

# A parish with a Heart in our Hands

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

28 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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## 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

**We begin today the first of five Sundays where a series of Gospels taken from the sixth chapter of the Fourth Gospel interrupts the Year of Mark.** John 6 consists of an account of the multiplication of the loaves (John 6:1-15), which forms the Gospel for today, followed by a long discourse from Jesus on the Bread of Life.

The sequence of Gospels around this theme over the coming weeks offers an opportunity for a sustained catechesis on the Eucharist. It should be noted, however, that while eucharistic overtones are there from the start, it is only towards the end of the discourse (vv. 51-58) that they become explicit. The principal focus of the discourse is on Jesus as the One sent down from heaven to be the life-giving revelation of God – a focus in which 'Wisdom' motifs are prominent. Our overall interpretation will be richer if we do not allow the eucharistic allusion to "swamp" the whole meaning from the very start.

There is also a good deal of overlap in the discourse material for the second, third and fourth Sunday Gospels taken from St. John. Preachers intending to offer a catechesis over the range of Sundays would be well advised to plan beforehand what they intend to draw from each particular Gospel.

### PROFOUND GIFT

The "Bread of Life" sequence as a whole displays a pattern that can be discerned in several of the long discourses in the Fourth Gospel. The remedying of a human need – usually through a miracle – functions as a symbol of a far more profound gift involving the person of Jesus himself. Here the miraculous provision of bread for the hungry crowd signals that he is the "Bread of Life". As the manna was sent down from heaven to feed the Israelites during their years of wandering in the wilderness of Sinai, Jesus is the life-giving Bread sent down from heaven by the Father. The following discourse "unpacks" this symbolic sense of Jesus as the Bread of Life.

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is well set off by the brief **First Reading**, 2 Kings 2:42-44, recalling the similar miracle of the prophet Elisha. The prophet tells his servant to feed the crowd with the twenty barley loaves, just as Jesus will insist that his disciples feed an even greater multitude with even less. In both cases, too, after everyone is satisfied, there will be plenty left over. When the Lord supplies, the generosity is unstinting.

The context for the miracle described in the **Gospel** (John 6:1-15) is the Jewish feast of Passover, a feast celebrating the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and their formation into the covenant people of God. Seated on a mountain in front of the crowds, Jesus challenges his disciples with the question, "Where can we buy bread ....?" The disciples are utterly perplexed as to why they should take upon themselves this responsibility, impossible to fulfil granted the amount of food available (five barley loaves and two fish).

### THE LORD WILL FEED HIS PEOPLE

In the face of their perplexity, Jesus instructs them to have the people sit down upon the green grass. The Greek word translated "sit down" has the sense of "recline as if for a banquet." Telling the people to sit down would create the expectation of being fed. So the disciples risk being involved in an embarrassing failure. But, in the view and intention of Jesus, it is not a question of "buying" anything but rather of becoming instruments of the divine generosity. As with the manna in the wilderness of Sinai, the Lord will feed his people. In fact, when all have been fed, there are twelve baskets of leftover scraps to be collected – a symbol of the Eucharist that the successors of the twelve apostles will distribute to the Church. The Eucharistic celebration will continue Jesus' ministry of the hospitality of God.

The message of the feeding is not lost on the people. Working out of their own categories of conventional messianic expectation, they see in Jesus the Prophet-King Messiah, promised by Moses (Deut 18:15-18). But Jesus will not be captured within messianic categories that are in his case completely inadequate. For the present, he eludes the crowd, to return later on his own terms. Then in the course of sustained interaction recorded in the rest of the chapter, he will attempt to communicate a sense of his true status and of the gift to the world that he represents.

In a world faced with hunger on a global scale, the challenge of Jesus, "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?" remains. It is an economic question and a political question. The Gospel suggests it is also a religious question – one Jesus throws to us as he did to his disciples on a mountain in Galilee.

# Readings

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

## FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.

'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144:10-11. 15-18. (16)

**The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all that live. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.

Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples.

It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.'



Giovanni Lanfranco (1582–1647), *Miracle of the Bread and Fish*

## GOSPEL (cont.)

John 6:1-15

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted.

When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

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## Do you have Mass intentions you would like our parish to pray for?

On our next parish bulletin, we will include a list of Mass intentions that parishioners would like to share with others 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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com). Please indicate whether it is "**Public / Private**". **Only those classified as "Public" will be published in the bulletin**; all others will be private if not otherwise stated.

# PARISH NEWS

Do not cast me off  
in my old age

cf. Ps 71:9



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly

28 July 2024



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2024

We would like to greet all our grandparent and elderly parishioners a happy World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly!

On all our Sunday Masses, including Saturday Vigil Mass, we will be celebrating the wonderful gifts of God - our grandparents and elderly people.

All grandparents and elderly present in these Sunday Masses will be given a priestly blessing to celebrate their vocations and lives in Christ.

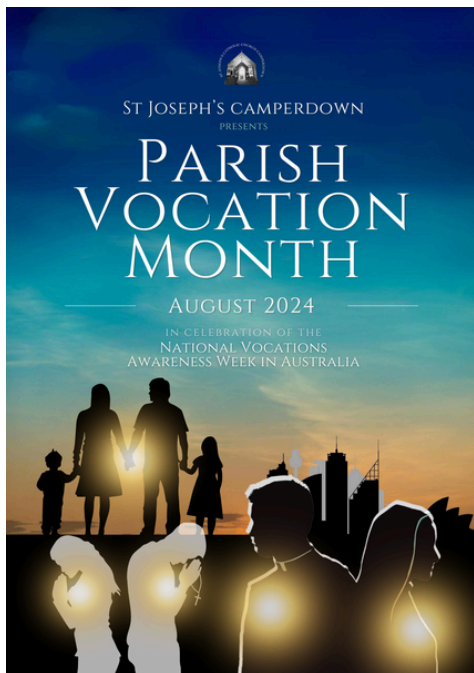
To read and view more about this, visit [www.laityfamilylife.va](http://www.laityfamilylife.va)


Statue: Ruth and her elderly mother-in-law Naomi

## Parish Vocation Month


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 **married life, single blessedness, religious life, and priesthood.**





THE RELIGIOUS SISTERS of MERCY  
of ALMA MICHIGAN



50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS  
[almamercy.org/anniversary](http://almamercy.org/anniversary)

We invite you to join us for

### Prayers and Adoration


at St. Joseph's Convent  
2:00pm - 5:00pm on Saturday 10th August  
(Holy Hour starts at 3.55pm)

In thanksgiving for our 50 years Jubilee  
and to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life


Our Holy Father Pope Francis has granted that a  
*Plenary Indulgence*  
may be obtained by praying in any of the oratories of our  
Homes of Mercy throughout the Jubilee year

- SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 -

What do I need to do to receive a plenary indulgence?



Scan here!



## SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
<b>This 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>Next Sunday</b> 3-4 Aug	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Philip Fan Gemma T	Francisco T Lesley A Cathy W Maria C	Alicia, Isabella Maria, Francisco - Genalor, 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  
**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 |  
**St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir** 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 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



## PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY HOME VISITATION

**On the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday 15th August 2024 8pm Mass, we will begin our year-long Pilgrim Mary & Her Holy Rosary Home Visitation.**

From 15 August 2024 to 15 August 2025, our Blessed Mother will be "on a pilgrimage" to our parishioners' homes, with each visit lasting for a week.

Parishioners are to reserve a week by entering required details in the booking form available at the foyer of our church. These parishioners will be Our Blessed Mother's "caretakers" each week.

By the end of a parishioner's booking reservation, the **Pilgrim Mary Home Visitation Kit** will be handed over from the previous caretaker to the next during the Sunday 9:30am Masses.

If any of the parishioners cannot attend the 9:30am Sunday Mass, they should have a representative to hand over or receive the kit on their behalf.

**To join this initiative, sign up through the booking form at the foyer of the church.**

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

**What's included in the Kit?**  
 A statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, some rosaries, and prayer booklets to assist you in praying while she visits your homes.

# 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](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.

## PARISH GIVING

**LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection**

1st Collection	\$ 608.25
2nd Collection	\$ 467.30
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 692.00

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

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 0424742571    0469898620

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### 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](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

## CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

JOIN THE NETWORK OF CATHOLICS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

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