

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

4 Oct 2026

Welcome to our parish!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

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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.

Aside from the Second Reading, all elements of today's scriptural offerings cohere around the image of the vineyard. But the First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel, take up the image in rather different ways, even if in all three cases it is clear that the vineyard represents Israel.

The **First Reading**, from Isaiah 5:1-7, seems to record a 'song' or poem the prophet has composed for a close friend who has had a disappointing experience with a vineyard. The prophet then uses his friend's experience with the vineyard as an allegory of God's experience with Israel, imaged, as so often, as the Lord's 'vineyard'.

The landowner's love for his vineyard and his eager anticipation of enjoying its fruits is shown by all the measures taken to ensure its productivity: located on a fertile hillside (rich soil and good drainage); cleared of stones; planted with the choicest vines; guarded by a watchtower and protective wall; a winepress ready to process its produce as soon as it is ready. How unexpected, then, the yield of sour grapes. How understandable the disappointment of the owner and the destructive measures he takes, in such contrast to the love and care he had shown before.

DISAPPOINTING RETURN

The application of the 'song' to Israel – in both positive and negative respects – is obvious and telling. Israel has received from God all the love and protection suggested by all landowner's activity in regard to the vineyard. God has looked, then, to receiving a rich return on all this attention. But instead of 'justice' and 'integrity', the only produce is 'bloodshed' and 'a cry of distress'.

Remarkable here is the way in which the image serves the prophetic concern that the faithfulness and love Israel has received from God should have been reproduced as social justice in all its forms.

Instead, what has resulted is the 'sour grapes' of violence against the vulnerable and cries from the poor who have been wronged. In this way, the reading gives a response and explanation to question uttered in the **Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 79[80]): 'Why have you broken down its walls?' It is not external forces that have ravaged the vineyard (now, more specifically 'the vine') but corruption – lack of social justice – within.

SONG OF THE VINEYARD

The parable that makes up almost all the **Gospel**, Matthew 21:33-43, clearly picks up several features of Isaiah's 'song' of his friend's vineyard. Once again, the 'vineyard' is Israel but how, exactly, Jesus meant the parable to be understood and how we should interpret and explain today are matters of considerable delicacy. This is one of four or five texts in the Gospels most open to anti-Semitic or anti-Jewish readings and proclamation.

While it is not all that easy to discern the exact shape of the parable as told by Jesus, we can be fairly sure that he told it against the religious leadership in Jerusalem in his day. They have resisted the prophetic messengers sent by God, the last of whom was himself; they have shown themselves to be usurpers, attempting to control and retain for themselves the vineyard (Israel) and its produce (the life of the people). The arrival of the Kingdom (or Rule) of God will mean for them dispossession and retribution.

FRUITS OF THE VINEYARD

Subsequently, the early Church retold the parable in the light of its knowledge of the death and resurrection of Jesus and its belief in his status (God's Son). Strongly colouring its understanding of the parable is its bitter awareness of the 'No' given to the Gospel by the great bulk of Israel and its keen sense of itself, made up of both Jewish and Gentile believers, as the community (literally, 'nation') to whom the Kingdom is now being given (v 43). Through the continuing presence of the risen Lord ('Emmanuel') to the end of the age (1:23; 28:20), they can and ought produce the 'fruits' that God desires from the 'vineyard'.

Today, we can move on from the early community's preoccupation with the 'No' of Israel and concentrate, as the First Reading suggests, on the 'fruits' that God looks to see produced within a new vineyard. The parabolic *le* gives no grounds for Christian triumphalism at Jewish expense.

THE CORNERSTONE

God has made the 'rejected' stone, the crucified and risen Lord, the cornerstone of the 'building' (the 'vineyard' image changes to an architectural one) that is the community of the Church. The question for us is whether the 'song' (Isaiah 5:1) sung over the vineyard is one of delight or disappointment. Inevitably, a bit of both. But, in either case, it will always be a song of the Friend's love for the vineyard.

The attractive exhortation Paul provides in the **Second Reading**, Phil 4:6-9, offers guidance for maintaining peace on both an individual (peace within) and communal level.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R**

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and the peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or



Marten van Valckenborch (1535-1612). Parable of the wicked husbandmen.

SECOND READING (cont.)

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to those who are searching for his love.

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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



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 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 * *
Next Sunday 10-11 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Gigi Elizabeth C Edo L	Francisco T Menchu Agnes W John Renz	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco * *
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	Mon Gary Tue Etchie Cora Marissa	Wed Amy Thu Doris Jimmy Cora	Fri Ricky Sat (8am) Gemma Josie -

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
St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir Fr Ruben, Dennis, Jack
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.



Thank you for joining us in celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees!



Rosary Making Workshop

Saturday 24 October 2026, 9:30am | St Joseph's Camperdown Parish Hall

Our Young Adults Ministry invites you to a morning of crafting to celebrate this month of the Holy Rosary.

Come and learn how to work with pliers, wires, and beads to make your own rosary!

\$5 entry fee. All rosary making supplies and morning tea will be provided!

RSVP via stjocamper@gmail.com



"The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."

— ST JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

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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.

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	\$	769.95
2nd Collection	\$	361.35
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.

To Volunteer, contact Fr Meng 0424742571



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