

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

2 Mar 2025

Welcome to our parish!

1. **Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration times have changed since 1 Jan 2025.** Please be advised accordingly. New times are marked with 📌.

2. Read Archbishop Fisher's Decree on page 3.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Ruben Mandin MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

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PARISH OFFICE

🕒 **Mon, Thu** 10AM - 4PM

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SCHEDULE OF MASS

Weekend Mass

Saturday 8am, 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:30am, 11am, 6pm

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 8am, 8pm

Devotion to the Sacred Heart

Every First Friday 8pm, we celebrate the Mass for the Sick and Carers of the Sick with Anointing of the Sick

Eucharistic Adoration

📌 Mon - Fri 7:00 PM
Before 8PM Mass;
Reconciliation available

Reconciliation

Sat & Sun 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM

📌 Mon - Fri 7:00 PM
Before 8PM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

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

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.

With the Gospel of today (Luke 6:39-45) we come to the third major section from Jesus' instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the Plain. Where the section set for last week dealt with action towards others, now we seem to have something that is trying to reach deeper: to the wellspring of action found in the human heart. Get the heart – the fundamental attitude – right, Jesus seems to be saying, and all else will follow.

The opening commands not to judge and not to condemn are already bound up with this. They raise the issue of just how difficult it is for people to have the kind of understanding that would really allow them to make judgments of others. The illustrations of one blind person leading another and of attempting to remove the speck in a neighbour's eye when one has a log in one's own eye, again, as is so often the case with Jesus' image and illustrations, exaggerated and humorous. It is so hard to know what is in one's own heart – to recognise the 'plank' that may be there, inhibiting right vision and right judgment. Yet, even with such impediment, we are still so confident that we can see and set about rooting out the failings of others. If God, who really does see the heart, acts with such generosity, understanding and compassion, then that – not judgment and condemnation – should surely be the model for human interaction.

This should certainly be the case within the community of the kingdom. But Jesus may also mean it to apply even to outsiders who persecute and maltreat members of the community (see Paul's handling of this issue in Rom 12:17-21).

GET THE HEART RIGHT

This leads into a more general reflection on the continuity that must prevail between the heart – the ultimate source of human behavior – and the external action that flows from it. This has been well prepared for by the short **First Reading** from Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:4-7, with its swift series of vivid images illustrating how a person's quality can be told from their speech. Where the Old Testament reading goes from speech to heart, the instruction of Jesus, using the image of a tree and its fruits, goes in the opposite direction: from heart to words. But both make the same point: get the heart right and all else falls into place. Religion, and above all judgment made in the name of religion, must proceed from conversion of heart, and a truly humble and accurate appraisal of oneself. Otherwise, it will be simply dangerous and destructive.

The **Second Reading**, 1 Cor 15:54-58, offers the highly rhetorical, festive conclusion of Paul's instruction on the resurrection – more specifically since 15:35 on the possibility of believers sharing in the bodily risen existence of Christ. In the section just preceding Paul has described death as the 'last enemy', the one outstanding force not yet totally subject to the power of the risen Lord. Though death continues, Paul, in a vivid image, asserts that Christ has drawn its 'sting'. That is, that he has overcome that which, like the sting of a poisonous spider, gave physical death power to be eternal death: namely, sin. Believers may still die physically but the gift of the Spirit, as a consequence of the resurrection of Jesus, will enable them to live the righteous lives that will ensure their own resurrection and hence death's final conquest (Rom 8:3-17). In this sense the power of the risen Lord operative within them ensures that even now they can claim 'victory'.

Somewhat curiously and perhaps unnecessarily, since it was not an issue in Corinth, as for example in Galatia, Paul adds a passing shot at the Law. He seems to have always been on guard lest his converts from the Gentile (non-Jewish) world would be enticed to submit themselves to the practice of the Jewish law. In light of the paschal mystery Paul sees the law ranged on the side of the old era of sin and death that has been overtaken by God's action in Christ.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Paul's long instruction about the resurrection ends on a strong note of encouragement. 'Keep on working', he says, 'at the Lord's work, knowing that in the Lord, you cannot be laboring in vain'. Though so often we seem to be getting nowhere and are tempted to give up, the hope of resurrection means that nothing is valueless, nothing – even failure and seeming defeat – is wasted. It is all part of a great design in which the power of the risen Lord is at work in us, overcoming the forces of death and negativity to reclaim the universe for life and for humanity. Though, as is usually the case, Paul's instruction has little in common with the Gospel, it is very consoling in its own right.

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.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP

Join us for nights of fellowship, prayer, and reflection this Lent

6PM, FRIDAYS OF LENT

6PM, HOLY THURSDAY



Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken the dirt is left behind; so too, the defects of a man are seen when he begins to speak. The kiln tests the potter's handiwork a man is tested by his conversation. A well-tended tree is shown by its fruits; so a man's feelings can be detected in what he says. Praise no one before he has spoken, since this is where people are tested.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 15:54-58

When our perishable being puts on imperishable life, when our mortal being puts on immortality, the word of the Scripture will be fulfilled; Death has been defeated and swallowed up by victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Sin is the sting of death, and the Law is what gives force to sin. But give thanks to God who gives us the victory through Christ Jesus our Lord. So then, my dear brothers, be firm, steadfast and immovable. Improve constantly in the work of the Lord, knowing that with him your labour is not without fruit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!



Pieter Bruegel the Elder (1568), *The Blind Leading the Blind*

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus offered this example, "Can a blind man lead another blind man? Surely both will fall into a ditch. No disciple is above his master; if he lets himself be fully trained, he will be like his master. Why do you see a speck in your brother's eye but take no notice of the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother: Brother, let me take this speck out your eye, when you yourself cannot see the plank in your own? You hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly enough to remove the speck from your brother's eye. No good tree bears bad fruit, no bad tree bears good fruit. And each tree is known by the fruit it bears. You do not gather figs from thorns, or grapes from brambles. Similarly a good person draws good things from the store of goodness in his heart, and an evil person draws evil things from the evil in his heart. For the mouth speaks of what the heart is full of. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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LENT & EASTER AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

5 MAR WED	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 8AM 8PM	13 APR SUN	PALM SUNDAY 9:30AM 11AM 6PM
FRIDAYS OF LENT 7, 14, 21 & 28 MAR, 4 & 11 APR	WAY OF THE CROSS 7PM TO 8PM <i>NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING WAY OF THE CROSS</i>	17 APR THU	HOLY THURSDAY 10AM CHRISM MASS @ ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 8PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION UNTIL 12AM <i>NO MORNING MASS CELEBRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY</i>
10 MAR MON TO 18 MAR TUE <i>9 CONSECUTIVE DAYS</i>	NOVENA MASSES <i>IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH</i> 8AM 8PM	18 APR FRI	GOOD FRIDAY 10AM LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3PM COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>NO MASS CELEBRATED ON GOOD FRIDAY</i>
19 MAR WED	PARISH FEAST DAY SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH 8AM 8PM	19 APR SAT	HOLY SATURDAY <i>NO MORNING MASS CELEBRATED ON HOLY SATURDAY</i>
5 APR SAT	PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 3PM TO 7PM <i>RETREAT TALK AND REFLECTION, FOLLOWED BY VIGIL MASS</i>	19 APR SAT	EASTER VIGIL 8PM CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
		20 APR SUN	EASTER SUNDAY 9:30AM 11AM 6PM <i>EASTER LUNCH SERVED AFTER 9:30AM & 11:00AM MASSES</i>



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP's Decree on the Proclamation of Places of Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Sydney on the Occasion of the Jubilee Year of Our Lord 2025

The Decree is written as below. Read more at sydneycatholic.org/jubilee-year-2025

The Holy Father has proclaimed 2025 as a year of Ordinary Jubilee and has invited all the faithful to full participation. Therefore:

Having regard to the Bull of Pope Francis Spes non confundit - "Hope does not disappoint" of 9th May 2024;

Noting the Norms promulgated by the Apostolic Penitentiary of 13th May 2024 regarding indulgences in the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025;

Recognising the significance of this Jubilee Year as the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea;

In accordance with the authority vested in me as the local Ordinary, from the date of this Decree until the closing of the Jubilee Year on 28th December 2025:

- A. I ask that all priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney make use of the Nicene Creed (rather than the Apostles' Creed) on Sundays and Solemnities in 2025;
- B. I designate the following churches as Places of Pilgrimage where full Jubilee Indulgences may be obtained, under the usual conditions:
 - i. St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney;
 - ii. St Patrick's Church, Church Hill;
 - iii. The Shrine of St Mary of the Cross, North Sydney;
 - iv. The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo;
 - v. St Brigid's Church, Coogee;
 - vi. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick;
 - vii. St Anne's Church, Bondi Beach
 - viii. All Saints Catholic Church, Liverpool
 - ix. Holy Spirit Church, Carnes Hill
 - x. St Joachim's Church, Lidcombe
 - xi. St Brigid's Church, Marrickville
 - xii. St Catherine Labouré Church, Gymea

All pilgrims who comply with the usual conditions for an indulgence i.e. receive the Sacrament of Penance, attend Mass, receive the Most Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, will receive a full Jubilee Indulgence upon pilgrimage to any of the churches designated above.

This decree is to be published on the Archdiocesan website and the next edition of the Ad Clerum, and is to be made known throughout the Parishes of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Signed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Mr Chris Meney

Beginning 1 January 2025, our Schedule of Masses, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration will be as follows:

2025 SCHEDULE OF MASS, RECONCILIATION & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MASS

Monday to Friday 8AM, 8PM
Saturday 8AM, 6PM (Vigil)
Sunday 9:30AM, 11AM, 6PM

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 7PM - 8PM (New time)
Saturday & Sunday 5:15PM - 5:45PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Friday 7PM - 8PM (New time)
 (Reconciliation available)



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.

Have you got the heart to volunteer for 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 us stjocamper@gmail.com.



SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors If none indicated, the readers
This Sunday 1-2 Mar	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F The Sisters Philip F Marc S	Francisco T The Sisters Elly Wong Louie Seras	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - c/ Marc
Next Sunday 8-9 Mar	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Yvona W Gigi Elizabeth C Marc S	Alicia B Menchu Agnes W Suzanne M	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - c/ Marc
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	Angeline L, Alicia B, Echie, Doris K (Thu), Garry C, The Sisters, Gemma T (Sat), Ricky L (Fri) Corazon F, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Maria C, Tim L, Alexander M		

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 Sunday Morning Choir	Allen, Ethel, Tim Yani
Sunday 11 AM Mass Chinese Community	Louise Dr Peter, Elsa
Sunday 6 PM Mass St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir	Teresa, Gemma Michael

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 our parish office stjocamper@gmail.com.



WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY



First Fridays
7PM - 8PM Eucharistic Adoration
8PM Mass for the Sick and Healthcare Workers with Anointing of the Sick

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

PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY HOME VISITATION



The Pilgrim Mary Home Visitation commemorates 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 at stjocamper@gmail.com for assistance.

Join us for **Fellowship & Morning tea every 2nd Sunday, after the 9:30am Mass**

Bring a plate to share!



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.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP

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6PM, FRIDAYS OF LENT FROM 7 MAR TO 11 APR

6PM, HOLY THURSDAY 17 APR

AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN PARISH HALL

Light refreshments will be served.



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PARISH GIVING

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPERDOWN

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Account Number 10000 4825

Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 916.95
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Where is God calling you to?



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Visit gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

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 safeguardingenquiries@sudneycatholic.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.

Visit our parish website

