

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Third Sunday of Easter – Year A

19 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!



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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!

Homilists on this Sunday's readings will doubtless wish to focus almost entirely upon the Gospel.

Luke's account of the appearance of the risen Lord to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is generally agreed to be his masterpiece, as rich in narrative art as in its theology. More of this in a moment.

The first two readings, rich in themselves, are dominated by the figure of Peter. The First Reading, Acts 2:14, 22-28, presents an extract from the sermon given by Peter following the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (2:1-11).

As with any good homilist, Peter begins with the experience of those who hear him (though unfortunately the Lectionary has omitted this part of his speech [v. 15]). He then relates this experience to all that has happened to Jesus Christ. Finally, appealing to Scripture, he shows that all is in accord with the pre-announced plan of God. Peter's words are blunt: "You killed him ...". But what he is about is not accusation or blame but conversion of heart. By raising Christ from the dead, God has swallowed up the the evil involved in his death and turned it into an outpouring of salvation. The appeal is: "You have this second chance. Align yourselves now with the power of the risen Lord".

PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT

In the Second Reading, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Peter reminds his literary audience now of how precious they are in God's sight, since God has paid so great a cost (the death of the Son) to ransom them.

The Gospel story of the conversation on the road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35, displays something found in all the recorded appearances of the risen Lord. Jesus meets people exactly where they are: Mary Magdalene in her weeping, Thomas in his doubting, the group gathered in the upper room in their fear. Here he meets the two disciples in their disillusionment and disbelief. One of the many wonderful things about the episode is that by not revealing himself immediately to them but simply accompanying them as a companion along the way, Jesus respects their experience and lets them tell out their story to the end. Only then does he pick it up and weave it into his own instruction.

Cleophas explains the hopes they had rested in Jesus of Nazareth. These hopes ran very much along the lines of conventional expectations concerning the Messiah. He would be a just ruler of David's line, who would liberate Israel from all the kinds of oppression – political, civil and economic – under which it currently laboured. No thought here for a Messiah who would suffer and die. Hence the shattering of hope at the events of Good Friday, the refusal to take seriously the reports of the women about an empty tomb.

FELLOW TRAVELLER

Like Peter in the sermon told in the First Reading, Jesus takes their experience as they have just recounted it and relates it to Scripture. Note that he does so still in the guise of a fellow traveller. Only when they understand how what had happened to the Messiah actually followed out a path indicated in the Scriptures – only, that is, with closure of the terrible gap between what they had been hoping for on the basis of conventional hopes and what had actually happened – will they be ready to come to full faith in the resurrection. Later (v 32), they describe the experience on the road as that of having their 'hearts burn within them – a phrase destined to ring down the ages whenever God's grace would lead others, often very gradually, to see pain, loss, shattered hopes contained within a wider pattern salvation.

Captivated by this companion as they approach Emmaus, the two disciples will not allow him to go on his way but constrain him to be their guest. Once inside, however, a reversal takes place. They who had offered hospitality to him find themselves guests at a table he provides. At the breaking of the bread, at the Eucharistic moment, they know him at last as risen Lord.

Instantly he vanishes from their sight. Curiously, this sudden loss seems to cause them no distress. Reflecting on their experience, they return straight away to Jerusalem to share with the others what had happened on the road and at the meal. They discover that the remaining disciples have their own Easter story to relate. In a pattern often found in Luke, the sharing of stories creates a deeper community experience of salvation (cf. the exchange between Mary and Elizabeth at the Visitation [1:39-56]).

MISSION OF JESUS

The Emmaus episode presents a perfect paradigm of the life of the Church as, fortified by the Spirit, it continues the mission of Jesus. Equipped with the Scriptures (Word), the Church walks alongside disillusioned, hurt fellow travellers along the human path. In the Eucharist (Sacrament) it offers the hospitality of the risen Lord. In Word and Sacrament the journey to Emmaus is our story too.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy; praise the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14.22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.' Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. **R**

SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason

– so that you would have faith and hope in God.



Caravaggio (1571–1610). *Supper at Emmaus*.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and day is almost over.' So he went to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

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First Fridays

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

PARISH MORNING TEA



Every 2nd Sunday after 9:30am Mass

You're welcome to bring a plate to share!

FEASTS & COMMEMORATIONS

21 APR Saint Anselm

23 APR Saints George & Adalbert

24 APR Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

26 APR Saint Mark

26 APR Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort

25 April
Anzac Day

Lest we forget

We remember and pray for the souls of all whose lives were lost in WWI and all other wars as we commemorate Anzac Day.

May they all rest in God's peace.
Amen.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors * the 1st & 2nd readers
This Sunday 18-19 Apr	6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Cora F Rachel Sharon K Tanya	Francisco T Leslie John L James	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco * *
Next Sunday 25-26 Apr	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Tanya Cynthia C Poie	Angela C Gordon Chris W Raymond	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 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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We're here for you

CATECHISTS' CORNER

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We're happy to accompany you through your journey of faith. Send us a message at stjocamper@gmail.com.

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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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