

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

First Sunday of Lent – Year C

9 Mar 2025

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

Weekend Mass

Saturday 8am, 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:30am, 11am, 6pm

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 8am, 8pm

Devotion to the Sacred Heart

Every First Friday 8pm, we celebrate the Mass for the Sick and Carers of the Sick with Anointing of the Sick

Eucharistic Adoration

📅 Mon - Fri 7:00 PM
Before 8PM Mass;
Reconciliation available

Reconciliation

📅 Sat & Sun 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM

📅 Mon - Fri 7:00 PM
Before 8PM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime (in hospital, page the Catholic priest on-call)

Baptism, Confirmation / RCIA, Wedding & Funeral

Please enquire via our parish office at stjocamper@gmail.com.

Baptism are usually scheduled Sunday 12:30pm; Baptismal instructions to be arranged with parents before baptism.

Weddings require six (6) months notice.

1. **Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration** times have changed since 1 Jan 2025. Please be advised accordingly. New times are marked with 📅.
2. Our **Lent and Easter Schedule** is available on our **website** and **Facebook**.
3. Read **Archbishop Fisher's Decree** on page 3. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

Throughout human history, and especially within the great monotheistic religions, spiritual impulses of great power have sprung from the desert. In the wilderness issues of good and evil are basic and clear. With comforts, supports, and delusions stripped away, human beings must confront the conflict that is continually engaged in the depths of their being, determining motivations, choices and action.

Appropriately, the readings for the First Sunday of Lent each year present Jesus in this situation at the start of his ministry. He goes to the wilderness to confront the choices that lie before him if he is to be the Messiah that the Father is calling him to be.

Lent is a time when we are invited to go into the desert with Jesus: to share both his conflict and his victory, to feel something of our own weakness and temptations, to know the depth of our reliance on God's grace. Only so can genuine conversion occur.

FIRST FRUITS This sense of being grasped by God's power rings through the first two readings. The **First reading**, Deut 26:4-10, describes a ritual incumbent on all Israelites as they brought the first fruits of the produce of their land to be offered to God in the Temple. The gift of the first fruits was a symbolic acknowledgment that the whole crop was the gift of God to Israel and, more fundamentally, that the entire land from which it was produced, was the outcome of the great act of liberation whereby God delivered them from slavery in Egypt to give them this land. The little creed that the Israelite had to recite reinforced the sense of national identity flowing from this truth, fostering a sense of gratitude and dependence on God.

In the **Second reading**, Rom 10:8-13, St. Paul updates this for Christian believers, with the central focus now being on God's mighty act in raising Christ from the dead. To confess this with all one's heart is already to have a taste of a salvation that goes beyond ethnic boundaries to encompass the entire human race.

THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS The three temptations of Jesus in the **Gospel**, Luke 4:1-13, all bear in some way on the nature and direction of this mission. Following his baptism by John, he has just been reminded of his unique status: "You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you" (3:21-22). Each temptation suggests a compromise that would not only make the mission less burdensome but would also seem appropriate in view of the special status that he, as Son of God, enjoys.

The temptations, then, are subtle. Like all temptations to which people, otherwise basically virtuous, are vulnerable, they come under the guise of good. So, in first place, since Jesus is extremely hungry, it seems reasonable that he should use his miraculous powers for just one moment of self-interest. His response is sharp and clear: his powers are solely at the service of others.

The second temptation conjures up possession of political authority and power throughout the world. Again, within the ambit of conventional messianic expectation, this is not an inappropriate ambition for the messianic Son of God. The issue is whether he should gain such authority now by worshipping the one (the devil) who claims to be able to give it or whether he should not wait to receive it from the hands of God. The first is an easy and immediate path to lordship, but choosing it will simply preserve the present situation where rulers exercise authority in the world in oppressive and violent ways (cf. 22:25). The alternative is to embrace the path where the authority to be exercised is one that serves rather than dominates (22:26-27). If God alone is to be worshipped and all humanity made to feel at home in God's house, this is way God's Son must choose.

The final temptation, to cast himself down from the Temple pinnacle, rests on a divine pledge of protection for the messianic king contained in Ps 91:11-12. What an effective way to launch a messianic career. Jesus, however, rebuts such a test of God. What he will experience in Jerusalem will be rejection, shame and humiliation. But God will indeed "bear him up": raising him from the dead and making him "Lord of all" (Acts 10:36; Phil 2:9-11).

JESUS' MISSION IS SET So, Jesus emerges from the conflict with the true direction of his mission irreversibly set. Son of God though he is and "special" beyond all other human beings in this sense, he will not be exempt from treading the ordinary path of human life. Obedient as God's Son to the pattern of divine love and grace that drives him, he will enter fully into the pain and evil of the world to transform it from within and thereby reclaim it for true humanity.

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.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP
Join us for nights of fellowship, prayer, and reflection this Lent

6PM, FRIDAYS OF LENT
6PM, HOLY THURSDAY



Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R**



Duccio di Buoninsegna (1319), Temptation of Christ on the Mount

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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LENT THIS WEEK AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

10 MAR MON TO 18 MAR TUE
9 CONSECUTIVE DAYS

19 MAR WED

NOVENA MASSES
IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH
8AM | 8PM

PARISH FEAST DAY
SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH
8AM | 8PM

13 MAR THU

FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT
7, 14, 21 & 28 MAR, 4 & 11 APR

7PM HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

6PM LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP @ PARISH HALL

7PM WAY OF THE CROSS
NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSION DURING WAY OF THE CROSS

8PM MASS



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP's Decree on the Proclamation of Places of Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Sydney on the Occasion of the Jubilee Year of Our Lord 2025

The Decree is written as below. Read more at sydneycatholic.org/jubilee-year-2025

The Holy Father has proclaimed 2025 as a year of Ordinary Jubilee and has invited all the faithful to full participation. Therefore:

Having regard to the Bull of Pope Francis Spes non confundit - "Hope does not disappoint" of 9th May 2024;

Noting the Norms promulgated by the Apostolic Penitentiary of 13th May 2024 regarding indulgences in the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025;

Recognising the significance of this Jubilee Year as the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea;

In accordance with the authority vested in me as the local Ordinary, from the date of this Decree until the closing of the Jubilee Year on 28th December 2025:

- A. I ask that all priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney make use of the Nicene Creed (rather than the Apostles' Creed) on Sundays and Solemnities in 2025;
- B. I designate the following churches as Places of Pilgrimage where full Jubilee Indulgences may be obtained, under the usual conditions:
 - i. St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney;
 - ii. St Patrick's Church, Church Hill;
 - iii. The Shrine of St Mary of the Cross, North Sydney;
 - iv. The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo;
 - v. St Brigid's Church, Coogee;
 - vi. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick;
 - vii. St Anne's Church, Bondi Beach
 - viii. All Saints Catholic Church, Liverpool
 - ix. Holy Spirit Church, Carnes Hill
 - x. St Joachim's Church, Lidcombe
 - xi. St Brigid's Church, Marrickville
 - xii. St Catherine Labouré Church, Gymea

All pilgrims who comply with the usual conditions for an indulgence i.e. receive the Sacrament of Penance, attend Mass, receive the Most Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, will receive a full Jubilee Indulgence upon pilgrimage to any of the churches designated above.

This decree is to be published on the Archdiocesan website and the next edition of the Ad Clerum, and is to be made known throughout the Parishes of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Signed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Mr Chris Meney

Beginning 1 January 2025, our Schedule of Masses, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration will be as follows:

2025 SCHEDULE OF MASS, RECONCILIATION & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MASS

Monday to Friday 8AM, 8PM
Saturday 8AM, 6PM (Vigil)
Sunday 9:30AM, 11AM, 6PM

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 7PM - 8PM (New time)
Saturday & Sunday 5:15PM - 5:45PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Friday 7PM - 8PM (New time)
 (Reconciliation available)



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.

Have you got the heart to volunteer for the music ministry?

Come and join our parish choir! You can contribute in singing, playing an instrument, or operating the slides. **We would love for you to join -- beginner or not!**

To join, please approach one of our choir members before/after mass or email us stjocamper@gmail.com.



SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors If none indicated, the readers
This Sunday 8-9 Mar	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Yvona W Gigi Elizabeth C Marc S	Alicia B Menchu Agnes W Suzanne M	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - c/ Marc
Next Sunday 15-16 Mar	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F The Sisters Philip F Marc S	Francisco T The Sisters Elly Wong Louie Seras	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - c/ Marc
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	Angeline L, Alicia B, Echie, Doris K (Thu), Garry C, The Sisters, Gemma T (Sat), Ricky L (Fri) Corazon F, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Maria C, Tim L, Alexander M		

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

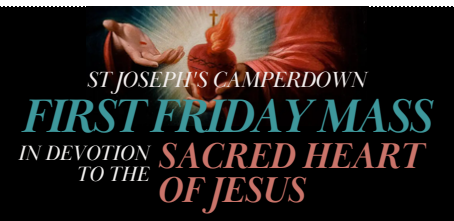
ORGANIST/PIANIST | CONDUCTOR
 Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass Fr Ruben, Dennis, Gemma
St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir
 Sunday 9:30 AM Mass Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani
Sunday Morning Choir
 Sunday 11 AM Mass Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa
Chinese Community
 Sunday 6 PM Mass Gemma | Teresa
St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir

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 our parish office stjocamper@gmail.com.



WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY



First Fridays
7PM - 8PM Eucharistic Adoration
8PM Mass for the Sick and Healthcare Workers with Anointing of the Sick

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

PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY HOME VISITATION



The Pilgrim Mary Home Visitation commemorates 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 at stjocamper@gmail.com for assistance.

Join us for **Fellowship & Morning tea every 2nd Sunday, after the 9:30am Mass**

Bring a plate to share!



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.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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6PM, FRIDAYS OF LENT FROM 7 MAR TO 11 APR

6PM, HOLY THURSDAY 17 APR

AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN PARISH HALL

Light refreshments will be served.



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PARISH GIVING

Account Name

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPERDOWN

BSB Number 062-784

Account Number 10000 4825

Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 662.55
2nd Collection	\$ 503.55
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 803.21

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Where is God calling you to?



Contact our Vocation Director Fr Renante Sentillas, MI

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 0424742571 or 0469898620



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Visit gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

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@sudneycatholic.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.

Visit our parish website