

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year C

13 Apr 2025

Welcome to our parish!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

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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.

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

Weddings require six (6) months notice.

Please note the **Holy Thursday Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral** is **10:30am** instead of 10am. Please check our Lent & Easter Schedule to keep up to date with our Holy Week Events at St Joseph's. God bless!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

There is so much Scripture to read today – not to mention the blessing of Palms and procession – that any homily will have to be very brief. I offer a few thoughts on the Gospel of the Entry, the First and Second Readings, and finally the distinctive features of the Passion according to St Luke.

First, the **Gospel of the Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem** (Luke 19:28-40). What is distinctive about this in Luke is the fact that the acclamation of Jesus as messianic King – and therefore as the one rightfully taking possession of David's city – stems largely from his own disciples. Their acclamation both echoes and inverts that of the heavenly choirs who announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds (2:13-14). The angelic choirs sang, "Peace on earth"; the human community Jesus has formed respond, "Peace in heaven". Jesus comes to Jerusalem (the "City of Peace") but he brings it a peace that is different from that which prevails in a purely political sense. It is a peace grounded in God ('heaven') and God's action, a peace that will meet with rejection from those who interests it threatens. This challenge begins in the nervous response of the Pharisees to the disciples' acclamation.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9

The First Reading set down for the Mass, Isa 50:4-9, is the third of the Songs of the Servant of the Lord, each of which will be read during Holy Week, culminating in the reading of the last and greatest, Isa 52:13 – 53:12, on Good Friday. These four texts, in which the personal fate of the prophet and that of Israel are mysteriously intertwined, have from the beginning been central to Christian interpretation of Jesus' passion and death. They provided the 'script' for the otherwise totally unforeseen sufferings of the Messiah (Luke 24:27, 44-45; Acts 8:30-35). They show how precisely as a suffering rather than a triumphant figure he fulfills God's purpose to save the world.

SECOND READING Phil 2:6-11

In the Second Reading, Phil 2:6-11, St Paul quotes what seems to be a hymn from an early Christian liturgy. The sense of Christ's status – divine and human – that emerges at this early time is quite remarkable. What the hymn points to is that at three stages of his "career" – pre-incarnate, incarnate up to death, and post-resurrection – the disposition of Christ is to pour himself out in self-emptying love. The "obedience unto death" displayed in the passion is continuous with the outpouring of love that led to the incarnation of the one whose nature was divine. The hymn thus provides the essential accompaniment to our consideration of the Passion of Jesus throughout Holy Week: behind every word, gesture and suffering is the outreach of divine love to an alienated world.

GOSPEL Luke 22:14 – 23:56

St Luke's account of the Passion does not dwell on the details of Jesus' suffering to the extent that the starker accounts of Mark and Matthew do. A principal concern of Luke is to establish and proclaim Jesus' innocence. His execution on the charge of being a pretended messianic troublemaker is shown to be a monstrous miscarriage of justice. Jesus is the Messiah, yes. But he is a Messiah who brings peace (19:42). The kingdom that he would bring is not one where those who exercise authority lord it over others, as among pagan authorities (22:25-27). It is a kingdom of service, whose sole aim is reconciliation (with God) and the enhancement of human life. Disciples who reach for their swords are told to put them away (22:49-51). Even as he is nailed to the cross Jesus prays forgiveness for those who torment him (23:34).

So the central issue of the Passion is the kind of Messiah Jesus is and the nature of the salvation he brings. "Save yourself" is the cry coming from three parties who mock him on Calvary: the leaders, the soldiers, one of the thieves crucified with him. What they mean by "save" is "Get yourself ("and us" in the case of the thief) down from these crosses".

Alone, the good thief perceives that Jesus brings salvation of a different kind: not present rescue from death but a reconciliation with God opening the way to sharing in the Kingdom. His simple plea, "Jesus, remember me ...", meets with the majestic assurance: "This day (not in some vague future) you will be with me in Paradise," an intermediate state of blessedness preparatory to the full arrival of the Kingdom). It is the perspective and the faith of this good thief that all readers of the Passion are invited to share. Discipleship will not exempt them from death – it will in fact require a daily dying (9:23) that may in some circumstances (persecution, injustice) become all too real.

The Passion is an assurance that all who embark upon such a life are companions with Jesus on his journey to the Father (23:46).

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50: 4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning e wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2: 6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



Pietro Lorenzetti (c. 1280 – 1348), Jesus enters Jerusalem and the crowds welcome him

GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

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HOLY WEEK AT ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

13 APR SUN PALM SUNDAY
9:30AM | 11AM | 6PM

17 APR THU HOLY THURSDAY
10:30AM CHRISM MASS @ ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
6PM LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP @ HALL
8PM **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
'TIL 12AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
NO MORNING MASS CELEBRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY

18 APR FRI GOOD FRIDAY
10AM LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3PM COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
NO MASS CELEBRATED ON GOOD FRIDAY

ST. JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025 10AM

2 MISSENDEN ROAD CAMPERDOWN

ROSARY FOLLOWED BY LIVE RE-ENACTMENT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Image credit: Edward Arthur Fellowes Prynne (UK), Jesus Meets His Mother, 1919, oil on canvas.

19 APR SAT

HOLY SATURDAY

NO MORNING MASS CELEBRATED ON HOLY SATURDAY

19 APR SAT

EASTER VIGIL

8PM CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

20 APR SUN

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30AM | 11AM | 6PM
EASTER LUNCH SERVED AFTER
9:30AM & 11:00AM MASSES

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 10:30AM CHRISM MASS @ ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 6PM LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP (FINAL SESSION) 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 BY FR LAURIE FOOTE OP, REFLECTION AND TESTIMONY OF HOPE, 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>

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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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



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.

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 12-13 Apr	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Alicia B Gigi Elizabeth C Louie Seras	Yvona W Menchu Agnes W Suzanne M	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - Marc S, Gordon L
Next Sunday 19-20 Apr	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Sharon K Marc S	Francisco T Leslie A John L Gordon L	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - Louie Seras, Suzanne M
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 Yani
Sunday 11 AM Mass Chinese Community	Louise Dr Peter, Elsa
Sunday 6 PM Mass St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir	Gemma Teresa

Have you got the heart to volunteer in 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 our parish office at 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



HOLY THURSDAY VISITATION OF THE 7 CHURCHES

17 APRIL 2025

Walk alongside Christ on the night of His betrayal by selecting seven participating churches for your pilgrimage.

With each visit, trace His journey as He was taken from one location to another, and immerse yourself in the profound events of that sacred night.

CITY DEANERY

ANNANDALE - ST BRENDAN

34 Collins Street, Annandale

BALMAIN - ST AUGUSTINE

3 Jane Street, Balmain

BROADWAY - ST BENEDICT

104 Broadway, Chippendale

CAMPERDOWN - ST JOSEPH

2 Missenden Rd, Camperdown

CHURCH HILL - ST PATRICK

20 Grosvenor Street, Church Hill

ELIZABETH BAY - ST CANICE

28 Roslyn Street, Rushcutters Bay

FOREST LODGE-GLEBE - ST JAMES

2 Woolley Street, Glebe

MARRICKVILLE - ST BRIGID

392 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

STANMORE - ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

69 Clarendon Road, Stanmore

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL - CRYPT

St Marys Rd, Sydney

WATERLOO - OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

(UNTIL MIDNIGHT)
2 Kellick Street, Waterloo



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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS AND 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 the following information.

Date: _____ Requested by: _____
 Public Private

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.



PARISH GIVING

Account Name

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BSB Number 062-784

Account Number 10000 4825

Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 961.55
2nd Collection	\$ 516.45
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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 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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