

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year A

26 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.

Today's readings feature a series of themes loosely connected around the 'Shepherd-Sheep' image. This venerable image reaches right back to the tradition that the first king of the royal house of Judah, David, was originally a young shepherd (1 Sam 16:11-13). Instead of lording it over their subjects like the rulers of other peoples, Israelite kings were meant primarily to be shepherds for the people. Few kings lived up to this standard. But the long awaited Messiah, Son of David, was expected to be the 'Good Shepherd' par excellence.

Today's **Gospel** (John 10:1-10) comes from the first half of an entire chapter (10) the Fourth Gospel devotes to this theme. The passage builds up to Jesus' solemn claim (unfortunately not included in the reading): "I am the Good Shepherd" (v 11). Leading up to this is a series of related images, each of which presupposes an understanding of how shepherding functioned in ancient Palestine. During the day sheep grazed on the open hillsides under the watchful eyes of their shepherds. At nightfall the shepherds led them down to large communal sheepfolds, where mingled sheep from a number of flocks could remain safe for the night with just one gatekeeper to watch over them. At daybreak, when the shepherds returned, each would summon the sheep of the flock for which he was responsible. Recognising the voice of their shepherd, the sheep would follow his lead out to pasture through the gate of the fold.

VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD

Inevitably there would be attempts to steal sheep from the fold during the night. Thieves would succeed only if they get into the fold by some means other than the gate and also only if they could get sheep to follow their call. Sheep attuned to their own shepherd's voice would not follow the call of a stranger and so would not be in danger of being removed from the fold.

We can now bring this understanding to the series of images used by Jesus in the Gospel. The central idea is that of the intimate knowledge that should exist between a shepherd and sheep: he knows his sheep they recognise his voice and willingly follow his call. Jesus contrasts a 'good shepherd' like this with others who come only to steal, harass, and ultimately destroy sheep that do not belong to them. The contrast reflects the vicissitudes of the Johannine community as it struggled to free itself from the control of the Jewish synagogue and establish its own identity centred on allegiance to Jesus as its only true Shepherd. Preachers today need not stress the negative but concentrate upon the appealing image of God stemming from the positive aspect of the comparison.

FRESH DIMENSION

Within the same basic image, however, Jesus identifies himself not only with the shepherd but also with the Gate of the sheepfold: "I am the Gate of the sheepfold". This adds a fresh dimension. If the sheep are to flourish, they have to come and go through the gate of the fold; if they stay within the fold, they will decline for lack of pasture. If they do not return to the fold but stay out in the hillsides all night, they will be at risk. So daily they have to come and go through the gate, which then becomes their means of access to both protection and growth. By describing himself as 'the Gate of the sheepfold' Jesus is indicating that only through vital and continual interaction with himself will members of the community find life and growth.

In this sense he 'has come that they may have life and have it to the full', (v. 10), that is, beyond life as mere existence, to have the 'eternal life' that is a share in the undying life of God. In this sense several of the verses of Psalm 22, used as the Responsorial Psalm, become very appropriate.

LORD AS SHEPHERD

The **Second Reading** also comes from a document, 1 Peter, where the sense of the risen Lord as Shepherd is central (2:25; 5:4). However, the text appearing as the reading for today (2:20-25) appeals primarily to the image of Jesus during his passion as a sheep that stands dumb and uncomplaining before its shearers. In terms of this image, derived ultimately from Isa 53:7-9, he provides a model – and a source of hope? for believers, who frequently have to bear similar insult and trial.

In the **First Reading**, Acts 2:14, 36-41, we hear more of Peter's post-Pentecost appeal to the citizens of Jerusalem to find salvation by availing themselves of the 'second chance' God is giving them.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ." Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do, brothers?" "You must repent," Peter answered "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself." He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation." They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me among the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

SECOND READING

1 PETER 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.



Charles Jacque (1813-1894). Leaving the Sheep Pen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen, alleluia.

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Do you have Mass intentions you would like our parish to pray for? e.g. sickness, repose of the soul, thanksgiving, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, exams, and other special intentions you may have.

You may use one of the **Mass Intention Envelopes at the foyer of the church** or email us at stjocamper@gmail.com with the following information.

Date: _____ Requested by: _____

Intentions: _____ Public Private



WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

CURIOUS ABOUT FAITH? 信仰之路 - 永恒的生命 CHINESE CATECHISM CLASS

Have you ever wondered about God, Jesus, or the meaning of life?

你是否曾經思考過有關神、耶穌、以及生命的意義?

The Catechumenate (RCIA) is a welcoming place for you to explore the Catholic faith.

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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

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.

1 May
St Joseph the Worker

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors * the 1st & 2nd readers
This Sunday 25-26 Apr	6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Cora Charla W Cynthia C Poie	Angela C Gordon Chris W Raymond	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco * *
Next Sunday 2-3 May	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Cora F The Sisters Philip F Joven	Francisco T The Sisters Elly W 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		

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
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.



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

FOR MEN

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FOR WOMEN

ALMA MERCY SISTERS



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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 GIVING

Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$	755.45
2nd Collection	\$	399.95
EFTPOS Giving	\$	1,771.68



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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.



PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY HOME VISITATION

The statue of our Blessed Mother is on a pilgrimage to our parishioners' homes each week. To join this initiative, 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.

EUCCHARIST28

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.

EUCCHARIST28 THIS IS *my body* GIVEN *for you.*



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.

Visit our parish website

