

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

11 Oct 2026

Welcome to our parish!

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.

Uniting the First Reading and the Gospel as a common theme today is the sense of invitation to a banquet. The **First Reading**, from Isaiah 25:6-10, speaks of God's designs for humanity under the image of a splendid banquet to which they are invited. The banquet is to take place 'on this mountain', that is, Mount Zion in Jerusalem and so, in the first place, Israel is in view. But the banquet is not for Israel alone: the 'mourning veil' and 'shroud' covering all peoples will be wiped away and the Lord will 'destroy Death forever'.

Read in the light of the Christian Gospel, what is being promised here is nothing less than human freedom from mortality in an ultimate sense and a pledge that all would share the eternal life of God. Every human life, then, is a life lived in the hope of this invitation to the 'banquet of eternal life.'

WEDDING BANQUET

The parable of the Wedding Banquet that makes up the **Gospel**, Matt 22:1-14, is the Matthean version of a parable that appears in rather different forms in the early tradition (cf. Luke 14:15-24). Matthew has made the parable a kind of allegory of salvation history. The wedding feast represents the fullness of salvation, the bridegroom the Son of God (Jesus). The servants sent one after the other to issue invitations represent, first, the prophets sent to Israel in the Old Testament era, then Christian missionaries. These go out first to Israel once more. When again Israel fails to respond, they are told to invite those 'on the crossroads' – the Gentiles. The final scene where the king notices a guest not wearing a wedding garment and orders him to be cast out, brings the allegory to a close. It evokes the last judgment, when the mixture of good and bad in the Christian community will be sorted out.

Matthew presents the parable in this form to help his community understand and come to terms with unexpected and troubling things that had occurred: the 'No' of the bulk of Israel to the message of the Gospel, the existence of bad, as well as good, in the community of the Church. Having Jesus tell the parable in this way shows that all had been foreseen and foretold by him and therefore should not cause too great dismay or loss of faith.

AN ILLUSTRATION

That said, it must be admitted that the parable in its Matthean form has several troubling features. In preaching, we should be wary of allowing our hearers to identify the king in the parable with God or to see his violent and vengeful behaviour as the way God acts. As in all his parables, Jesus simply takes illustrations from life as it is, neither commending or deploring the behaviour involved but simply using the way people (including kings) behave to illustrate what he wants to convey.

Hearers of the Gospel will also wonder why a poor unfortunate brought in without warning 'from the crossroads' is treated so harshly for not wearing a wedding garment. How could he have had time to get one – even if it was something he could afford! Once again, allegory has rather spoilt the realism of the story.

As noted already, this final episode has to do with the problem of good and bad in the Christian community. You don't have to be good to get into the community of the Kingdom: God's invitation is a great net of grace that envelops all. But, once within, people have to allow themselves to be transformed by the grace they have received; their subsequent good works will constitute the 'wedding garment' required for the banquet.

The man without a wedding garment represents people inside the community who have not so responded to grace. The parable makes the point that, though the community may have to put up with bad behaviour for a while, there will come a time of judgment when such recalcitrants will be called to reckoning and expulsion from the 'banquet'.

GOD'S INTENT

In this way, a parable that originally reflected on Israel's failure to respond to Jesus has been given a meaning for members of the Church. All God's intent for us is to share with us the riches of the 'banquet' of life. But God's graciousness and generosity should not be an excuse for complacency. Our lack of cooperation can exclude us from the banquet.

Finally, we should note the Semitic idiom in the concluding comment: 'Many' (= 'all') are called, 'few' (= 'not all') are 'chosen' (= persevere to the end); it is possible to exclude oneself from the banquet of life.

The **Second Reading**, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, coheres with the main 'banquet' theme at least in its expression of Paul's confidence in the 'lavishness' with which God will reward the generosity of the Philippians.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it?
But you are forgiving, God of Israel.**

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name, If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!



Pieter Bruegel the Younger (1564–1638). *The Wedding Feast*.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but nothing shall be lacking to those who fear the Lord.

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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*

**Please pray for the
Repose of the souls of:**
Salvatore Perino, Kingsley Chambers



Notice for our beloved parishioner,
Mr Kingsley Arthur Chambers

Rosary Prayer

Monday 12 October 2026, 10am at **WN Bull
Funerals - Newtown**. Viewing from 10:30am.

Requiem Mass

Tuesday 13 October 2026, 10am at St Joseph's
Camperdown. Viewing from 9:30am. Burial at
Kemps Creek Memorial Park at 12:30pm.

Posted with permission from family members

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 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 * *
Next Sunday 17-18 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Rachel Sharon K Jimmy T	Angela C Leslie John L Marissa T	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco * *
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	Mon Gary Tue Etchie Cora Marissa	Wed Amy Thu Doris Cora Jimmy	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 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.



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



ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN
PRESENTS

FEAST OF OUR LADY

Heath of the Sick

PROCESSION



SUNDAY
8 NOV 2026
4PM PROCESSION
6PM MASS

PROCESSION BEGINS AND ENDS AT
ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

FOR OUR SICK, HOMEBOUND, AND
ELDERLY PARISHIONERS, FOR OUR LOCAL
HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS AND WORKERS

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	\$	572.00
2nd Collection	\$	316.00
EFTPOS Giving	\$	n/a



Thank you for your generosity and support!



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CAMILLIAN 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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THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



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.

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 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.