

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

27 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

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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.

At first glance, not perhaps the most promising readings this week! Even the usual link between the reading from the Old Testament and the Gospel is not all that easy to find. What the readings do seem to have in common is the theme of personal responsibility for salvation. While salvation is from beginning to end the product of divine grace, we are free to say 'Yes' and 'No' to God's invitation.

God wants us to share eternal life as friends drawn by love, rather than puppets pulled by strings. And – the readings today suggest – God is prepared to take from us a lot of 'Nos' in the hope that finally our freedom to say 'Yes' will prevail.

VIGOROUS CHALLENGE

The **First Reading**, from Ezekiel 18:25-28, actually sets this direction, even if, seen out of context as it is here, it seems to take us into a rather grim world. Preachers would, in fact, be advised to read the whole of Ezekiel chapter 18 to see what the prophet is trying to say. He is vigorously challenging the notion that people are punished for the wrongdoing of their parents – an idea that Jesus himself had to refute in his day (see John 9:2-3).

Ezekiel is making two points of capital significance in the development of biblical faith. The first is that of individual responsibility: no one is punished or deprived of life for wrongdoing they did not themselves commit. The second has to do with conversion: conversion from an evil pattern of life turns a person's destiny completely towards the positive outcome that God – far from wanting to punish – longs to bring about.

Of course, even this more attractive message needs careful handling. Bad things happen to good people – creating a problem that other writers in the Old Testament, notably the author of Job, felt obliged to address. When evil befalls a person, it is always foolish to conclude that they are being punished; suffering is the lot of virtuous and evil alike.

Without removing the mystery of suffering in people's lives, the New Testament takes the issue of salvation to a transcendent level: one's personal decision and pattern of life can affect whether one comes to share or miss out on eternal life with God.

The brief parable that makes up most of the **Gospel**, Matt 21:28-32, can be understood on various levels. In Jesus' own context it probably served to defend his practice, shocking to the religious authorities, of celebrating the discovery of God's mercy with those considered outcasts and sinners.

INCLUSIVITY

In respect to such people, Jesus' fidelity to the will of his Father involves his acting inclusively rather than exclusively. At a deeper level, the parable powerfully makes the point that what God looks to – and can wait with infinite patience for – is the final outcome in people's lives. God can put up with an initial 'No' and a lot of other 'Nos' besides on the way to a final and lasting 'Yes'.

On the other hand, people who appear religious and obedient from the start may never have sufficiently plumbed the depth of God's mercy to know God as God really is. Conversion at depth gives the capacity to say 'Yes' with an abundance of freedom that overflows into a pattern of life truly reflective of God's grace. A judgmental attitude towards others may indicate lack of true conversion and real knowledge of God: something that may keep such people waiting at the door, while those they have thought far less worthy enter before them.

What will ultimately determine fitness for eternal life is conformity of the human heart to the heart of God. None of us could ever amass sufficient good works to merit even a second of life with God. The latter will be God's gift in abundance if only we have grown – sometimes in the course of a very winding and to-and-fro life journey – into the capacity to receive it.

NEW TESTAMENT TREASURE

It is here perhaps that the **Second Reading**, from Phil 2:1-11, does have some bearing on the theme. It contains one of the great treasures of the New Testament: the very early 'Christ-Hymn' that Paul quotes in order to remind the community in Philippi that the heart of good community relations is a sharing of the 'mind' (disposition) of Christ.

At all three stages of his 'career', so to speak – pre-existent life with God; earthly life; exalted risen life – Christ displayed self-emptying love, something that issued forth in an 'obedience unto death', even to the extremity of the cross. This is what being 'in a divine state', being 'equal to God', meant. Christian community life ought to be energised by the overflow of divine love that wells up within them through their existence 'in Christ'.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When I live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Andrey Mironov, (n.d.). Parable of the two sons.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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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, 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.

SCRIPTURAL

Living

ROSARY

SATURDAY

31 OCT 2026

6PM VIGIL MASS

FOLLOWED BY THE

SCRIPTURAL LIVING ROSARY

Let us come together as one parish in prayer during the month of the Holy Rosary

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.

你是否曾經思考過有關神、耶穌、以及生命的意義? 慕道課程(RCIA)是探索天主教信仰的愉快旅程, 你為提供發問和討論的機會。

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Join us for a monthly Community Lunch

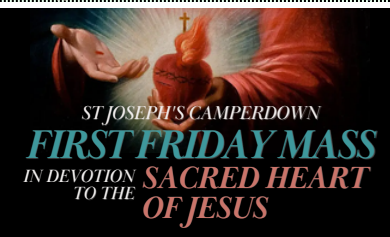
at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Camperdown



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



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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.

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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 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 am Mass Raymond		Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco No 11am Mass *	
Next Sunday 3-4 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F The Sisters Philip F Edo L		Francisco T The Sisters Elly W John Renz		Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco * *	
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	Mon Gary Cora	Tue Etchie Marissa	Wed Amy Cora	Thu Doris Jimmy	Fri Ricky Josie	Sat (8am) Gemma -

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 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.



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!



EUCCHARIST28

THIS IS
my body
GIVEN
for you.



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.

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 safeguardingenquiries@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	\$	572.20
2nd Collection	\$	490.85
EFTPOS Giving	\$	n/a

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generosity and support!



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AUSTRALIA

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provide food and services to
disaster survivors, homeless,
and refugees.



To Volunteer, contact
Fr Meng **0424742571**



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