

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

20 October 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*

* 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.**

On the long journey to Jerusalem that has formed the subject of the readings from Mark's Gospel over the past few Sundays, Jesus has been attempting – with little success – to convey to his disciples some sense of the fate that awaits him in Jerusalem. Three times he has made clear his destiny to suffer and die. The disciples, who now understand that he is the Messiah (8:29), simply cannot hold together these two truths: that he is Messiah and that he is going to discharge his messianic role through this way of suffering and death. They still cling to the conventional idea that the Messiah will be a righteous, triumphant ruler who will restore to Israel the glories of the Davidic kingdom.

Such an understanding of messiahship lies behind the request of the sons of Zebedee, James and John in today's **Gospel**, Mark 10:35-45. Their bid for places on his right and his left signals ambition to be his leading associates at the celebratory banquet of the messianic kingdom. They have not grasped anything of what Jesus has been saying: that the path to any glory leads through suffering and death.

UNDERGOING TRIALS

In reply, Jesus uses biblical imagery to hint at what lies in store. 'Baptism' does not refer to the Christian sacrament but evokes a biblical metaphor in which going through trials is depicted as a passage through stormy, turbulent waters. Likewise, 'cup' is a biblical metaphor for the fate that lies ahead of a person: what he or she will receive from the hand of God (cf. Mark 14:36). Without realising, it seems, what they are letting themselves in for, James and John express their readiness to share Jesus' 'cup'. He accepts their declaration and affirms its eventual realisation (something that James at least fulfilled in dying a martyr's death [Acts 12:2]). But the allotment of places in his kingdom belongs not to himself but to the Father. The explanation shows that he himself is not going to his death in a kind of calculating way that would reason as follows: yes, the suffering will be terrible but it will all have a happy ending (resurrection). No, he is surrendering his future entirely into the hands of the God in whose power and generosity he places complete trust. Those who wish to be his associates must accompany him in this trust as well.

The episode now moves to a second stage with the (understandable) irritation of the remaining disciples at what they see as an attempt on the part of James and John to 'bag' the highest places in the messianic kingdom. Their indignation provides Jesus with an opportunity to explain the absolute cleavage between the exercise of leadership in his kingdom and the exercise of authority in the worldly sense, which is clearly what the disciples have in mind. Those who have authority in the kingdoms of earth use their power to turn everything to their own advantage. On the contrary, those who aspire to leadership in the community of the Kingdom must think of themselves as the slaves of all – a complete reversal of values.

BUT TO SERVE

In one of the most memorable statements in the Gospel tradition, Jesus drives the point home, pointing to his own example: 'the Son of Man has come, not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (v 45). The last phrase 'for many' echoes the Fourth Servant Song (Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12), the final sentences of which, appropriately, form the **First Reading**, Isaiah 53:10-11). Jesus is going up to Jerusalem to discharge his messianic role, not in the worldly sense of conventional messianic expectation (seen here in the disciples), but in a sense specified by the role spelled out in the 'Servant' figure: one who enters into the pain and suffering of the world, who 'bears' the sins of others ('many' in Semitic idiom, which, of course, means 'all'), in order to bring about for them freedom and life ('ransom'). This is the ultimate depth of the 'service' that he as Messiah performs – not just for Israel but for the entire world.

The **Second Reading**, Hebrews 4:14-16, complements this sense of Jesus' 'service'. In their own suffering and difficulty believers should draw confidence from the fact that Jesus, having himself experienced suffering and weakness, is a compassionate advocate before 'the throne of grace'.

Just as last week's Gospel placed before the community the need for radical detachment from wealth, so this week's readings confront it with no less a challenge in the matter of the exercise of power and authority. Both have proven difficult areas for the Church to get right down the ages. We worship Jesus as Lord. But are we so comfortable in venerating – and following – him in his role as Servant of all?

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

I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer. Guard me as the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shade of your wings.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The son of Man has come to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him, 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand



Paolo Veronese (1528–1588), *Christ meeting the wife and the sons of Zebedee*

GOSPEL (cont.)

Mark 10:35-45

and the other at your left in your glory'. 'You do not know what you are asking Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can'. Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you will be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted'.

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

See how the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those who hope in his love; that he may rescue them from death and feed them in time of famine.

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SCRIPTURAL
Living
ROSARY

SATURDAY | 26 OCT
AFTER THE 6PM VIGIL MASS
AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN
2 MISSENDEN RD, CAMPERDOWN NSW 2050

26 OCT Sat | After 6PM Vigil Mass

Scriptural Living Rosary

In celebration of the **Month of the Holy Rosary** this October and in preparation for the **Jubilee Year 2025**, we pray together as one parish for those who are suffering in various forms: **sickness, problems, crisis, persecution, violence, war, and others**. We will gather in front of the church on **Saturday 26 October after the 6PM Vigil Mass**. All are welcome to join this prayerful evening!

What is a Scriptural Living Rosary? The Scriptural Living Rosary is a communal way of praying the Rosary. Though the Rosary is already a Scripture-based prayer, the "scriptural" aspect comes from integrating extended Bible passages during the prayer, whilst the "Living Rosary" refers to people symbolising the beads of the rosary.

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

2 Exposition After Mass

3 Attendance and Adoration

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.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
This Sunday 19-20 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Nancy T Gemma T	Francisco T Lesley A Sharon K Genalor F	Genalor, Marc Maria, Francisco - Tim S, Maddi S
Next Sunday 26-27 Oct	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Genalor F Rachel S Philip Fan Tim S	Marc S Lesley A Cathy W Maddi S	Corazon, Francisco Maria, Francisco - 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

22 Oct Saint John Paul II
23 Oct Saint John of Capistrano
24 Oct Saint Anthony Mary Claret
28 Oct Saints Simon and Jude
1 Nov ALL SAINTS

2 Nov The commemoration of all the faithful departed
4 Nov Saint Charles Borromeo
9 Nov The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

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 Pope Francis and to encourage our St Joseph's parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary in their homes with their families.

From 15 Aug 2024 to 15 Aug 2025, our Blessed Mother will be "on a pilgrimage" to our parishioners' homes each 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 office** 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**.



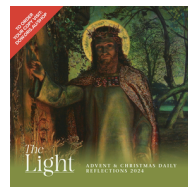
ADVENT PREPARATION BEGINS!

ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN PARISH

Advent RECOLLECTION 2024

Join our Parish Advent Recollection led by Fr Hugh Thomas, CSSR on Saturday 30 Nov, beginning at 2PM to 5:30PM, followed by Vigil Mass at 6PM. Light refreshments included. All are welcome!

ADVENT BOOKLETS



The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2024

For questions and orders, call **(02) 4222 2411** or email orders@dow.org.au



Hope Reigns

A 25-day reflection resource for Advent 2024. For orders and more information, visit adventplus.com.au

PARISH GIVING

LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 538.30
2nd Collection	\$ 491.25
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 1,112.60

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Holy Mass Intentions & 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 your prayer intentions.



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

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS



iWitness is an annual young adults conference hosted in Sydney. The long weekend provides participants with a spiritually transformative experience, creating a space in which each person can grow in their love of God.

Venue **The Ranch**, Cobbitty NSW 2570
 Tickets www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1290910

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 0424742571 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 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.