

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

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Join us for a monthly Community Lunch

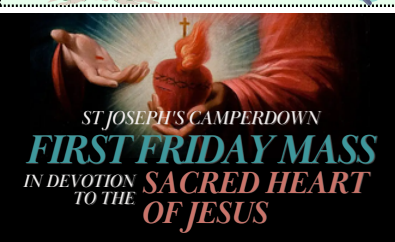
at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Camperdown



Every 1st & 3rd Thursday

12:30pm to 1:30pm

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



First Fridays

7PM Eucharistic Adoration

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



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.



Come & See: Discernment & Religious Life

Saturday 24 October, 9am to 4pm

The Camillian Fathers and the Alma Mercy Sisters invite you to a day of discernment and religious life both to men and women who would like to learn more about their vocation and day to day life. The day will begin with a combined session for men and women, learning about the religious life and community. This will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Mass. Lunch and activities after will be held separately, tailored to each religious order. This is a **free** event.

Register via

trybooking.com/DKUYG



ST JOSEPH'S PRESCHOOL & LONG DAY CARE CAMPERDOWN

Spacious learning environments, nurturing Educators



Book a Tour today

St Joseph's Preschool & Long Day Care Camperdown

To our dear parishioners: as you may know, St Joseph's Preschool and Long Day Care have opened their doors earlier this year here at St Joseph's Camperdown, welcoming families with children aged 6 weeks to 6 years.

You are invited to explore the newly refurbished St Joseph's Preschool and Long Day Care on a tour, and to meet their experienced educators and hear about their Catholic play based programs.

Government Funded Initiatives available at St Joseph's Preschool & LDC

Book a Tour Today

or call 02 8338 5500



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 19-20 Sep	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Rachel Cynthia C Jimmy T	Angela C Leslie Chris W Amy M	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco * *
Next Sunday 26-27 Sep	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Tanya No 11am Mass Poie	Angela C Gordon No 11 amMass Raymond	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco No 11am Mass *
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		

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.

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

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.



CELEBRATING THE
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

ONE PARISH JOURNEYING IN LOVE

@ ST JOSEPH'S
CAMPERDOWN

THIS week

SUN 27 SEP, 9:30AM

OUR CELEBRATION BEGINS
WITH MASS, FOLLOWED BY
A CULTURAL PROGRAMME,
AND A FESTIVE LUNCH



Wear your traditional
or cultural attire!

You are invited to our annual celebration of the **World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday 27 September, 9:30am. Come in your traditional or cultural attire!** We also invite you to bring a plate (or more!) of a traditional dish or dessert unique to your place that you would like to share with others during our festive lunch. For any queries, you may email us at office@stjosephscamperdown.org.au.

Calling all crafters & creatives!

Share Your Creativity at St Joseph's Camperdown!

As part of our Celebration for the World of Migrants and Refugees, we warmly invite all creative and crafty parishioners to showcase their skills and talents. Bring along your handmade items to display, sell, or give away and be part of this joyful parish celebration of culture, creativity, and community.

Whether you paint, sew, knit, make jewellery, bake, or create in any way - we'd love to see and celebrate your gifts!

Interested? Email stjocamper@gmail.com
Contact Teresa Caxala - 0432 184 914

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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.

SAFEGUARDING | If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, or if you are worried about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please know that you are not alone and that help is available. The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is available to listen, support you, and provide guidance about reporting options. You can contact the office on (02) 9390 5800 or at safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org. You may also wish to speak with your Parish Priest, who can offer pastoral care and assist you in taking the next step. The Archdiocese takes all safeguarding concerns seriously and is required to report criminal matters to police. If there is an emergency or someone is in immediate danger, please contact NSW Police on 000.

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	\$	tbc
2nd Collection	\$	tbc
EFTPOS Giving	\$	1,121.76

Thank you for your
generosity and support!



CADIS
CAMILIAN DISASTER SERVICE
AUSTRALIA

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

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Fr Meng 0424742571



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A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

20 Sep 2026

Welcome to our parish!



To our parishioners who attend the Sunday 11am Mass, please be informed that on **Sunday 27 Sep 2026**, there will be **NO 11am Mass** as we celebrate the **World Day of Migrants and Refugees** at the 9:30am Mass, followed by programme and lunch. Thank you and God bless!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Ruben Mandin MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Michael Gimena 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

SPECIAL MASSES

1st Fridays

7pm Adoration & 8pm Mass for the Sick and Carers of the Sick

4th Fridays

7pm Adoration & 8pm Mass for Vocations

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Fri 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Reconciliation available

Reconciliation

Sat & Sun 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM

Mon - Fri 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Anointing of the Sick

For emergency anointing requests in RPA Hospital, please contact the Catholic priest via the 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.

The theme that unites at least the First Reading and the Gospel today is that of the unlimited generosity of God. The First Reading, from Isaiah 55:6-9 prepares for the striking statement of this in the Gospel with its insistence on the difference between God's ways and human ways, God's thoughts and human thoughts.

The context for making this point is the invitation to the sinful and wicked to abandon their evil ways and turn to God. Holding up their conversion may be a false sense that they are so sinful or have been so long sunk in their evil way of life that it is inconceivable that God could still have anything to do with them.

Even people living quite good lives are prone to the same suggestion: 'God has probably given up on me; I'm no longer worth bothering about'. All this comes from the bad spirit and stunts relationship with God. It imprisons God in a false image derived from wrongly projecting on God patterns of relationship that prevail in human affairs.

UNCONVENTIONAL

The parable that makes up the Gospel, from Matthew 20:1-16, provides a classic illustration of the way Jesus used parables to break down people's conventional ideas. Still today, despite the distance from its original cultural context, the shock and sense of injustice it can still produce in a listening congregation is quite palpable.

It is introduced, as a parable about 'the Kingdom of Heaven': that is, as a story that will illustrate the way in which God is reclaiming the world for true relationship with its Creator and for values that will allow all people to live lives that are human in the fullest sense of the word.

Day labourers had little security of employment in the Palestine of Jesus' day. Exactly as depicted in the parable, employment was a day to day business. Whether they got work – and the wage they needed – depended entirely on whether they were hired for that day in the marketplace. The story presupposes a 12-hour working day, beginning at 6am. So the sequence of hirings would take place at 6am ('the third hour'), 9am, 12noon, 3pm and, finally, 5pm.

A denarius was the standard wage for a day's labour. This would have been the 'just wage' agreed on at the start. But, when at the end of the day all line up to receive their pay and when those who have laboured since early morning see even the late comers paid this wage, they – very understandably – think to themselves that in their case 'a just wage' will mean considerably more. They are reasoning from how the landowner treats their fellows to the way in which he should treat them. Hence their outrage when early comers and late comers are paid exactly the same wage.

PROVOCATION

Of course, the vineyard owner provokes their reaction with the instructions he gives concerning the order of payment: start with the latecomers and finish with those who toiled all day. No 'sensible' employer would proceed in this way. But, as so often in Jesus' parables, it is odd behaviour that gives the story its bite. We hearers of the parable are caught between what seems the 'reasonableness' of the early labourers' protest and the land-owner's insistence that he has not acted contrary to the agreement and that his decision to be generous to the latecomers is entirely his right. The latecomers too had families to support. If the land-owner, out of wider social concern, chooses to pay what social justice today would call 'a living wage', those who worked all day have no grounds for resentment. They are reasoning out of an understanding of rewards tied to deserts on a strictly individualist basis. His procedure sees the workers as a community, all of whom should be objects of social concern.

The parable suggests that God will not be imprisoned within a strict 'law of deserts'.

God is just, but, beyond justice, reserves the right to be overwhelmingly generous as well – not on a comparative basis, but on the basis of the divine relationship with each individual, something often wrapped in mystery. So much trouble comes from the human propensity constantly to 'look sideways', to be envious at what others seem to have and what we do not, despite the labours and all the 'deserts' we might seem to have accumulated in God's sight.

TEMPTATION AND HINDRANCE

The parable suggests that this is a temptation and a hindrance. No one has really any 'deserts' before God; no one can claim to be more deserving than others who seem to have received more.

We are all equally and totally recipients of God's boundless generosity. Aligning ourselves with this view of God has much to do with allowing the Kingdom to transform our lives and our 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 am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last"



Millet, Jean François, 1814-1875. *In the Vineyard*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. www.diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=50342. Original source: www.mfa.org.

GOSPEL (cont.)

MATTHEW 20:1-16

they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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Solemnity of
Mary, Mother of Mercy

Join us for 11am Mass
at St. Joseph's Parish,
followed by lunch
at the convent

Thursday 24 September 2026



THE RELIGIOUS SISTERS of MERCY
of ALMA MICHIGAN

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