

# A parish with a Heart in our Hands

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

4 August 2024

*Welcome to our parish!*

## PRIESTS

### Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

### Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

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### 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

**In the second of the Gospel readings taken from John 6 at this stage of Year B we find ourselves at the beginning of Jesus' long discourse on the "Bread of Life."**

The **First Reading**, from Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, provides an appropriate background, describing as it does, the gift of "bread from heaven" with which God fed the Israelites in the desert. Some aspects of the Manna tradition not mentioned in this **First Reading** are important for understanding the way it provides a background for the **Gospel**. The Manna came down from heaven on the first six days of the week but not on the seventh day, the Sabbath. The Manna that fell on the first five days became uneatable after that day. But that which fell on the sixth day did last overnight. By preserving some for the morrow, the Israelites were able to eat and still keep the Sabbath rest. In the later Jewish tradition the provision of the Manna was seen as one of Moses' great feats and, in the Wisdom tradition, the life-giving bread from heaven became a symbol of the gift of the Torah (the Law of Moses).

### MATURE FAITH

Jesus' interaction with the crowd in the **Gospel** (John 6:24-35) plays off these traditions. Following the miraculous feeding, the people had wanted to make Jesus their king. But he eluded them and went off to the hills by himself while his disciples set out to cross the lake by boat. Later (vv. 16-21), in a manifestation of his divine status, he rejoined them by walking upon the sea. Eventually, the crowds whom Jesus had fed by multiplying the loaves catch up with him again on the other side of the lake and begin the dialogue with him that triggers the discourse. They ask questions of Jesus that betray inadequate understanding of his person and his activity. Jesus takes up their questions and responses, correcting them and turning them in a direction that leads to mature faith and readiness to receive revelation.

He points out that they have been looking for him simply because they had been fed, albeit marvellously, with what was still ordinary food. They had failed to "see signs" in the sense that they did not understand the gift of ordinary bread as a sign or symbol pointing to a deeper reality: that Jesus is the gift of "Bread" sent down from heaven to satisfy a far deeper human need, the gift of eternal life.

By following the way of the Law they are "working" in the sense of working for money in order to have the wherewithal to buy bread to keep them alive. But such bread is like the bread the Israelites went out to collect on the first five days, bread that would not last. Instead they should understand that, in the presence of Jesus, they are really in a "Sabbath" situation where the Manna sent down on the sixth day is bread that truly lasts – lasts for eternal life. The Son of Man (Jesus) will give (v. 28 [The NRSV rightly has the future tense; contrast Jerusalem Bible]) them that lasting "bread" when lifted up upon the cross he becomes the supreme revelation of the Father.

### ENDOWMENT WITH THE SPIRIT

A seal affixed to a document authoritatively stamps the document with the author's identity and ownership. The "seal" that the Father has set upon Jesus (v. 27) probably refers to his endowment with the Spirit – an episode not described in the Fourth Gospel but alluded to by John the Baptist in 1:32-34. Endowment with the Spirit provides divine accreditation and guarantee that the revelation given by Jesus is the "food that endures to eternal life".

The only "work" then that is required on the human side is the "work" of believing that such is the case: namely, that, in the person of Jesus, God is sending down from heaven the Bread of Life in this imperishable and life-giving sense.

Unconvinced, the crowds want Jesus to turn on a "Manna-like" miracle as they believe Moses did (v. 30). Jesus corrects them in regard to both past and present. It was not Moses but God who gave them bread from heaven. Likewise, they should not now be expecting him to provide bread from heaven as if he were simply a figure comparable to Moses. What Moses provided was the Law, which was not "bread from heaven" that would last ("endure to eternal life"). Whereas, he (Jesus) is the Bread from heaven that the Father is now providing for the life of the world. If the crowd can simply put aside its own presuppositions and demands, and simply believe in the generosity of God, then they will receive this life-giving revelation.

Both as revelatory Word of God and as Eucharist Jesus is for us the "Bread of Life".

# Readings

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.**

## FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 77(78):3-4, 23-25, 54

**The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us; we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **R**

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **R**

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.



Stefano di Giovanni (1392-1450), Institution of the Eucharist

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said, 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all the delights and sweetness in every taste.**

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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 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.

Firstly, we have a **vocations exhibit** at the foyer of our church for the whole month of August.

Secondly, on each of the **Sundays Masses** (including Saturday Vigil Mass) on **4 August** and **11 August**, we have guest speakers to share their experience in the vocations of **married life & single blessedness (4 Aug)** and **religious & priestly life (11 Aug)**.

ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN  
PRESENTS  
**PARISH VOCATION MONTH**  
AUGUST 2024  
IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
NATIONAL VOCATIONS  
AWARENESS WEEK IN AUSTRALIA



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50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS  
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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!



## Prayer for Vocations

GOD OUR FATHER,  
YOU MADE EACH OF US TO USE OUR GIFTS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.  
WE ASK THAT YOU INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE WHOM  
YOU CALL TO PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE  
TO COURAGEOUSLY FOLLOW YOUR WILL.  
SEND WORKERS INTO YOUR GREAT HARVEST SO THAT THE  
GOSPEL IS PREACHED, THE POOR ARE SERVED WITH LOVE.  
THE SUFFERING ARE COMFORTED, AND YOUR PEOPLE ARE  
STRENGTHENED BY THE SACRAMENTS.  
WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

### SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
<b>This 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>Next Sunday</b> 10-11 Aug	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Genalor F Angeline L Elizabeth C Gemma T	Louise S Ricky L Agnes W Corazon F	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Santa, 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  
**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 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

## THIS WEEK

- 5 Aug** The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
- 6 Aug** The Transfiguration Of The Lord
- 7 Aug** Saints Sixtus II and companions; Saint Cajetan
- 8 Aug** SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS
- 9 Aug** Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

- 10 Aug** Saint Lawrence
- 12 Aug** Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
- 13 Aug** Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
- 14 Aug** Saint Maximilian Kolbe
- 15 Aug** THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- 16 Aug** Saint Stephen of Hungary



## 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, please ask help from the members of the Legion of Mary who are assisting before the start of Sunday Masses.**

*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 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.



## PARISH GIVING

### LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 736.25
2nd Collection	\$ 374.35
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 795.00

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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](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.