

# A parish with a Heart in our Hands

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

21 July 2024

*Welcome to our parish!*

## 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

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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

### 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

**The readings today focus upon Jesus as the compassionate shepherd-king, who gathers and instructs a scattered people.** The **First Reading**, from Jer 23:1-16, is one of the classic texts that came to be read in a “messianic” sense: that is, as pointing not merely to a coming ruler of David’s line who would be an improvement upon those recently in power, but to a ruler who would be God’s instrument in bringing about a far more radical renewal. Whether Jeremiah had such a hope in mind when he spoke of God’s raising “a righteous Branch for David” is not certain.

The prophet was a severe castigator of the last kings of Judah before most of the people were taken into exile in Babylon. The name he gives to the coming virtuous ruler, “The Lord is our righteousness”, is a play upon the name of Zedekiah, the grandson of the last king, upon whom hopes for a restoration of the dynasty were pinned during the exile. The prophet is writing a “script” for a new ruler, should the dynasty be revived.

### SHEPHERDS OF THEIR PEOPLE

According to the pattern set by David, a shepherd boy whom the Lord chose to be king, Israelite kings were meant to be shepherds of their people. Recent rulers had grievously failed in this role and allowed “the flock” to be destroyed and scattered (in the exile). The task of the coming righteous “Branch of David” will be that of gathering the exiles and healing a severely wounded people. The Christian reading of Old Testament passages such as these obviously understood them with respect to Jesus in a fully messianic sense. Hence the presentation of him as compassionate Shepherd King that we find in the gospels.

The **Gospel**, Mark 6:30-34, describes a kind of interlude between the sending out of the disciples on mission (6:7-11) and the first occasion upon which Jesus multiplies the loaves (6:35-44). The disciples have returned full of enthusiasm for the success of their healing and teaching activity. These are the early days in the ministry of Jesus when he is widely popular, with people flocking to him on all sides for healing and instruction. It is a popularity that will soon fall away—and turn, in the end, to hostility. Perhaps it is precisely because of his awareness that the disciples could be carried away by all the enthusiasm that Jesus attempts to take them away to be alone with himself for a while. Earlier (1:35), we were told of his going away after a full day of ministry to a lonely place to pray. He seems to want to school the disciples into the same rhythm of ministry alternating with times of recreation and communion with God. They cannot be bearers of healing and liberation without themselves constantly tapping the life-giving source of the capacity to do so.

But, as in that earlier instance (1:36-39), the attempt to find some rest and peace is not successful. While Jesus and the disciples seek to escape in a boat – always a symbol of the Church in Mark – the enthusiastic crowds follow on foot and are there waiting for Jesus as soon as he disembarks. So we are presented with the image of the Shepherd-Messiah who is overcome with compassion. (The Jerusalem Bible translation, “he took pity on them” is too weak; the underlying Greek expression *splangchnistheis* has the sense of being moved with emotion to the depth of one’s being – literally, to one’s entrails.) We are invited to look out upon the people through the eyes of Jesus: to see them as sheep without a shepherd – scattered, therefore, and leaderless.

### FORCE OF COMPASSION

We are to sense his desire for rest and recreation being overwhelmed by the stronger force of compassion and a desire to instill new purpose and understanding into the people through teaching. The Church’s pastoral and teaching ministry is simply an extension of this pastoral compassion of Jesus. Like the disciples with Jesus in the boat, those who minister in his name learn here to look out through his eyes upon those to whom they are sent.

The extract from Ephesians, 2:13-18, making up the **Second Reading** continues Paul’s meditation upon the “mystery” of the incorporation of the nations of the world (“Gentiles”) into the People of God. A striking symbol of the rigid separation between Jews and Gentiles existed in the shape of a stone barrier separating the outer court of the Temple from the inner court, from which all non-Jews, under pain of death, were barred. (A slab bearing an inscription to this effect was actually discovered by an archaeological excavation in the late 19th century.) Like the breach of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Paul thinks of Christ effecting a costly breaking down of this barrier to form in the Church the nucleus of a new humanity.

# Readings

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 22 (23)

**The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

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 forever and ever. **R**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.



Bernhard Plockhorst (1825–1907), Good Shepherd

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat.

So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.**

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# PARISH VOCATION MONTH

AUGUST 2024

IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
NATIONAL VOCATIONS  
AWARENESS WEEK IN AUSTRALIA

For the whole month of August, our parish will feature different types of vocations in celebration of the National Vocations Awareness Week in Australia. There will be a **vocations exhibit** at the foyer of our church, and on the Sundays **4 August** and **11 August**, we will have guest speakers to share their experience in the vocations of **religious life, priesthood, married life, and single blessedness.**



## Lay Camillian Family SYDNEY CHAPTER

Last **Sunday 14 July** we celebrated the **Feast Day of St Camillus** along with the installation of **new members** of Lay Camillian Family, Sydney Chapter. We congratulate them and continue to pray for them in their dedication to becoming instruments of God's love and compassion through serving the sick, as St Camillus did in his life.

*St Camillus and Our Lady Health of the Sick,  
Pray for us!*

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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com) or any members of our Lay Camillian Family and avail of our pastoral services to our suffering parishioners.

ST. JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN  
**FIRST FRIDAY MASS**  
IN DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
First Fridays | 8PM  
followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing until 10PM



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



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

## SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
<b>This Sunday</b> 20-21 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Alicia B Sr Maliya Agnes C Gemma T	Marc S Gordon L John L Genalor F	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Santa, Amy
<b>Next Sunday</b> 27-28 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Nancy T Tim S	Francisco T Lesley A Sharon K Maddi S	Alicia, Isabella Maria, Francisco - Amy, Corazon
<b>Daily Mass</b>	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, Joan E, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Genalor F, Maria C		

## PARISH CHOIR

ORGANIST/PIANIST | CONDUCTOR  
Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass Fr Ruben, Dennis, Tim, Gemma  
**St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir**  
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 | Michael  
**St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir**

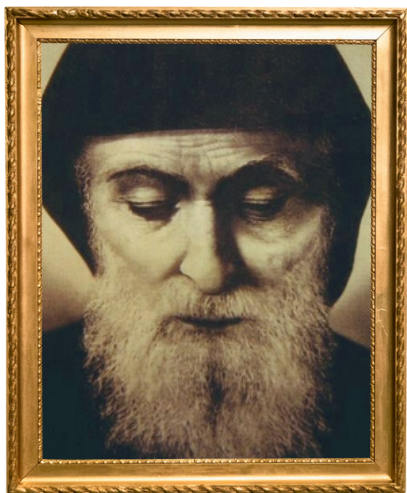
If you would like to serve in the parish through singing or playing instruments such as piano/organ/guitar/etc., please don't hesitate to express your interest by **approaching our choristers before or after Mass** or messaging **Angeline 0431 718 137.**



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.

# FEAST DAYS

- 22 July Saint Mary Magdalene
- 23 July Saint Bridget
- 24 July Saint Sharbel Mahkluf
- 25 July Saint James
- 26 July Saints Joachim & Anne
- 29 July Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
- 30 July Saint Peter Chrysologus
- 31 July Saint Ignatius Loyola
- 1 Aug Saint Alphonsus Liguori
- 2 Aug Saint Eusebius of Vercelli;  
Saint Peter Julian Eymard
- 3 Aug Saint Dominic



Saint Charbel; Source: www.st-charbel.fr

# RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Seeking solace during illness or hospitalisation at RPAH 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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com)).

*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](mailto: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.



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# PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY

HOME VISITATION

**Watch this space!**  
More details to come.

# PARISH GIVING

## LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 1,023.40
2nd Collection	\$ 560.90
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 887.28

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



# WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

- Esther 4:14 -

**PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2024**

SATURDAY  
**3 AUGUST**  
8:45AM-5PM

Liverpool Catholic Club  
424 - 458 Hoxton Park Road,  
Prestons NSW 2170

Do you want to see our parishes renewed? Join us for a day of formation, workshops and networking to be equipped and strengthened for mission. Be part of the transformation in our Church today!

CONFERENCE COST  
\$75 | book by 31 May  
\$90 | book from 1 June

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 19 JULY

To see more events and initiatives within the Archdiocese, visit and subscribe to [gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY GO MAKE DISCIPLES

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JOIN THE NETWORK OF CATHOLICS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

**The Catholic Weekly**  
Available at the foyer of the church

## Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

Hundreds of people are displaced and many more affected by a devastating landslide that struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea.

Your urgent support is needed now. Donate at [www.caritas.org.au/png](http://www.caritas.org.au/png)

**CADIS**  
CAMILIAN DISASTER SERVICE AUSTRALIA

Your contribution to CADIS helps provide food and services to disaster survivors, homeless, and refugees.

Transfer to  
CADIS AUSTRALIA LTD  
BSB: 032-179  
ACCT NO.: 371 579

To Volunteer, contact  
**Fr Meng** or **Robert and Maria**  
0424742571 or 0469898620

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**CWF**  
CHARITABLE WORKS FUND  
Your local charity

Support the charitable and pastoral works of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible and can be credited to your local parish.

CWF QR CODE

**Caritas AUSTRALIA**

Donate through scanning the QR code or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

CARITAS QR CODE

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](mailto: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.