

Solemnity of All Saints – Year A 1 Nov 2026

Welcome to our parish!

PRIESTS

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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.

What the Church celebrates today is not simply all the saints collectively but something more profound: the article of the creed that we recite as 'the communion of the saints'.

We are part of a great 'family' of God beyond that which we can see here on earth. We are united with the saints and they with us in love, love that springs from the divine communion of love that is the Holy Trinity. The Scripture readings for today's feast – invariable across the three-year cycle – are aptly chosen.

VENERATION OF THE SAINTS

The **First Reading**, from **Revelation** (Apocalypse) 7:2-4, 9-14, takes us immediately to a vision of the saints before the heavenly throne of God. The vision reflects the origins of veneration of the saints in the Church when it was focused exclusively on those who had died heroically for the faith as martyrs. That is why the great multitude, from every race, tribe, and language, hold palms in their hands, the symbols of victory. They have shared in Christ's victory over all the powers hostile to God.

In the arresting and, to some extent contradictory, image towards the end of the reading: 'they have washed their robes white in the blood of the Lamb'. How can clothes washed blood come out white? In this case they can in the sense that the martyrs' blood shed in death is united with that of Christ, and so they share in the heavenly 'whiteness' of his resurrection.

Later, of course, the Church came to accept that heroism in the practice of the faith was not confined to those who literally shed their blood for Christ. 'The saints' came to include those who displayed heroism in their lives in other respects as well. And, of course, in recent times the concept of martyrdom itself has been extended to include those who lost their lives through bearing witness to the requirements of justice and human decency or remained pastorally at their posts in the face of violence and threat, St Oscar Romero of El Salvador being the most notable recent example.

GOD'S CHILDREN

The **Second Reading** features one of the most attractive and easily understandable passages from the **First Letter of St John**, 3:1-3.

In line with today's feast it shows how our faith transcends the barrier between this life and the next. Because of the love that the Father has 'lavished' on us, giving up the Son for our salvation (John 3:16), we already enjoy the privilege of being part of the family of God ('God's children'). But unlike the saints, we have to hope for what this privilege will mean when we have the full vision of God that they already enjoy. This vision will be transformative: we shall become 'like (God) because we shall see him as he really is'.

Again, appropriately, the **Gospel** features the Beatitudes according to **St. Matthew**, 5:1-12a. To pronounce a 'beatitude' over someone is to declare them 'blessed' or 'fortunate' or 'in a good place' (The Jerusalem Bible's translation 'Happy', I've long found to be banal and inadequate). As pronounced by Jesus at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount the Beatitudes also presuppose a vision that goes beyond the present to the future that God has in store for those who live out the values the Beatitudes commend. Those who adopt the attitudes and way of life that they describe are already 'blessed', are already 'in a good place', not because of their present situation, which is actually highly vulnerable, but because of what God has in store for them in the world to come.

LIVING IN A SYMPATHETIC WAY

The Beatitudes, some of which overlap in content, cohere around the idea of living in a non-grasping, sympathetic way.

To be 'poor in spirit,' in the sense of being humble or even ready to embrace actual poverty; to 'mourn' because other people suffer; to be 'meek' in the sense of being non-competitive rather than on the make; to have a passionate commitment for justice; to exercise 'mercy' rather than taking advantage of those in an inferior position; to live with integrity between inner disposition ('pure of heart') and outward action (v. 8a); as 'peacemakers,' to actively promote reconciliation and live in harmony with all; to endure persecution and calumny for the sake justice and allegiance to Christ (vv. 10-12): all these things make one vulnerable here and now, and can entail much loss. But people, such as the saints, who are prepared to live in the vulnerable, non-grasping way pronounced 'blessed' in the Beatitudes are the ones who can really humanise the world, providing a 'beachhead' of the kingdom in anticipation of its full arrival.

They can be 'salt' of the earth, 'light' of the world (Matt 5:13–14) in this sense.

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

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READING **REVELATION 7:2-4, 9-14**

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart who desires not worthless things. **R**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

SECOND READING **1 JOHN 3:1-3**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ

Prayer Intentions

Please pray for: Good Health & Recovery of Eoin Woods, Amanda, Rick, Rom, Pope Leo XIV; Repose of the soul of Kingsley Chambers, Florina Clark



Fra Angelico (about 1423-24). The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **MATTHEW 5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

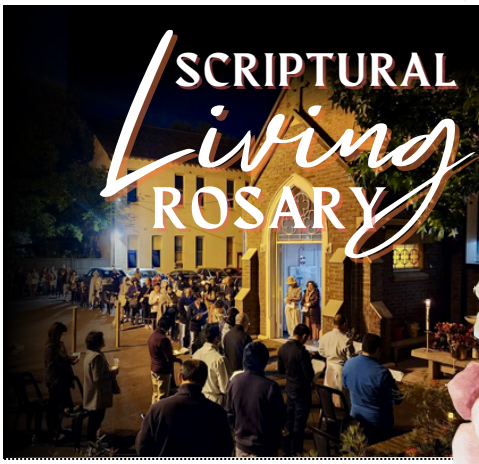
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Happy are the pure of heart for they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God. Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH



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

FEAST OF OUR LADY Health 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

ACN RED NOVEMBER

During the month of November, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) invites everyone around Australia and New Zealand to remember and pray for Christians who suffer persecution for their faith.

REGULAR IN OUR PARISH



1st Friday for the Sick & Healthcare Workers; Sacred Heart of Jesus

4th Friday for Vocations

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!

Come for some fellowship over a cuppa!

PARISH MORNING TEA

Every 2nd Sunday after 9:30am Mass

You're welcome to bring a plate to share!

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, please contact the parish office or approach the members of the Legion of Mary who assist on Sunday/Vigil Masses.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors * the 1st & 2nd readers
This Sunday 31 Oct - 1 Nov	Vigil **6 PM** **9:30 AM** **11 AM** **6 PM**	**Corazon F** **The Sisters** **Phillip F** **Edo L**	**Francisco T** **The Sisters** **Elly W** **John Renz**	**Acu, Santa** **Maria, Francisco** * *
Next Sunday 7 - 8 Nov	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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat (8am)
Morning	Gary	Etchie	Amy	Doris	Ricky	Gemma
Evening	Cora	Marissa	Cora	Jimmy	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 **Sunday Morning Choir**	Allen, Jack | Jayda, Yani
Sunday 11 AM Mass **Chinese Community**	Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa
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**.



CATECHISTS' CORNER



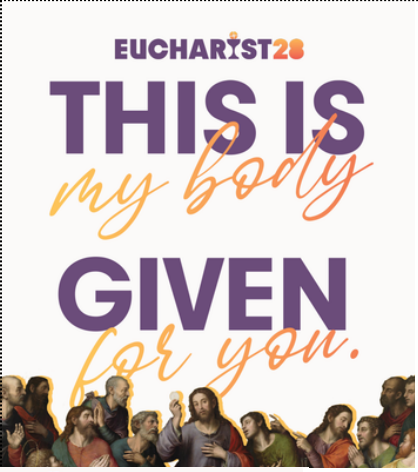
Have you ever wondered about God, Jesus, or the meaning of life? The Catechumenate (RCIA) is a welcoming place for you to explore the Catholic faith.

你是否曾經思考過有关神、耶穌、以及生命的意義? 慕道课程(RCIA)是探索天主教信仰的愉快旅程,你为提供发問和讨论的機會。

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EUCHARIST28 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.

RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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

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.

PARISH GIVING

Parish Collection

1st Collection	$	N/A
2nd Collection	$	N/A
EFTPOS Giving	$	N/A

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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To **Volunteer, contact Fr Meng** 0424742571

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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.**