

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

29 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.**

At this stage in the readings for Year B we have arrived a point in Mark's Gospel where a connecting thread running through various incidents and sayings is not easy to find – though all are subsumed into the overriding concern of Jesus throughout the journey, which is to instruct his disciples concerning his passion and death.

What makes that instruction so difficult for the disciples to accept is their preconceived idea of the glory that is to accrue to them as leading associates of the Messiah. In several incidents and instructions, including those making up today's **Gospel** (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48) Jesus chips away at the notion that messiahship and being associated with it will bring privilege, rather than involving – as he has been insisting – costly service.

The disciples were disturbed when they came upon someone who is using Jesus' name – and hence his authority – to cast out demons. They did their best to put a stop to his activity because, as they explain to Jesus, "he was not one of us." Instead of approval, what they get is a mild rebuke. Jesus does not mind his name being used by another for a good purpose. The main thing is that human beings are being set free from the power of Satan and reclaimed for the fullness of life. The disciples, on the other hand, are less focused on the objective good being done and more concerned about an outsider's use of what they see as their own prerogative and possession.

HELPFUL PRECEDENT The **First Reading**, Num 11:25-29 offers a helpful biblical precedent for this part of the Gospel. It tells of a similar misguided response on the part of Joshua when two individuals who were not numbered among the designated 70 elders appointed to assist Moses manifest the same spirit of prophecy that the 70 had shown. By contrast the large-heartedness of Moses stands out.

In a later part of the Gospel, Jesus reinforces the point with the statement about outsiders who give members of the community (possibly travelling missionaries are particularly in mind) a cup of water to drink "because they belong to Christ." Such outsiders show the kind of service to others that is supposed to be a hallmark of the followers of Jesus. What determines the "reward" one will receive (at the judgment) is not whether one is inside or outside the community but whether one has performed the service expected of the community.

REJOICE IN GOODNESS Taken together, both elements of instruction on the part of Jesus' show a remarkable openness to the possibility of goodness and effective ministry outside the community of disciples strictly so defined. They invite the disciples to look away from their own sense of distinctiveness and privilege and to be prepared to find and rejoice in goodness wherever it exists. This is not to play down the importance of being associates of Jesus. It is simply to insist that what is supremely important about such belonging is preparedness for costly service rather than resting on privilege and power.

So much for good found outside the community. The second part of the Gospel in a balancing way takes up the issue of evil that may exist inside the community. Any community consists of strong and weak, people whose faith is mature and people whose faith is still growing. "These little ones" are either children or else simply the more vulnerable in the latter sense: those whose faith – and hence salvation – can be placed in jeopardy by bad example or exploitative behavior on the part of the stronger members. Presupposed is a sense to which Paul gives memorable expression: "The life and death of each of us has its influence on others" (Rom 14:7 [Jerusalem Bible translation]).

SUPREME IMPORTANCE OF SALVATION The sense that wrongdoing is a community concern rather than simply a private matter accounts for the severity of the "remedies" Jesus suggests. (Being tied to a large stone and thrown into the sea seems to refer to a particularly abhorrent Roman form of execution.) Later, Jesus seems to have in mind a surgical operation where a diseased limb is sacrificed in order to save the whole body. The advice is not, of course, to be taken literally. The image makes the point that one's own salvation and that of other members of the community is of such supreme importance that one must be prepared to act vigorously against immediate self-interest or temptation in order to safeguard it. Needless to say, nonetheless, this second part of today's Gospel has acquired a striking new relevance in view of the sexual abuse crisis that has been uncovered in the Church.

In the **Second Reading** (James 5:1-6) James' prophetic declamation against the rich for exploitation of the poor reaches fever pitch. In many ways, it is simply an intensification of Jesus' own teaching, as seen, for example, in the Beatitudes.

Commentary by Fr Brendan Byrne, SJ, FAHA. Fr Brendan taught New Testament at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, Vic, for almost forty years. He is now Emeritus Professor at the University of Divinity (Melbourne). His commentaries on the Gospels can be found at Pauline Books and Media.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, you had just cause to judge men as you did: because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will. But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness.

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp: one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, "Look," he said "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Then said Joshua the Son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, "My Lord Moses, stop them!" Moses answered him, "Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R**

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **R**

From presumption restrain you servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **R**

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them- listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realize that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content.

It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.



Jacob de Wit (1695-1754), Moses elects the Council of Seventy Elders

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out!"

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Lord, remember the words you spoke to me, your servant, which made me live in hope and consoled me when I was downcast.

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On Sunday 6th of October, our parish is celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees as well as the Installation of Fr Renante (Rey) Sentillas as Parish Priest of St Joseph's Camperdown, with Bishop Danny Meagher as the principal celebrant.

The celebration begins with **Mass at 9:30AM**, followed by a **multicultural program** featuring the different cultures and backgrounds of our parishioners, and then lunch. **There will be NO 11AM Mass.**

You are highly encouraged to wear **clothing from your traditional, cultural, or ethnic background**. You are also most welcome to **bring in a plate to share!**

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

1 Timing of the Holy Hour	The norms stipulate that it is generally not appropriate to expose the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the celebration of Mass unless it is for a more extended period of adoration, and even then, certain conditions must be met. Specifically, if adoration is to continue, the final blessing and dismissal of the Mass are typically omitted to maintain liturgical coherence. However, this practice is quite regulated and is not commonly recommended.
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 28-29 Sep	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Genalor F Rachel S Philip Fan Tim S	Alicia B Lesley A Cathy W Maddi S	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - Tim S, Maddi S
Next Sunday 5-6 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Angeline L = NO MASS = Gemma T	Francisco T Ricky L = NO MASS = Maria C	Genalor, Alicia Maria, Francisco = NO MASS = Corazon, Santa
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

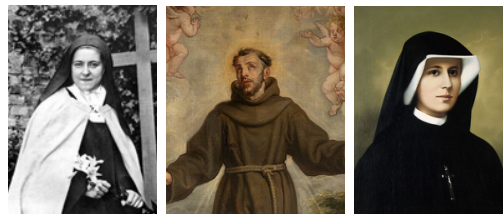
If you would like to serve in the parish through singing or playing instruments such as piano/organ/guitar/etc., please don't hesitate to express your interest by **approaching our choristers before or after Mass** or messaging **Angeline 0431 718 137**.



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

- 30 Sep Saint Jerome
- 1 Oct Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
- 2 Oct The Holy Guardian Angels
- 4 Oct Saint Francis of Assisi
- 5 Oct Saint Faustina Kowalska



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

ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN



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

1st Collection	\$ 743.45
2nd Collection	\$ 419.05
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 1,058.05

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

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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.



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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. 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.