

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Third Sunday of Lent – Year C

23 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

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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**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

I suspect many preachers may groan at first sight of the Gospel for this Sunday (Luke 13:1-9). Luke's Gospel contains much of the most attractive material in the tradition. But Jesus' response to the report of Pilate's massacre of Galileans and the fall of tower at Siloam might seem to offer slim pickings.

What I think has to be kept in mind is that in this part of the gospel Jesus has set out on the great journey to Jerusalem, to which, following the Transfiguration, he had "set his face" (9:51). Now more than ever the gospel depicts him very much in the role of a prophet. And the essential task of a prophet in the biblical tradition is to summon people to conversion.

COMMON THREAD Conversion, in fact, would seem to be the common thread running through all three readings set out for this Third Sunday of Lent. Whatever about the **Gospel**, the **First reading**, Exod 3:1-8, 13-15, does take us to one of the seminal moments in the whole of Israel's biblical tradition. It describes the call of Moses, the one who is to lead the Israelites out of their slavery in Egypt and receive from God and promulgate the law that is to define and regulate their existence as God's own people. Moses' personal encounter with God in the wilderness of Sinai will be replicated in the experience of his people in the same wilderness, albeit not with the same closeness and intimacy.

To authenticate the leadership role to which he is being called, Moses tries to extract a name from God. But God's identity remains in mystery: "I am, who I am". Moses' prophetic role will be to go to his people and summon them to follow the call of this God – an all-holy God, whom they cannot see, an image of whom they – unlike other nations – will not be allowed to make. They will come to know this God only as they commit to follow Moses in the highly risky project of an escape from their situation of slavery in Egypt. They will have to place their faith in Moses and in the unseen God whose very name remains shrouded in mystery but who made and kept promises to their fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

In many ways, however, today's **Responsorial Psalm**, taken from the attractive Psalm 102(103), makes a perfect complement to the revelation of God in the First Reading.

TWO INCIDENTS Now, to come back to the Gospel. Two incidents stand behind it. The first is an atrocity brought about by human cruelty. Orders from Pilate have instigated a massacre of a number of Galileans who were sacrificing in the Temple. The second incident, again involving large-scale loss of life, is due to natural causes. It is, in legal terms, an "act of God": the fall of a tower in Siloam, occasioning the death of 18 persons. Jesus is told of the first and himself recalls the second. He does so for two reasons. First, he wards off something to which the religious instinct is ever prone when faced with episodes of this kind: to conclude that the victims were being punished for a sinfulness from which others – specifically themselves – were exempt.

Jesus heads off all thinking of this kind. He mentions the second incident and goes on to tell the parable about the figtree to make the point that, far from attempting to judge the sinfulness of others, everyone should interpret such events as a warning to take stock of their own lives lest far greater disaster – eternal ruin – befall them. Without speculating in any way about punishment (see John 9:1-3), he simply makes the prophetic point: these examples of sudden, unforeseen death serve as a warning that the time, the space, left for conversion, may be short.

As always, the urgency, the prophetic passion of Jesus, comes from his intense sense of what God wants to do for people: as at the time of Moses and Israel, to rescue them from the destructive captivity that holds them bound and set them free for life and for love. There is time for that now. But the opportunity will not last indefinitely.

CONTINUAL SUMMONS In similar vein, in the **Second reading** (1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12) Paul warns the Corinthians not to presume that their possession and celebration of the sacraments (Baptism and Eucharist) will automatically guarantee salvation. Their "fathers" in the desert had experiences in some respects corresponding to the Christian sacraments and, nonetheless, they fell away. Conversion is not simply a "once-off" thing. It is a continual summons to align the reality of one's life with an ever-deepening knowledge of the God who spoke mysteriously to Moses ("I am, who I am") and yet "became flesh" (John 1:14) among us in the person of Jesus Christ.

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

My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he said the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgment for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R**



Moses before the Burning Bush Icon

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

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LENT

THIS WEEK AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP

6PM @ PARISH HALL

RSVP

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

WAY OF THE CROSS

7PM @ CHURCH

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSION DURING WAY OF THE CROSS

MASS

8PM

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

PARISH NEWS

LENT & EASTER AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

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

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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



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.

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.



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.



SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors <small>If none indicated, the readers</small>
This Sunday 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 - -
Next Sunday 29-30 Mar	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F The Sisters Philip F Marc S	Francisco T The Sisters Cathy Wong Louie Seras	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
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		

PARISH CHOIR

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

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.

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

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.



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.

Scan the QR code to stay updated on our events and ministries!



or email us at stjocamper@gmail.com

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

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.



Where is God calling you to?



Contact our Vocation Director

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2025 SYDNEY PROCESSIONS



23 MARCH
Day of the Unborn



10 MAY
Our Lady of Fatima



22 JUNE
Walk with Christ



5-6 SEPT
Camino of St Joseph

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. 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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