

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

11 August 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

PARISH OFFICE

🕒 **Mon, Thu** 10AM - 4PM

Sat 10AM - 3PM

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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 third of the Gospel readings taken from John 6 we find ourselves at the centre of Jesus' long discourse on the 'Bread of Life'. The First Reading, from the Elijah cycle, 1 Kings 19:4-8, is not actually alluded to in the Gospel. However, the divine provision of sustenance for Elijah on his journey to Sinai (here given its alternative name "Horeb") provides a background for the Gospel's sense of Jesus as "life-giving Bread."

Following his great victory over the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40), Elijah is on the run from the hostility of Queen Jezebel and her weak husband, Ahab. We come upon him here sitting under a furze tree and wishing he were dead, a picture of deep discouragement, if not of severe depression. Particularly human and touching about the story is the way in which when the angel first wakes him and indicates the food and drink provided, Elijah eats and drinks, and then goes back to sleep. Only when the angel repeats the gesture and he has taken nourishment a second time does the prophet set out, strengthened by the food, for the long journey to Sinai. There, in that place where his people first came to know their God in a terrifying way, Elijah will experience God in a new, deeply personal way—a God who is not in the wind, or the earthquake or the fire [lightning]—but in "the sound of sheer silence" (vv. 11-12). The food and drink set beside him has been the sustenance for this journey to fresh revelation and renewal of his life and mission.

The people with whom Jesus is in dialogue and dispute in the section of the discourse appearing as the Gospel for today (John 6:41-51) are now described as "the Jews". This standard designation for the adversaries of Jesus in the Fourth Gospel is problematic in reading and proclamation today. Jesus is a Jew; his disciples are Jews; it is bizarre that he should be set over against his own people in the way that use of this designation suggests. Its use in the Gospel reflects the situation of the Johannine community, now definitively separated from the Jewish Synagogue and engaging in dispute with Jews of their own time because of their claims for Jesus as the author of eternal life over against Jewish claims for the Law of Moses.

A greater problem, however, than that of the Law concerns the claims believers are making in regard to the person and status of Jesus himself. Behind the complaint we hear about Jesus' claim to be "the bread come down from heaven" lies the whole "offence" of the Incarnation. "The Jews" claim to be well acquainted with Jesus' human origins ("We know his father and mother"). How then can one so clearly human claim divine origin in this sense?

DIVINE INTENT

Jesus' response in the Gospel is to point to Scripture, specifically a text from Isa 54:13, "They will all be taught by God" (v. 45). He draws a great deal out of this brief text in the sense of seeing it indicating a divine intent to communicate life to the world through a mode of instruction involving divine-human engagement of unimagined closeness. The Father has sent the Son into the world (3:16) and drawn people to him so that in hearing him and believing in him, they are really being "taught by God" as the prophetic text foretold. In this intensely personal way they can hear the teaching of the Father, which is essentially teaching about the Father given by the only One who has truly seen the Father, namely the Son (cf. 1:18).

To hear this teaching and respond to it in faith is to "have" (beginning here and now) "eternal life." Hence the rightness of Jesus' claim to be "the Bread of Life" come down from heaven. Whereas the Manna that the ancestors ("your fathers") ate in the desert sustained them only for their physical life, after which they died, this "Bread" is "living Bread", that is, "life-giving" sustenance for eternal life.

EUCCHARISTIC OVERTONE

A eucharistic overtone seems to creep in at the very end when Jesus "defines" the bread as "my flesh for the life of the world." But the primary reference at this point is to his death upon the cross. It is in giving his own life ("his flesh") for the life of the world that Jesus will most truly be for the world the life-giving revelation of the Father.

The Second Reading, Ephesians 4:30-5:2, begins with the odd injunction about not "grieving" the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit is the mark or "seal" of God's ownership on believers and guarantee of destiny to eternal life. Believers "grieve" the Spirit by acting in ways clear contrary to this dignity and destiny.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33(34):2-9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from his distress. **R**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!



Raphael (1483–1520), Disputation of Holy Sacrament

GOSPEL

John 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem; he feeds you with the finest wheat.

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS AND 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: _____

Public Private



PARISH NEWS

We're two weeks into August, celebrating our **Parish Vocation Month** as part of the National Vocations Awareness Week in Australia.

Our **vocations exhibit** is on at the foyer of our church, featuring the **Order of the Ministers of the Infirm (Camillians)** and the **Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan**.

Our **talks** continue this **11 Aug's** Sunday Masses (incl. Vigil) with speakers sharing their lives in **religious & priestly vocations**.



We continue to pray for Vocations as a parish:

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.

THE RELIGIOUS SISTERS of MERCY
of ALMA MICHIGAN

50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS
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!

Fundamentals of Flourishing Parishes

If you're wondering how to share your faith with others, but not sure how, this series is for you. We will dive deeper into the natural and supernatural skills to speak about Christ in everyday life and as a parish community. Come along to any or all workshops!

DATES AND TOPICS

- Wed, 21 Aug: The Art of Christ-Centred Conversation
- Wed, 28 Aug: Sharing Your Faith Without Fear
- Wed, 4 Sep: Authentic Invitation and Welcome
- Wed, 11 Sep: Five Tips for Running Effective Parish Events
- Wed, 25 Sep: Capstone

TIME: 7:15 - 8:30 PM, doors open at 7:00 pm

VENUE: St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040

Free Admission. For more information and to register go to

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1257816>

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SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
This Sunday 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
Next Sunday 17-18 Aug	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	Amy, Corazon Maria, Francisco - Corazon, Francisco
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, Joan E, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Genalor F, Maria C		

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

- 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



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 



ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY HOME VISITATION

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday 15th August 2024 8pm Mass, marks the beginning of 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.

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](tel:0412155967).



PARISH GIVING

LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 894.95
2nd Collection	\$ 575.40
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 802.50

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[0424742571](tel:0424742571) or [0469898620](tel:0469898620)



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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 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.