscamperdown.org.au
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@StJosephsCamperdown

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 (via Hospital Switchboard 02 9515 6111, 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.

The Epiphany of the Lord – Year A

04 Jan 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this was what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel'. Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the east and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

- 7 JAN** St Raymond of Peñafort
- 11 JAN** **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
- 13 JAN** St Hilary
- 17 JAN** St Anthony
- 20 JAN** Sts Fabian & Sebastian
- 21 JAN** St Agnes
- 22 JAN** St Vincent
- 24 JAN** St Francis de Sales
- 26 JAN** Australia Day



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 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.

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.



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.

Meet and chat over food and a cuppa! All are welcome!

PARISH MORNING TEA

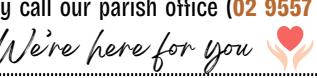
2nd Sundays after 9:30am Mass

You are welcome to bring a plate to share! If you would like to **regularly contribute** to our Parish Morning Tea, contact our parish office at stjocamper@gmail.com.



Seeking solace during illness or hospitalisation at RPA Hospital? Our Catholic Chaplaincy offers comforting visits, pastoral care, and sacraments. For **emergency visit requests**, contact us via **RPA Hospital Switchboard (02 9515 6111)** and page the Catholic priest on call. For **non-urgent requests**, you may call our parish office (**02 9557 1181**).

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 CHOIR

ORGANIST / PIANIST / CONDUCTOR

Fr Ruben, Dennis, Jack

St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir

Allen, Jack | Jayda, Yani

Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

Sunday Morning Choir

Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa

Sunday 11 AM Mass

Chinese Community

Gemma | Teresa

Sunday 6 PM Mass

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.



PARISH GIVING

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Fr Meng or Robert and Maria
0424742571 04698898620



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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

Love in the Flesh: How Christianity Illuminates Marriage and How Marriage Illuminates Christianity

Discover how God's love, revealed in the flesh through Christ, is reflected in the mystery of marriage itself. Dr Christopher West from the Theology of the Body Institute will unpack how masculinity, femininity, and marital love all point us to the heart of the Gospel. **Adults (18+)** event

Date: Saturday, 17 January 2026

Time: 6:30pm Doors open, 7:00pm start

Venue: St Kevin's Catholic Parish, Eastwood

For more information, visit
trybooking.com/DFVXL



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.