

# A parish with a Heart in our Hands

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Second Sunday of Lent – Year C

16 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

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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](mailto: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!**

The mysterious episode of the transfiguration told in today's Gospel (Luke 9:28-36) confirms the pattern of life and mission set by Jesus in his triple victory over Satan during the time of his testing in the desert, the account of which we heard last Sunday. Now the three select disciples – Peter, James, and John – undergo this new experience of Jesus at roughly the halfway and watershed point of his public life. Soon afterwards, he will begin the long journey to Jerusalem, where he will suffer and die.

A few days earlier, speaking on behalf of the Twelve, Peter had acknowledged him to be the Messiah. Jesus did not disagree but went on immediately to spell out what association with his messianic mission will involve – both for him and for them. He is destined to be rejected, to suffer and die. For them, following him will mean taking up one's own cross daily and laying down one's life in order to find it.

**HEAVENLY CONFIRMATION** The transfiguring of Jesus on the mountain provides heavenly confirmation that Jesus truly is the Messiah and that his messianic destiny will be realised through suffering and death, rather than immediate glory.

Jesus appears in his transfigured state along with two prophetic figures, Moses and Elijah. Both of these figures had mysterious endings to their lives. Elijah was taken up alive into heaven in a fiery chariot (2 Kings 2:9-11). Moses died but no trace was found of his body (Deut 34:5-6). There was a belief current among the Jews that both would return from heaven to earth before the close of the messianic age. The appearance of these two figures, then, signals that, in the person of Jesus, especially as transfigured, the moment of age has begun.

In contrast to the parallel accounts of Matthew and Mark, which simply record the appearance of the two figures, Luke tells us the subject of the "conversation" they are having with Jesus. It has to do with the "departure" (Greek exodus) that Jesus is to accomplish in Jerusalem. The allusion is clearly to Jesus' own death. It is called "exodus" because, although at one level it will be an act of injustice brought about by hostile human authorities, on a deeper plane it will be a divine liberation comparable with and indeed prefigured in the Exodus of old led by Moses. Through resurrection and ascension Jesus will "pass through" the bonds to death to his messianic glory.

**GLORY HAS ARRIVED** Peter interprets the transfiguring of Jesus and the appearance of the two leading biblical prophets, Moses and Elijah, as a sign that the moment of messianic glory has arrived and is here to stay. Hence his proposal to make three booths or dwelling places for the three messianic figures: Jesus, Moses and Elijah. The implication is that all are basically on the same level – but, as the evangelist remarks, he does not really know what he is saying. The whole experience moves to a new degree of intensity as a cloud signals divine presence and the voice of God pronounces the true status of Jesus. He is not merely Messiah. He is "my Son, the Beloved", a rank far outstripping that of Moses or Elijah.

The divine voice goes on to add, "Listen to him". Listen, that is, to what he has been saying about the direction his ministry will now take and the suffering it will involve. This has in fact been the subject of the "conversation" that Jesus had been having with the two prophetic figures: "his passing (literally, "exodus") which is to be accomplished in Jerusalem". In obedience to the Father's will, he will attain messianic glory only after entering fully into the pain and suffering of the world to heal it from within.

In this way the total experience sets the tone and direction for Jesus' journey to Jerusalem on which we, along with the disciples, are invited to be his companions for the remainder of Lent. This will prepare us for a deep experience of the Paschal Mystery.

**COVENANT-MAKING RITUAL** The **First reading** (Gen 15:5-12, 17-18) describes an obscure covenant-making ritual transacted between God and Abraham – selected presumably because the "deep sleep and terror" that seized Abraham in this encounter with God prefigures in some way the experience of the three disciples at the Transfiguration.

Deplorable in the **Second reading** (Phil 3:17-4:1) is the Jerusalem Bible translation, "these wretched bodies of ours", which no preacher should let pass. The "dual citizenship" which believers enjoy – an earthly and a heavenly one – are not at odds in the dualistic kind of way the translation suggests. St. Paul wrote "the body of our lowliness". For him our present body, vulnerable and mortal though it be, possesses great dignity precisely because of our destiny one day to share bodily the risen life of the Lord.

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

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# Readings

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

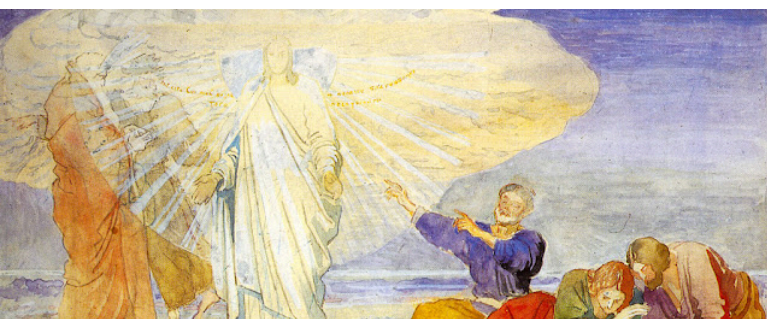
**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **R**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R**



Alexander Andreyevich Ivanov (1806–1858), Transfiguration

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the women standing with him.

As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.**

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## LENT THIS WEEK AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN



**10 MAR MON TO 18 MAR TUE**

**NOVENA MASSES**

IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH

8AM | 8PM

**19 MAR WED**

PARISH FEAST DAY

**SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH**

8AM | 8PM

**FRIDAY  
EVENINGS  
DURING LENT**

7, 14, 21 &

28 MAR,

4 & 11 APR



**6PM LENTEN REFLECTION  
GROUP @ PARISH HALL**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED



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**7PM WAY OF THE CROSS**

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION,  
CONFESSION DURING WAY OF THE CROSS

**8PM MASS**

# PARISH NEWS

## LENT & EASTER AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

<b>5 MAR WED</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS</b> 8AM   8PM	<b>13 APR SUN</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:30AM   11AM   6PM
<b>FRIDAYS OF LENT</b> 7, 14, 21 & 28 MAR, 4 & 11 APR	<b>LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP</b> 6PM @ PARISH HALL <b>WAY OF THE CROSS</b> 7PM TO 8PM <i>NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING WAY OF THE CROSS</i>	<b>17 APR THU</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 10AM CHRISM MASS @ ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 8PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION UNTIL 12AM <i>NO MORNING MASS CELEBRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY</i>
<b>10 MAR MON TO 18 MAR TUE</b> <i>9 CONSECUTIVE DAYS</i>	<b>NOVENA MASSES</b> <i>IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH</i> 8AM   8PM  PARISH FEAST DAY <b>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH</b> 8AM   8PM	<b>18 APR FRI</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10AM LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3PM COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>NO MASS CELEBRATED ON GOOD FRIDAY</i>
<b>19 MAR WED</b>	<b>PARISH LENTEN RETREAT</b> 3PM TO 7PM <i>RETREAT TALK AND REFLECTION, FOLLOWED BY VIGIL MASS</i>	<b>19 APR SAT</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <i>NO MORNING MASS CELEBRATED ON HOLY SATURDAY</i>
<b>5 APR SAT</b>		<b>19 APR SAT</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b> 8PM CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
		<b>20 APR SUN</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9:30AM   11AM   6PM <i>EASTER LUNCH SERVED AFTER 9:30AM &amp; 11:00AM MASSES</i>

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 Visit our Facebook Page [facebook.com/StJosephCamperdown](https://facebook.com/StJosephCamperdown)

Join the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma Michigan for a **McAuley Teatime** on Saturday 12th April, 3pm at St Joseph's Convent (beside church)



for an afternoon tea or adoration, followed by Holy Hour at 4pm and a light meal with talk on aspects of the Holy Week. This will end by 6pm for those who wish to attend Mass at the parish. For more information, please email [sydney@almamercy.org](mailto:sydney@almamercy.org)

Meet and chat over food and a cuppa! All are welcome!

**PARISH MORNING TEA**  
2nd Sundays after 9:30am Mass

You are welcome to bring a plate to share! If you would like to regularly contribute to our Parish Morning Tea, contact our parish office at [stjocamper@gmail.com](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com) for assistance.



**First Fridays at St Joseph's**  
7PM Eucharistic Adoration  
8PM Mass for the Sick and Healthcare Workers with Anointing of the Sick

### 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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).



## SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors <small>If none indicated, the readers</small>
<b>This Sunday</b> 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
<b>Next Sunday</b> 22-23 Mar	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Lesley A Nancy T Tim S	Louise Sarah Gordon L Sharon K Maddi S	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
<b>Daily Mass</b>	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		

## PARISH CHOIR

ORGANIST/PIANIST | CONDUCTOR  
Fr Ruben, Dennis, Gemma  
Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani  
Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa  
Gemma | Teresa

Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass  
**St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir**

Sunday 9:30 AM Mass  
**Sunday Morning Choir**

Sunday 11 AM Mass  
**Chinese Community**

Sunday 6 PM Mass  
**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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com).

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.



# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH



## 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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com) or any members of our Lay Camillian Family and avail of our pastoral services to our suffering parishioners.

### 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.

ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

## LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP

*Join us for nights of fellowship, prayer, and reflection this Lent*

**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.

SCAN TO RSVP  
[forms.gle/LWgth6fBMv4yVfae6](https://forms.gle/LWgth6fBMv4yVfae6)

# 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](mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com)).

*We're here for you*

## 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](mailto: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

### Account Name

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPERDOWN

BSB Number 062-784

Account Number 10000 4825

### Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 822.75
2nd Collection	\$ 554.75
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 1,478.52

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## Where is God calling you to?



### Contact our Vocation Director Fr Renante Sentillas, MI

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Visit [gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](https://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

### JOIN THE NETWORK OF CATHOLICS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



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](mailto: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.

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