

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

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
fb.com/StJosephCamperdown
@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 / R CIA, 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 Baptism of the Lord – Year A

11 Jan 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout loud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; He will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of water; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: "Glory!" The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

Then Peter addressed them, 'I now really understand', he said, 'that God has no favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ -he is the Lord of all. You know what happened all over Judaea, how Jesus of Nazareth began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'



Jacopo Del Conte, 1541. Baptism of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus appeared: he came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him, with the words, 'It is I who need baptism from you, and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that uprightness demands.' Then John gave in to him. And when Jesus had been baptised he at once came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And suddenly there was a voice from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

COMMUNION ANTIphon

This is he of whom John said: I have seen and have given witness that this is the Son of God.

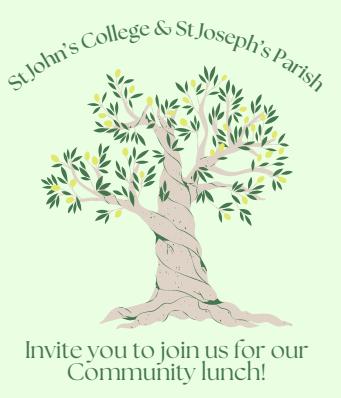
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FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

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 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.



Invite you to join us for our Community lunch!

You are invited to our Community Lunch

Every First Thursday of the Month

12:30pm to 1:30pm

**St Joseph's Camperdown
PRESBYTERY GROUNDS**

This event is for **FREE!** Lunch will be provided.



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.



SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors * the 1st & 2nd readers
This Sunday 10-11 Jan	6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Gigi Elizabeth C James	Angela C Menchu Agnes W Mark	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco * *
Next Sunday 17-18 Jan	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel Sharon K James	Francisco T Leslie John L Mark	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		

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.

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



RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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

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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To Volunteer, contact
Fr Meng or **Robert and Maria**
0424742571 **04698898620**



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