

*A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'*

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Trinity Sunday – Year A

31 May 2026

*Welcome to our parish!*

## PRIESTS

### Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

### Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Ruben Mandin MI

### Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Michael Gimena MI

## PARISH OFFICE

☎ Mon, Wed, Fri 10AM - 4PM



### **Parish Office Closed from 1 June to 7 July 2026:**

Please be advised that our Parish Office will be closed from Mon 1 June 2026 and will **reopen** on Wed 8 July 2026 as our Communications Coordinator is away. During this period, our parish email will **not** be regularly monitored. For all **urgent anointing requests in RPAH**, please page the Catholic priest via 02 9515 6111. Enquiries via call and/or email will be addressed upon our Communication Coordinator's return. Thank you and God bless!

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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

Anytime (via Hospital Switchboard 02 9515 6111, page the Catholic priest on-call)

### Baptism, Confirmation / RCIA, Wedding & Funeral

Please enquire via our parish office at [stjocamper@gmail.com](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).

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

**Weddings** require six (6) months notice.

**The Church closes the long Lent-Paschaltide liturgical season with a feast that invites us to sit back and reflect on the nature of God as revealed in the Pascha mystery: the feast of the Holy Trinity.** It is, of course, through the experience of that mystery and subsequent theological reflection on it that the early Christians were led to know God as three Persons in the one divine essence. The doctrine of the Trinity is not, then, an arid theological puzzle but a necessary conclusion from a sense of being grasped by and held within a divine communion of love.

For all the terrors it might inspire in the hearts of preachers on its yearly round, it is a feast about the nearness rather than the remoteness of God.

### OUT-REACHING OF LOVE

Of course, the formulation of the doctrine of the Trinity in its classic shape did not occur until well after the New Testament era. Nonetheless, the rather brief offerings we have for Year A, capture well this sense of God as an out-reaching communion of love.

The First Reading, Exod 34:4-6, 8-9, comes from a context where Moses is dealing with God following Israel's apostasy and idolatry in the episode of the Golden Calf (Exodus 32).

The issue is whether Israel will ever regain its unique and privileged status as the Lord's special people. On discovering the apostasy Moses had broken the original two tablets on which the Ten Commandments had been written. Now, in the hope of renewing the covenant, he takes two fresh ones with him as he ascends the mountain (Sinai) to commune with the Lord. What is interesting, I think, is that before gets around to pleading with God for forgiveness and forbearance in regard to his 'headstrong' people, he hears from the Godhead itself a proclamation of the divine nature: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness' (v. 6).

It is with such a God that the covenant is renewed (though, curiously, the Lectionary does not extend the reading down to v. 10 where this is stated). So often one finds even in quite well instructed people the firm conviction that, whereas the God of the New Testament is a God of love and compassion, the God of the Old is one of wrath and judgment. Texts such as this should show the absolute continuity between the God revealed in the Old Testament and the God revealed by Jesus Christ.

### CONCLUDING GRACE

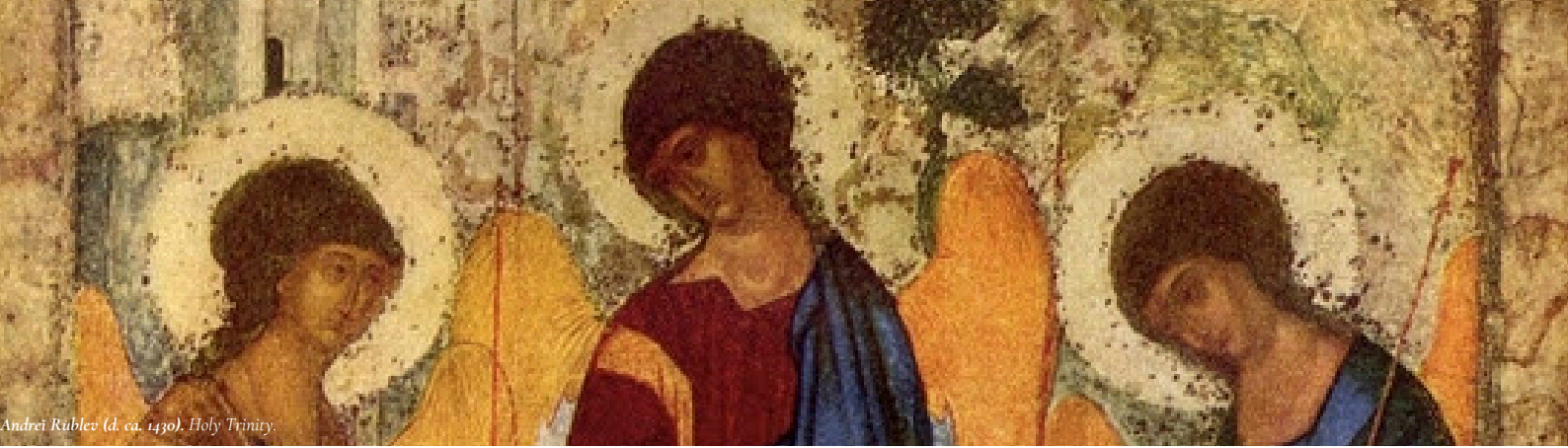
The brief Second Reading consists of the concluding grace from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (13:11-13) prefaced by an exhortation to unity and peace in the community. The sense is that the community should reflect in its communal life and interaction the sense of communal love that it experiences from God. It is indeed remarkable that such an early Christian text as this should contain so complete a formulation of belief in the Trinitarian 'shape' of the Godhead.

The word 'grace' (Greek charis) most basically refers to the quality in a person that renders her or him attractive. To pray that the 'grace of the Lord Jesus Christ' be with the community is, then, to ask that each and every believer be captured by this sense of Christ. Second, and in continuity with this, there is the hope that each would come to know God (the Father) primarily as a God of love. The Greek word koinonia used, in the final phrase of the grace with respect to the Holy Spirit, is not easily rendered in English. 'Fellowship' sounds too 'churchy', 'communion' too 'theological' – though it is probably to be preferred. Koinonia refers to the bond created between the members of a through their common participation in some third thing. Here the third 'thing' is the experience of the Spirit. It is this experience, common to all believers, that is the foundation of unity.

There could be no clearer expression of the absolute continuity between the loving act of Christ and the attitude towards human beings of the Father than that expressed in the Gospel for today, taken from the concluding part of Jesus' response to Nicodemus (John 3:16-18).

### COMMUNION OF LIFE AND LOVE

God's whole approach to the world is that of rescuing it from its bondage to sin and death in order to draw all human beings into the communion of life and love that is the Godhead. This is the work of the Son. The task of judgment, which more conventional religious expectation might see as belonging to God, is in fact brought 'down to earth'. Each one determines for himself or herself what their judgment will be precisely as they decide to accept or not accept the revelation of God as a God of love, that comes to us through Jesus.



Andrei Rublev (d. ca. 1430). Holy Trinity.

# Readings

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Blessed be God the Father and his only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit: for he has shown that he loves us.**

## FIRST READING

**EXODUS 34:4-6.8-9**

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Glory and praise for ever!**

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **R**

Blest your glorious holy name. **R**

You are blest in the temple of your glory. **R**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **R**

You are blest who gaze into the depths. **R**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **R**

## SECOND READING

**2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13**

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**JOHN 3:16-18**

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**You are the sons of God, so God has given you the Spirit of his Son to form your hearts and make you cry out: Abba, Father**

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## First Fridays

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

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

### SCHEDULE

- 11:00AM - MASS WITH VENERATION BEFORE & AFTER MASS
- 12:00PM - CONFESSION
- 1:10PM - MASS WITH VENERATION BEFORE & AFTER MASS
- 4:30PM - CONFESSIONS
- 5:00PM - VESPERS
- 5:30PM - MASS WITH VENERATION BEFORE & AFTER MASS

# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

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

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Contact 请联系

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黄肇强医生  
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## PARISH MORNING TEA

Every 2nd Sunday after 9:30am Mass

You're welcome to bring a plate to share!



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



## Join us for a monthly Community Lunch

at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Camperdown

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
12:30pm to 1:30pm

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



**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.

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## 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](mailto: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 30-31 May	6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon Tanya Lisa C Ricky	Francisco Gordon Anna T Angeline	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco * *
Next Sunday 6-7 Jun	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  
Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass Fr Ruben, Dennis, Jack  
**St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir**  
Sunday 9:30 AM Mass Allen, Jack | Jayda, Yani  
**Sunday Morning Choir**  
Sunday 11 AM Mass Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa  
**Chinese Community**  
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](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.



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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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).



## PARISH GIVING

### Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$	682.75
2nd Collection	\$	455.25
EFTPOS Giving	\$	1,495.35



*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

## FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

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

## EUCHARIST28

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*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.



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**EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028**  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



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](mailto: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

