

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

13 October 2024

Welcome to our parish!

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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🕒 **Mon, Thu** 10AM - 4PM
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SCHEDULE OF MASS & SACRAMENTS

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6:00 PM (Vigil)
Sunday 9:30 AM
11:00 AM
6:00 PM

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 8:00 AM
8:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM

Adoration

Mon - Fri 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*
after 8:00 PM Mass*

* Please see the **Parish Announcement** at the Parish News Section on page 3.

Reconciliation

Sat & Sun 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Mon - Fri After 8:00 PM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime (in hospital, page the Catholic priest on-call)

Baptism

Usually Sunday (Baptismal instructions are arranged with parents before Baptism)

Weddings & Funerals

By appointment; 6 months notice required for weddings

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

At the beginning of 2025, a new schedule for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take effect. **Please see the full Parish Announcement included in the Parish News Section on page 3.**

All three readings this week come together around a radical view of Christian life. The **First Reading**, from Wisdom 7:7-11, is clearly meant to set off the Gospel which tells of a rich man who found Jesus' call to discipleship too radical. The brief **Second Reading**, from Hebrews 4:12-13, also makes its contribution, speaking of the way in which the word of God can lay open the depths of a person.

This is certainly what happens in the case of the rich man told in the **Gospel**, Mark 10:17-30. (Note that in Mark, as in Luke, in contrast to Matthew, he is not said to be a rich young man – though that is perhaps implicit since he is clearly a person who has his life before him.) The episode provides a further example of how the following of Jesus requires detachment from what the world values highly: in this case, the security and other advantages provided by wealth.

The man does want to inherit eternal life. He comes to Jesus as to a teacher ('Good Master') whose wisdom is already well known. Jesus deflects the appellation 'Good' away from himself and on to God alone. God is the author and giver of life. Questions about 'life' must be considered strictly in relation to what God has laid down and this, in first instance at least, is to be found in the commandments of the Torah, several of which – all ones dealing with duties to one's neighbour – Jesus lists.

TREASURE IN HEAVEN

When the man responds that he has kept all these from his youth, the interaction moves to a new plane. Jesus, we are told, 'looked steadily at him and loved him' (v 21a). How the love was evident we are not told – possibly in the nature of Jesus' gaze on the man, possibly in some gesture of affection such as an embrace. What the report of Jesus' reaction does establish, however, is that the discussion, from being a rather theoretical one about the requirements of the Torah, is now placed within a context of personal relationship, with the initiative from Jesus' side. The series of instructions that follow next ('You lack one thing: Go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me' [vv. 21b]) do not stand by themselves but flow entirely from the relationship now offered. The sense of being chosen ('looked upon') and 'loved' by Jesus should communicate the freedom from attachment to wealth that following him will require.

Most Jews in Jesus' day regarded wealth as a blessing and as an opportunity for doing good. In an insecure world wealth is the most obvious form of security for the future. For Jesus the only real source of security is to have 'wealth' not in an earthly bank, but in a heavenly one ('treasure in heaven'). And the only way to deposit that treasure in that heavenly bank is to give it here and now to the poor. Where earthly banks can easily fail, the heavenly one has a divine guarantee. Everything comes back then to the man's being prepared to share something of Jesus' radical trust in God.

The man declines the invitation. The prospect of love and companionship with Jesus is not strong enough to break attachment to his great wealth. The fact, though, that he goes away 'sad' shows that he knows he is declining something that would have given him the fulfilment for which, at the deepest part of his person, it seems he was longing.

PROVERBIAL STATEMENT

Jesus respects the man's freedom and lets him go. But he does make a comment of more general application: the difficulty riches cause for entrance into the 'Kingdom of God' (not really different here from gaining 'eternal life'). To reinforce the point in an arresting, even humorous way he adds what may be a proverbial statement: the difficulty of a camel passing through the eye of a needle. (Attempts to explain the image in a moralising kind of way have never been persuasive.) When the disciples point out that this makes salvation impossible, Jesus responds that this is to look only at human capacity, not at the power of God, which stands behind the whole life and mission of Jesus. In the context of the love and companionship he creates (and to which he called the rich man) such freedom from attachment to wealth becomes possible – as Peter's following comment does in fact point out.

Jesus hardly required literal abandonment of possessions from all his followers. However, all are called to a freedom from the kind of attachment to wealth that shows distrust of the God proclaimed by Jesus: One who can be trusted absolutely to bestow (eternal) life on those who follow Jesus' way.

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

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

FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R**
In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **R**
Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud;



Heinrich Hofmann (1824-1911), *Christ and the young rich ruler*

GOSPEL (cont.)

Mark 10:17-30

Honour your father and mother." And he said to him, "Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days." Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, "My children," he said to them, "How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." They were more astonished than ever. "In that case" they said to one another "who can be saved?" Jesus gazed at them. "For men" he said "it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God." Peter took this up. "What about us?" he asked him. "We have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and, in the world to come, eternal life."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

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26 OCT Sat | After 6PM Vigil Mass

Scriptural Living Rosary

In celebration of the **Month of the Holy Rosary** this October and in preparation for the **Jubilee Year 2025**, we pray together as one parish for those who are suffering in various forms: **sickness, problems, crisis, persecution, violence, war, and others**. We will gather in front of the church on **Saturday 26 October after the 6PM Vigil Mass**. All are welcome to join this prayerful evening!

What is a Scriptural Living Rosary? The Scriptural Living Rosary is a communal way of praying the Rosary. Though the Rosary is already a Scripture-based prayer, the "scriptural" aspect comes from integrating extended Bible passages during the prayer, whilst the "Living Rosary" refers to people symbolising the beads of the rosary.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

For over two years, our parish has held Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament according to the following schedule: Monday to Friday from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM, and Monday to Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. After careful consideration, several concerns have emerged:

- 1 Our three Camillian priests need to balance their commitment to Religious Community Life with their parish duties, particularly following the 8:00 PM Mass.
- 2 According to liturgical norms, it is more appropriate to hold the Holy Hour before the 8:00 PM Mass rather than after, as it serves as a profound preparation for the Eucharistic celebration.
- 3 The afternoon Exposition from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday, has consistently low attendance, calling into question the need for its continuation.
- 4 Devotion to the Divine Mercy, such as praying the Chaplet, can still be meaningfully practiced in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, even without formal Exposition, as demonstrated by the daily prayers following the 8:00 AM Mass from Monday to Saturday.

Following the Pastoral Visit of Bishop Danny Meagher on March 22 and 24, 2024, and based on his recommendations, the following changes will then be implemented:

- 1 **The Monday to Friday Holy Hour will be moved to 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**
- 2 **The Monday to Friday 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Holy Hour will be discontinued.**

We, the Parish Pastoral Council, after a thorough discussion and reflection on the matter, hereby support the decision to make these changes as to the Schedule of Holy Hours/Expositions of the Blessed Sacrament in our Parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council has discussed these changes thoroughly and supports them wholeheartedly. We ask for the understanding and cooperation of all parishioners as we implement these changes at the beginning of 2025. Let us continue to pray for a smooth transition.

Signed by the Parish Pastoral Council
17 August 2024

Canonical and Liturgical Considerations

1 Timing of the Holy Hour

2 Exposition After Mass

3 Attendance and Adoration

The norms stipulate that it is generally not appropriate to expose the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the celebration of Mass unless it is for a more extended period of adoration, and even then, certain conditions must be met. Specifically, if adoration is to continue, the final blessing and dismissal of the Mass are typically omitted to maintain liturgical coherence. However, this practice is quite regulated and is not commonly recommended.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
This Sunday 12-13 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Alicia B Sr Maliya Agnes C Gemma T	Genalor F Gordon L John L Corazon F	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Corazon, Francisco
Next Sunday 19-20 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Nancy T Gemma T	Francisco T Lesley A Sharon K Genalor F	Genalor, Marc Maria, Francisco - Tim S, Maddi S
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	Angeline L, Alicia B, Echie, Doris K (Thu only), Garry C, The Sisters, Gemma T (Sat only), Isabelle K (Fri only), Ricky L Corazon F, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Genalor F, Maria C, Tim L		

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 Tim, Dennis,
Fr Ruben, Gemma
Sunday 9:30 AM Mass Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani
Sunday Morning Choir
Sunday 11 AM Mass Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa
Chinese Community
Sunday 6 PM Mass Teresa, Gemma | Michael
St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir

If you would like to serve in the parish through singing or playing instruments such as piano/organ/guitar/etc., please don't hesitate to express your interest by **approaching our choristers before or after Mass** or messaging Angeline **0431 718 137**.



FEAST DAYS

7 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary
9 Oct Saints Denis and companions,
 Saint John Leonardi
11 Oct Saint John XXIII
14 Oct Saint Callistus I
15 Oct Saint Teresa of Jesus

16 Oct Saint Hedwig, Saint Margaret
 Mary Alacoque
17 Oct Saint Ignatius of Antioch
18 Oct Saint Luke
19 Oct Saints John de Brébeuf and
 Isaac Jogues, Saint Paul of the Cross

RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Seeking solace during illness or hospitalisation at RPA Hospital? Our Catholic Chaplaincy offers comforting visits, pastoral care, and sacraments. Contact us via the Hospital Switchboard (02 9515 6111) or via our parish office (02 9557 1181 or stjocamper@gmail.com).

We're here for you 

PARISH NEWS

PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY

HOME VISITATION

The Pilgrim Mary Home Visitation is facilitated to commemorate the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 as we are called to do so by Pope Francis and to encourage our St Joseph's parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary in their homes with their families.

From 15 Aug 2024 to 15 Aug 2025, our Blessed Mother will be "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 alternatively **contact the parish office** for assistance.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS

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, and other special intentions you may have.

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.

Date: _____

Requested by: _____

Intentions: _____

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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.

Would you like to be a catechist and teach children about Jesus and the scriptures?



For queries, please contact our Parish Catechist Coordinator, Alicia Buxton 0412155967.

PARISH GIVING

LATEST Parish Collection

	W/E	29 SEP	6 OCT
1st Collection	\$ 738.15	\$ 720.25	
2nd Collection	\$ 387.85	\$ 353.60	
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 723.50	\$ 775.08	

Thank you for your generosity and support! 

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.



First Fridays | 8PM
 followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing until 10PM

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

To see more initiatives within the Archdiocese, visit and subscribe to gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events



"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, TO GIVE YOU HOPE & A FUTURE."

Thursday 12th - Sunday 15th December 2024

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS

iWitness is an annual young adults conference hosted in Sydney. The long weekend provides participants with a spiritually transformative experience, creating a space in which each person can grow in their love of God.

Venue The Ranch, 352 Cobbitty Rd, Cobbitty NSW 2570

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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.

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or email safeguardinginquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.