

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA


Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday) – Year A

5 Apr 2026

Welcome to our parish!

Happy Easter! 

from all of us at St Joseph's Camperdown

May you have a happy and holy celebration
with your family and loved ones! 

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas 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

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.

Baptism are usually scheduled Sunday 12:30pm; Baptismal instructions to be arranged with parents before baptism.

Weddings require six (6) months notice.

PARISH NOTICES

Relocation of Statues of St Joseph and St Anthony

Dear Parishioners, you may have noticed that the statues of Saint Joseph and Saint Anthony of Padua have been respectfully relocated from the side aisles of the church to the foyer, together with the other saints. This has been done in line with current Work Health and Safety (WHS) requirements in Australia, ensuring clear and safe access along the aisles—especially during the Communion procession. While this may not have been an issue in past years, standards continue to evolve, and we are committed to maintaining a safe environment for all. At the same time, their placement near the entrance is also fitting, as it reminds us that the saints welcome us as we enter into the house of God and accompany us in prayer. We appreciate that such changes can take some getting used to, and we thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and continued devotion. Let us continue to seek the intercession of St Joseph and St Anthony. Thank you!

Just as a family will gather round on important occasions and tell and retell the family stories, so there is a sense in which the Church keeps its “best stories” for this most significant celebration.

These are the family stories that shape our identity as Christians: they tell us where we have come from, who we are and where we are going according to the saving plan of God. It is impossible, of course, to offer commentary on the entire range of readings set out for the Vigil. Here I concentrate upon the two readings from the Old Testament that are always read, and the reading from St. Paul and then the Gospels.

WORLD AS A GIFT

I think it is still necessary – perhaps more necessary than ever – to remind people that the record of God’s work of creation in the First reading from Genesis (1:1-2:2) does not offer a scientific account of how all things came to be “back there”.

We look to science to supply such knowledge. Rather, what we have is a poetic account that communicates a sense of God and an attitude to the world valid for all time. The world as we see and experience it is not a random jumble of objects and events. As a whole and in its myriad parts it is essentially gift, the gift of a mysterious and benevolent personal Presence, who has declared it essentially good and given human beings a privileged and responsible role within it. Behind each gift we are invited to discover the Giver, who wishes to draw into personal and life-giving relationship those created in God’s own image and likeness

The biblical sense of creation is not so much that of producing something out of nothing as the imposition of order and meaning upon pre-existing chaos. The essential metaphor is that of light overcoming darkness. Though all things are in themselves “good” and human beings “very good”, the mystery of goodness in the world is matched by an equally mysterious pattern of moral evil, disorder and chaos. In respect both to themselves and to the remainder of creation, human beings constantly fall captive to further forces hostile to growth, freedom and life.

LIBERATION FROM CAPTIVITY

The reading from Exodus (14:15-15:1), telling of God’s liberation of the Israelites from their captivity in Egypt, presents God as One who, precisely as Creator, rescues human beings from the captivities to which they are prone. Israel’s essential experience of God, therefore, is of the One who victoriously led them out of Egypt and formed them in Sinai as a people of special choice, predilection and role within the world. This is experience that gave Israel its identity. The yearly celebration of the Passover seeks to communicate it to each succeeding generation.

Later, the great prophet of the Exile, whose voice we hear in chapters 40-55 of Isaiah (see the 4th and 5th readings for tonight), would announce that the liberation from Babylon would amount to a new Exodus in which Israel would experience the saving power of her God in way surpassing the liberation of old: in short, a “new creation”.

These three great expressions of Israel’s experience of God – creation, Exodus, return from Exile – form the essential backdrop against which the earliest Christian believers had their foundational experience of God: the experience of the death and resurrection of their Lord.

In the First Reading from the Mass (Romans 6:3-11), Paul tells how believers have been set free from the tyranny of sin through participation, in faith and baptism, in Christ’s victory over sin and death. Once slaves to sin, as the Israelites were slaves to Pharaoh, by dying and entering into the tomb with Christ, they have escaped that slavery and are now new creatures, alive with the life of Christ. The baptism of those who are to become new members of the People of God this evening and the renewal of baptismal vows by all present enact this dying and rising with Christ, and the commitment of faith and service to which it leads.

THEIR LORD LIVES

The Gospel tells of a more foundational experience still. The women who went to the tomb – Luke is careful to record their names, headed by Mary Magdalene – expected to find the dead body of their Lord. Instead they found a dismaying emptiness. Was the last indignity paid to Jesus the theft and desecration of his body?

Young men in brilliant clothes (angels) point to another explanation. If they “remember” his words, they will recall an instruction in Galilee about arrest, crucifixion – and also resurrection. Then they did not understand but now they can (though the male disciples will not believe them). The absence of Jesus’ body is not an absence of loss but an absence that bespeaks the creative power of God.

Their Lord lives; his resurrection from the dead is the beachhead of the new creation in the world.

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

I have risen, I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34.37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he 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. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R**
The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R**
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!



Domenico Ghirlandaio (1448-1494), Resurrection of Christ

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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Easter Vigil Mass Readings

I	GEN 1:1-2:2	Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
II	GEN 22:1-18	Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.
III	EX 14:15-15:1	Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.
IV	IS 54:5-14	I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
V	IS 55:1-11	You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
VI	BARUCH 3:9-15,32-4:4	Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
VII	EZEK 36:16-28	Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

LENT & EASTER AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN 2026

29 MAR SUN

PALM SUNDAY
9:30AM | 11AM | 6PM

2 APR THU

HOLY THURSDAY
10:30AM CHRISM MASS @ ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
8PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT
NO MORNING MASS CELEBRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY

3 APR FRI

GOOD FRIDAY
10AM LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
10AM SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION UNTIL 12 NOON
3PM COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
NO MASSES CELEBRATED ON GOOD FRIDAY

4 APR SAT

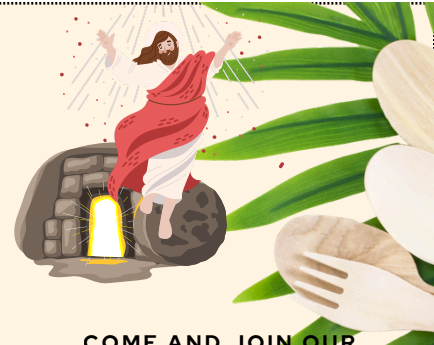
HOLY SATURDAY
NO MORNING MASS CELEBRATED ON HOLY SATURDAY

4 APR SAT

EASTER VIGIL
8PM CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

5 APR SUN

EASTER SUNDAY
9:30AM | 11AM | 6PM
EASTER LUNCH SERVED AFTER 9:30AM & 11:00AM MASSES



COME AND JOIN OUR

EASTER LUNCH

AS WE CELEBRATE
JESUS' RESURRECTION

SUN 5 APRIL
AFTER 9:30AM &
11AM MASS

ALL ARE INVITED!



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SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors * the 1st & 2nd readers
This Sunday 4-5 Apr	6 PM	Gemma, Ricky, Jimmy, Diana, Cora, Mark, Joven	Francisco T	Acu, Santa
	9:30 AM	The Sisters	The Sisters	Maria, Francisco
	11 AM	Philip F	Elly W	*
Next Sunday 11-12 Apr	6 PM	Joven	Mark	*
	Vigil 6 PM	Diana V	Angela C	Acu, Santa
	9:30 AM	Gigi	Menchu	Maria, Francisco
	11 AM	Elizabeth C	Agnes W	*
	6 PM	Joven	Mark	*

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 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.

DISCERNMENT & RELIGIOUS LIFE

COME & SEE

2026 SESSIONS
25 JUL & 24 OCT

9AM AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

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FOR WOMEN

ALMA MERCY SISTERS



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We're here for you

CATECHISTS' CORNER

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Parish Collection

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EUCHARIST28

THIS IS my body GIVEN for you.



EUCHARIST28

Prayer

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.

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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