

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

15 September 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

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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*

* Please see the **Parish Announcement** at the Parish News Section on page 3.

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

At the beginning of 2025, a new schedule for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take effect. **Please see the full Parish Announcement included in the Parish News Section on page 3.**

In today's Gospel (Mark 8:27-35) we reach a true watershed in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus explicitly raises with his disciples the issue of his identity. As readers of the Gospel, we have known from the start that he is 'the Messiah, the Son of God' (1:1). But this has been concealed from all other participants in the drama save Jesus himself, who immediately following his baptism by John has heard the Father declare from heaven, 'You are my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased' (1:11). As Jesus' ministry in the cities and towns of Galilee unfolded, the disciples have wrestled with the question that they voice immediately after he has calmed the sea, 'Who is this, then, that even the winds and the sea obey him?' (4:41). People have been struck by the authority of his teaching and by his powerful works of healing and exorcism (1:22, 27). Only the demons, feeling the force of his power, acknowledge his identity as Son of God. But Jesus will not allow them to speak; his identity is not to be revealed from malign sources such as these.

Now, however, the moment has come for Jesus to draw from the disciples an explicit acknowledgment of his identity as Messiah. He approaches the issue in a somewhat roundabout way, first asking them to report on who the people in general think he is. The response comes back in the shape of various prophetic figures. Increasingly, however, the disciples, as distinct from the mass of the people, have been the focus of Jesus' attention and instruction. So, when Jesus puts the question directly to them, it is not surprising that Peter as spokesperson for the group gets it right: 'You are the Christ (the Messiah)'. In contrast to the people, they have this privileged knowledge of his true identity.

ONE WHO IS TO SERVE

Jesus neither confirms nor applauds Peter's response. Instead, he strictly enjoins the disciples not to pass on this knowledge to anyone else and then goes on immediately to speak – for the first of several times in the Gospel – of his coming passion and death. The knowledge that he is Messiah is not to be separated for a moment from the kind of Messiah he is destined to be: not one who will be served and honoured, as is customary in the case of rulers of this world, but one who is 'to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (10:45).

For the remainder of the Gospel the disciples will have to wrestle – quite unsuccessfully as turns out – with holding together two truths concerning Jesus: on the one hand, that he is indeed the long-awaited Messiah; on the other hand, that he will fulfil his messianic role by entering into the pain and suffering of this world, even to the point of death – something totally unforeseen in Jewish messianic expectation.

Peter's remonstrance with Jesus voices just this sense of incompatibility between the two. How can it be that the Messiah should suffer in such a way. How could God allow this to happen to the Chosen One, the instrument of Israel's salvation? The long journey to Jerusalem that makes up the second half of the Gospel will be mainly taken up with a futile attempt on Jesus' part to get the disciples to confront this issue. Only the women disciples will show some greater understanding and remain with Jesus in his suffering to the end (14:3-9; 15:40-41, 47).

TAKE UP THEIR CROSS

Jesus' rebuke to Peter is severe: 'Get behind me, Satan!' While doubtless well meant, the attempt to hold back Jesus from his divinely ordained path is to play Satan's game: namely, to frustrate God's gift of life to the world through the cross of Jesus. It will be by taking the road to death that Jesus will become the instrument of life, and those who would be his associates must go the same way: take up their cross and follow after him.

The fact that Peter who has just got something so splendidly right stumbles so badly at the thought of suffering can be, nonetheless, an encouragement for us – a recognition in the gospels that we all do badly at suffering. At the end of the story (the passion) the disciples – the male disciples at least – failed miserably. But that wasn't the real end of the story. God's power triumphed over human failure in resurrection.

The First Reading offers the Third Servant Song of Isaiah (50:5-9) as an appropriate background for the sense of a suffering instrument of God that emerges in the Gospel. We should be aware, however, that such texts were not interpreted in reference to the Messiah in pre-Christian Judaism. In the Second Reading, James continues to insist that faith must express itself in realistic social concern.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my god, deliver me! **R**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R**

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him?

If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty." without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that?

Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia.



Sebastiano del Piombo (1485–1547), *Christ Carrying the Cross* - del Piombo

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist," they said "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets." "But you," he asked "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's." He called the people and his disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O God, how much we value your mercy! All mankind can gather under your protection.

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How may we pray for you?

Share your **Mass / Prayer intentions** with us via the **envelopes** at the church foyer or **email us at** stjocamper@gmail.com.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

For over two years, our parish has held Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament according to the following schedule: Monday to Friday from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM, and Monday to Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. After careful consideration, several concerns have emerged:

- 1 Our three Camillian priests need to balance their commitment to Religious Community Life with their parish duties, particularly following the 8:00 PM Mass.
- 2 According to liturgical norms, it is more appropriate to hold the Holy Hour before the 8:00 PM Mass rather than after, as it serves as a profound preparation for the Eucharistic celebration.
- 3 The afternoon Exposition from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday, has consistently low attendance, calling into question the need for its continuation.
- 4 Devotion to the Divine Mercy, such as praying the Chaplet, can still be meaningfully practiced in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, even without formal Exposition, as demonstrated by the daily prayers following the 8:00 AM Mass from Monday to Saturday.

Following the Pastoral Visit of Bishop Danny Meagher on March 22 and 24, 2024, and based on his recommendations, the following changes will then be implemented:

- 1 **The Monday to Friday Holy Hour will be moved to 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**
- 2 **The Monday to Friday 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Holy Hour will be discontinued.**

We, the Parish Pastoral Council, after a thorough discussion and reflection on the matter, hereby support the decision to make these changes as to the Schedule of Holy Hours/Expositions of the Blessed Sacrament in our Parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council has discussed these changes thoroughly and supports them wholeheartedly. We ask for the understanding and cooperation of all parishioners as we implement these changes at the beginning of 2025. Let us continue to pray for a smooth transition.

Signed by the Parish Pastoral Council
17 August 2024

Canonical and Liturgical Considerations

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| 1 Timing of the Holy Hour | It is considered more liturgically appropriate for the Holy Hour, or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, to take place before Mass rather than after. This practice allows for proper spiritual preparation for the Mass, which is the source and summit of Christian life. The current schedule with the Holy Hour after Mass may not align with this principle. |
| 2 Exposition After Mass | |
| 3 Attendance and Adoration | |

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

| Week | Mass Times | Commentator & 1st Reader | 2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful | Collectors |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| This Sunday 14-15 Sep | Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM | Ricky L Sr Maliya Agnes C Gemma T | Marc S Gordon L John L Genalor F | Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Gemma, Genalor |
| Next Sunday 21-22 Sep | 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, Genalor Maria, Francisco - Tim S, Maddi S |
| 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, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Genalor F, Maria C, Tim L | | |

PARISH CHOIR

ORGANIST/PIANIST | CONDUCTOR
 Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass
St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir Tim, Dennis,
 Sunday 9:30 AM Mass Fr Ruben, Gemma
Sunday Morning Choir Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani
 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

- 16 Sep Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
- 17 Sep Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Robert Bellarmine
- 19 Sep Saint Januarius
- 20 Sep Saints Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and companions
- 21 Sep Saint Matthew

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 

PARISH NEWS

CELEBRATING THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

ONE PARISH JOURNEYING IN LOVE

Join us in celebrating this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees and the Installation of Fr Renante (Rey) Sentillas as Parish Priest of St Joseph's Camperdown
SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER, 9:30 AM

CELEBRATING YOUR TRADITIONS IN ETHNIC DRESSES, SONGS, DANCES, AND FOOD!



PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY HOME VISITATION

The Pilgrim Mary Home Visitation is facilitated to commemorate the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 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.

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. 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** for assistance.

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.



PARISH GIVING

LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

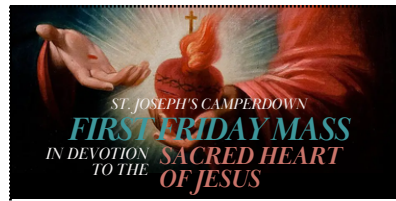
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| 1st Collection | \$ 714.00 |
| 2nd Collection | \$ 635.60 |
| EFTPOS Giving | \$ 859.80 |

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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.



First Fridays | 8PM
followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing until 10PM

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

To see more initiatives within the Archdiocese, visit and subscribe to gomakedisiples.org.au/cas-events

Donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day appeal

1 September 2024

Our Fathers are there for us in our happy and sad times. When they are sick or retire to lesser duties, it is our responsibility to look after them.

You can show our Fathers they are not forgotten this Father's Day. Donate generously now.

Donate at www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-prf Or complete the parish envelope.



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

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Transfer to CADIS AUSTRALIA LTD
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ACCT NO.: 371 579



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



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Fundamentals of Flourishing Parishes

If you're wondering how to share your faith with others, but not sure how, this series is for you.
TIME: Wed, 25 Sep (Capstone) 7:15 - 8:30 PM, doors open at 7:00 pm.
VENUE: St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040.
Free Admission. To register, visit trybooking.com/events/landing/1257816

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. 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.