

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

2nd Sunday of Lent – Year A

1 Mar 2026

*Welcome to our parish!*

## PRIESTS

### Parish Priest

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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

For urgent anointing requests in hospital, please contact the Catholic priest RPAH Switchboard 02 9515 6111

### 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.

As in all three cycles for Sundays of the year, the Gospel for this Second Sunday of Lent features the mysterious episode of the Transfiguration (Matt 17:1-9). It is not easy, however, to see the principle behind the choice of the remaining two readings: the Call of Abraham (Gen 12:1-4) and a brief extract from the Second Letter to Timothy (1:8-10). It may be that all have to do in some sense with 'vocation' or 'calling'. This would follow on well from the theme of 'temptation' or 'test' last week, where what was at stake was the quality of trust on the part of those (Israel, Jesus, ourselves) called by God.

### CALL OF ABRAHAM

The call of Abraham in the First Reading marks the second great development in the Book of Genesis after the Primeval history (Genesis 1-11). Following the lapse of the first human pair (Genesis 3), the intervening material (Genesis 4-11) has been nothing else than a record of ever-increasing sin, violence and dehumanisation, culminating in the great flood (Genesis 7-9).

Here creation literally goes into reverse and would have done so irrevocably had it not been for God's preservation and blessing of Noah. The building of the Tower of Babel (11:1-9) represented a futile effort on the part of human beings acting independently of the Creator to restore their status and dignity. The call of Abraham marks the beginning of a vast divine project to achieve what the people of Babel wanted but could not realise because of the evil inherent in the human heart.

Let us note key elements of the call. First, Abraham must 'leave' his father's house, his family and his country, and all the security they provide. From now on his security will rest simply in God's promise to create from him 'a great nation' and (what the people of Babel wanted) 'a great name', one so famous that it will become a byword for blessing among all the peoples of the earth.

The text is also open to the sense (see the NRSV) 'in you all the nations of the earth shall be blessed' – the understanding that has prevailed in most subsequent interpretation, including that of the New Testament. The sense is that the blessed existence originally intended by the Creator for human beings and the earth (Gen 1:1-2:3) but frustrated by human sin, will come to realisation through what is now beginning with the call of Abraham and his trusting response.

### PATTERN FOR CHRISTIAN LIFE

The text here sets a fundamental pattern for Christian life. We are all in some sense inheritors of the 'call' of our ancestor Abraham. Particularly in this season of Lent, we are called to sit lightly to the conventional securities offered by this world, to rest, rather, in a promise and vision of 'blessedness' held out by God.

The Second Reading from 2 Timothy goes along with this in its brief summary of Christian life and vocation. We are the people who 'rely on the power of God, who has saved us and called us to be holy (that is, people especially close to God), not because of anything we ourselves have done (cf. the futile efforts of the people of Babel) but by God's own grace'. This 'grace,' determined since the beginning of time, has now been realised in the 'appearance' (Greek: 'epiphany') of Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

It is probably the word 'appearance' that has led to this text from 2 Timothy being associated with the Gospel of the Transfiguration. Here we have an 'appearance' of Jesus truly unique in the accounts of his earthly life.

In the biblical tradition whiteness signals closeness to God and God's heavenly court, a closeness confirmed here by the presence of two figures, Moses and Elijah, known from the biblical record to be enjoying heavenly existence (Deut 34:6; 2 Kgs 2:1). Shortly before this episode, Jesus has for the first time revealed to the disciples that the Son of Man is destined to suffer and be killed (16:21).

As represented by Peter, they simply cannot square this suffering destiny with their knowledge of him to be 'the Messiah, the Son of God' (16:16, 22-23). Jesus' glorious transformation and the Father's voice from heaven ('This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!') communicates with divine authority that these two truths must be held together: Jesus is God's beloved Son and he is, as he has said, going to fulfil his messianic vocation through suffering and death.

The disciples (specifically Peter) want to 'hold' the messianic moment ('Let us build three tents ...'). But there are no 'shortcuts' to glory. From now on, precisely as God's beloved Son, Jesus is to tread the path to Jerusalem as the Messiah who came, 'not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (20:28). It is with this deepened sense of his vocation – and ours – that we are invited to continue with him our Lenten journey to Jerusalem.

# Readings

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R**

## SECOND READING

Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him! When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Lorenzo Lotto (1480–1556). *Transfiguration of Christ*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

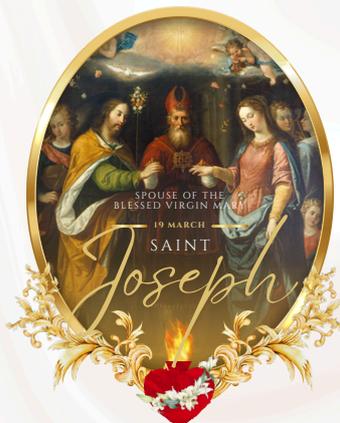
**This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.**

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# LENTEN REFLECTION FRIDAYS

FRIDAYS 20 FEB TO 27 MAR  
6PM GOSPEL REFLECTION  
7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 8PM MASS



## NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

BEGINS 10<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH  
TO 18<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH  
19<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

## LENT & EASTER

AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN 2026

<b>18 FEB WED</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS</b> 8AM   8PM IMPOSITION OF ASHES
<b>FRIDAYS OF LENT</b> 20 & 27 FEB, 6, 13, 20 & 27 MAR	<b>LENTEN REFLECTION FRIDAYS</b> 6PM LENTEN REFLECTION @ CHURCH 7PM WAY OF THE CROSS 8PM MASS <i>NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING WAY OF THE CROSS</i>
<b>10 MAR TUE TO 18 MAR WED</b>	<b>NOVENA MASSES</b> <i>IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i> 8AM   8PM
<b>19 MAR THU</b>	<b>PARISH FEAST DAY SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH</b> 8AM   8PM
<b>28 MAR SAT</b>	<b>PARISH LENTEN RETREAT</b> 3PM to 7PM   <i>Retreat Talk, Reflections and Vigil Mass</i>
<b>29 MAR SUN</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:30AM   11AM   6PM
<b>2 APR THU</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 10:30AM CHRISM MASS @ ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 8PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT <i>NO MORNING MASS CELEBRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY</i>
<b>3 APR FRI</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10AM LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS 10AM SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION UNTIL 12 NOON 3PM COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>NO MASSES CELEBRATED ON GOOD FRIDAY</i>
<b>4 APR SAT</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <i>NO MORNING MASS CELEBRATED ON HOLY SATURDAY</i>
<b>4 APR SAT</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b> 8PM CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
<b>5 APR SUN</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9:30AM   11AM   6PM <i>EASTER LUNCH SERVED AFTER 9:30AM &amp; 11:00AM MASSES</i>

### SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors <i>* the 1st &amp; 2nd readers</i>
<b>This Sunday</b> 28 Feb - 1 Mar	6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Amy Mcintosh Gigi Elizabeth C Joven	Ricky Lopez Menchu Agnes W Mark	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco * *
<b>Next Sunday</b> 7-8 Mar	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Amy Mcintosh Gigi Elizabeth C Joven	Ricky Lopez Menchu Agnes W Mark	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
Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass <b>St Camillus &amp; Ave Maria Choir</b>	Fr Ruben, Dennis, Jack
Sunday 9:30 AM Mass <b>Sunday Morning Choir</b>	Allen, Jack   Jayda, Yani
Sunday 11 AM Mass <b>Chinese Community</b>	Louise   Dr Peter, Elsa
Sunday 6 PM Mass <b>St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir</b>	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.



**PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY**  
HOME VISITATION

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).



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](mailto: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](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. 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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).

**EUCHARIST28**  
*Prayer*  
**THIS IS my body GIVEN for you.**  
Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.  
Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.  
Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost.  
Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ. Amen.

**PARISH GIVING**  
**Parish Collection**

1st Collection	\$	1,237.85
2nd Collection	\$	363.05
EFTPOS Giving	\$	1,914.55

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

**Where is God calling you to?**

**Contact our Vocation Director**  
**Fr Renante Sentillas, MI**

- [camillianvocationaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:camillianvocationaustralia@gmail.com)
- (02) 9557 1181
- St Joseph's Catholic Church - Camperdown**  
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