

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

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year A

10 May 2026

Welcome to our parish!

Happy Mother's Day!

May God bless and sanctify you
through motherhood.

Happy Easter!

from all of us at St Joseph's Camperdown

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.

In these final weeks of Eastertide the thought of the liturgy turns increasingly to the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. This is foreshadowed today both in the First Reading, which tells of a 'mini-Pentecost' occurring in Samaria, and in the Gospel, where Jesus speaks of 'another Paraclete' which the disciples are to receive.

Central to the vision of the Acts of the Apostles is a sense of the Gospel as fanning out from Jerusalem, to all Judea, Samaria and (at the hands especially of Paul) to 'the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8). Today's **First Reading**, Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, describes both the evangelising activity of Philip (not the apostle Philip but one of the Seven elected to assist the Apostles, as told last week [Acts 6:1-7]), and the follow-up activity on the part of the leading Apostles Peter and John.

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT The Samaritans had received the Word and been baptised 'in the name of the Lord Jesus'. But it was only when the Apostles laid hands on them that they received the Holy Spirit. This rather curious 'separation' between baptism and the coming of the Spirit in a way foreshadows the sacrament of Confirmation. However, the 'separation' should not be pressed too rigidly. Fundamentally, Christian Baptism does impart the Spirit. The narrative of Acts at this point probably has in mind a more experiential ('Pentecostal!') awareness of the gift.

The **Gospel**, John 14:15-21, presents a further extract from Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. As we noted last week, the discourse oscillates back and forth between two understandings of Jesus' 'going away' and 'return'.

On the more immediate level there is the 'going away' of his death and the 'return' of his appearances as risen Lord on the third day. At another level, the discourse addresses his more permanent 'going away' and absence from the disciples following his final return to the Father. The return 'on that day' of which he speaks would then be his return on the last day at the end of time.

SHARING THE RISEN LIFE But here there is more to say. The Fourth Gospel plays down the traditional expectation of Jesus' coming at the last day in the direction of emphasising his abiding presence in the community. This lies behind the statement: 'In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live'. In contrast to 'the world' (unbelievers), for whom Jesus after his death will cease to exist, believers will 'see' him and 'also will live' in the sense of here and now experiencing his presence in the community and sharing his risen life.

Thus the passage continues to address directly the situation of the disciples in the period when his appearances as risen Lord have ceased, the situation of the Church that prevails to this day. Naturally, the disciples will feel the loss of his comforting physical presence. But if they grasp the sense in which he will continue to be present, they should not feel 'orphaned'.

In this connection Jesus speaks of 'another Paraclete' that he will ask the Father to give. (The implication is that Jesus himself has been a 'Paraclete' for the disciples during his earthly life.)

COMFORTING PRESENCE The essential idea behind 'Paraclete' is that of someone who stands beside you in time of difficulty, providing a comforting, supportive and encouraging presence. One thinks perhaps of a highly respected person whom you might ask to go to court with you and act as character witness. Such is the idea that the Gospel applies here (and in several other places) to the Spirit. Though Jesus may no longer be physically present, the comfort and assurance his presence gave the disciples during his lifetime will continue in the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the face of constant trial and rejection from the world, the Paraclete will be for the disciples 'the Spirit of Truth' in the sense of imparting to them a conviction that what they believe and hold on to is indeed reality in the most profound sense. We come close here to the fine statement in the **Second Reading**, 1 Peter 3:15-18: 'Always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that is within you'.

LOVE PREVAILS Finally, we should note the way in which the Gospel begins and ends with the sense that believers 'have entered into the same reciprocity of love that unites the Father and the Son' (C. K. Barrett).

Though the language may suggest it to be the case, the Gospel does not mean that God's love is conditional upon human observance of the commandments. The essential commandment is that of love. What the Gospel is saying is that when the community is indeed one where love prevails, the atmosphere of love that it experiences is nothing other than a sharing in the communion of love that is the Godhead.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth: The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.

FIRST READING

ACTS 8:5-8.14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **R**

SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!



John Everett Millais (1829–1896). Christ in the House of His Parents (The Carpenter's Shop).

GOSPEL

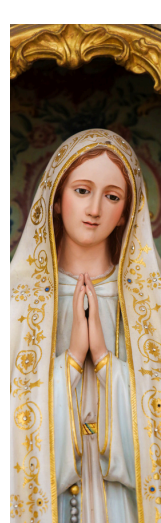
JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever. Alleluia.

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Why do we celebrate the Virgin Mary in May?

The Holy See's Directory of Popular Piety says the following in No. 191: ... since the month of May largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter, the pious exercises practiced at this time could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery (cf. John 19, 25-27), and the Pentecost event (cf. Acts 1, 14) with which the Church begins: Our Lady journeys with the Church having shared in the novum of the Resurrection, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The fifty days are also a time for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation and of the mystagogy. The pious exercises connected with the month of May could easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Source: EWTN, www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/why-do-we-celebrate-the-virgin-mary-in-may-21896

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERINGS

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, etc.

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.

慕道课程(RCIA)是探索天主教信仰的愉快旅程,你为提供发問和讨论的機會。

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 Dr Peter Wong
 黄肇强医生
 请留言 0418281293

Join us for a monthly **Community Lunch**
 at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Camperdown

Every 1st Thursday
12:30pm to 1:30pm

Lunch will be provided for **FREE!**
 All are welcome!

ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN
FIRST FRIDAY MASS
 IN DEVOTION **SACRED HEART TO THE OF JESUS**

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

This Sunday!
PARISH MORNING TEA

Every 2nd Sunday after 9:30am Mass

You're welcome to bring a plate to share!

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.

DISCERNMENT & RELIGIOUS LIFE

COME & SEE

2026 SESSIONS
25 JUL & 24 OCT
 9AM AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

FOR MEN: CAMILLIAN FATHERS
 FOR WOMEN: ALMA MERCY SISTERS

Register via trybooking.com/DKUYG

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.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors * the 1st & 2nd readers
This Sunday 9-10 May	6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Gigi Elizabeth C Joven	Angela C Menchu Agnes W Mark	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco * *
Next Sunday 16-17 May	Vigil 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 * *
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.



The **FEAST** of **OUR LADY** of
FATIMA

Saturday 16 May 2026

Vigil Mass at 6pm followed by Marian Procession

Walk with Our Lady of Fatima in a candle-lit procession from St Mary's Cathedral as we pray for the needs of the Church and the world.



For more information, visit sydneycatholic.org/our-lady-of-fatima-procession

FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

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| 13 May | Our Lady of Fatima | 26 May | Saint Philip Neri |
| 14 May | Saint Matthias | 31 May | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY |
| 17 May | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | 1 Jun | Saint Justin |
| 24 May | PENTECOST | 3 Jun | Saint Charles Lwanga |
| 25 May | OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS | 5 Jun | Saint Boniface |

EUCCHARIST28
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.

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 GIVING

Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$	727.25
2nd Collection	\$	664.65
EFTPOS Giving	\$	N/A

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Your contribution to CADIS helps provide food and services to disaster survivors, homeless, and refugees.

Transfer to CADIS AUSTRALIA LTD
BSB: 032-179
A/N: 371 579
 To Volunteer, contact **Fr Meng** or **Robert and Maria**
0424742571 **0469898620**



Your local charity

Support the charitable and pastoral works of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and can be credited to your local parish.



Donate through scanning the QR code or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



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