

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

19 January 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

Sat 10AM - 3PM

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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 usually Sunday 12:30pm; Baptismal instructions arranged with parents before baptism.

Wedding Six (6) months notice required.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be guided by our updated parish information section reflecting our **Schedule of Mass, Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration, effective 1 January 2025.**

📌 **New times are marked with this yellow icon.**

Read the full Parish Announcement on p.3.

A Peaceful Christmas and a Health-Loving New Year to all!

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory. (John 2:11)

THE BRIDEGROOM IS HERE

The metaphor of marriage imaging God's relationship with the people of God is deep in the Hebrew Bible. Yhwh is to Israel as husband is to wife.

Think of Hosea's comparison of his troubled marriage with the story of God's relationship with Israel. The oracles of Isaiah use this tradition with regard to Israel's future (even messianic) restoration, as for example in this Sunday's first reading, where the coming vindication of Jerusalem is portrayed as a wedding feast for God and his spouse (a sexual image that resists any effort to render it gender-neutral).

Jesus himself makes bold to apply the tradition to himself. When the Pharisees ask why Jesus' disciples are not into extra fasting like those of the Baptist (Mk 2:18), he replies, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?" He continues the metaphor by speaking of his presence and ministry as "new wine" demanding new wineskins.

This background helps us appreciate the account of the wedding feast of Cana. Far more is going on here than an affirmation that Jesus "liked a good party" or was affirming the institution of marriage. Both are surely true. But in the Fourth Evangelist's framework, the wedding feast at Cana is nothing less than the revelation of divinity in Jesus as Word made flesh.

When people do what Jesus says, water becomes a surprising abundance of the best wine of all.

John states that the wedding at Cana occurred "on the third day." Third day relative to what? Relative to Exodus 19:11 and 16, as it turns out. For in the account of Yahweh's appearance on Mount Sinai at the giving of the covenant (Exodus 19-24), the appearance occurs on the 20 Second Sunday of the Year third day, and it is twice referred to as a display of God's "glory" (Ex 24:16-17). John's account of the wedding begins with the third-day note and ends by saying that by this sign Jesus "revealed his glory." These connections would not be lost on readers who knew their Torah and only moments before had read the prologue, which includes such claims as "The Word became flesh and we saw his glory ... full of grace and truth ... From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (Jn 1:14,16-17).

Cana, in a sense, acts this out. Take the jars of water that become wine. One hundred twenty to one hundred eighty gallons of wine is a great deal. And John is careful to note that the containers are stone jars, that is, vases not made the usual ceramic way, out of clay worked and baked, but sculpted out blocks of stone. Such jars were costly, the very best, and always pure because they were nonporous. John notes that there are six and that they are there for the purpose of Jewish ritual washing. The symbolism is clear. As stone and large, they are special and abundant; but as only six (not seven), they are incomplete. When people do what Jesus says, water becomes a surprising abundance of the best wine of all. The bridegroom has arrived with new wine. The wedding party of the new covenant has begun.

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Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

May all the earth give you worship and praise, and break into song to your name, O God, Most High.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R**

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. **R**

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.



Gerard David (circa 1450/1460–1523), *The Marriage at Cana*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine'. Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you'. There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now. This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord has prepared a feast for me: given wine in plenty for me to drink.

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A Prayer for Marriage & Family by Pope John Paul II

Lord God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, you are Love and Life. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love. Grant that your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world. Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love. Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weakness and trials through which our families sometimes pass. Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family. Through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Beginning 1 January 2025, our Schedule of Masses, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration will be as follows, in accordance with our notice of changes in the schedule of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

2025 SCHEDULE OF MASS, RECONCILIATION & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MASS

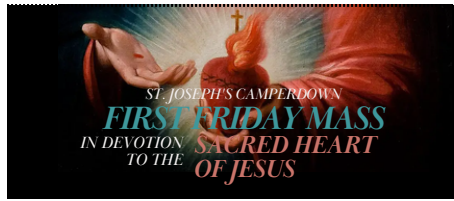
Monday to Friday 8AM, 8PM
Saturday 8AM, 6PM (Vigil)
Sunday 9:30AM, 11AM, 6PM

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)



First Friday of each month | 8PM
 followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing until 10PM



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.

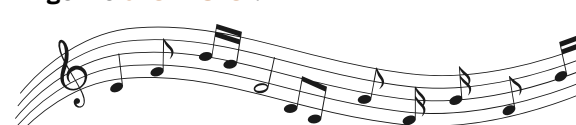
SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors If none indicated, the readers
This Sunday 18-19 Jan	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F The Sisters Sharon K Marc S	Francisco T The Sisters John L Louie S	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - Marc, Gordon
Next Sunday 25-26 Jan	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Angeline AL Rachel S Nancy T Tim S	Ricky L Lesley A Chris W Maddi S	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - Tim S, Maddi S
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 Tim, Dennis, Fr Ruben, Gemma
 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 Teresa, Gemma | Michael
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 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.



Martha Ministry

We are looking for parishioners who can help with the regular upkeep of our church, e.g. vacuuming the inside of the church including the choir loft and cleaning the toilets, ideally every Saturday to prepare the church for the Sunday Masses.

Having multiple volunteers will help to divide the tasks and form a roster.

If you would like to help, please send us an email at stjocamper@gmail.com or you may approach one of our priests. Thank you!

Your help is very much appreciated!

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

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPERDOWN

BSB Number 062-784

Account Number 10000 4825

Parish Collection

Figures for parish collections will be published on 2nd Sunday of February, upon the return of our parish communications coordinator. Thank you for your kind understanding!

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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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 and Morning tea every 2nd Sunday after the 9:30am Mass



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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PARENTS NIGHT OUT

STORIES, WISDOM, AND ENCOURAGEMENT

MATT & CAMERON FRADD 2025

WEDNESDAY 7:00PM-9:00PM
5TH FEBRUARY

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HOLSWORTHY

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SCAN FOR MORE INFO



FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS*

- 12 Jan The Baptism of the Lord
- 13 Jan St Hilary
- 17 Jan St Anthony
- 20 Jan St Fabian, St Sebastian
- 21 Jan St Agnes
- 22 Jan St Vincent
- 24 Jan St Francis de Sales
- 25 Jan The Conversion of St Paul
- 27 Jan Sts Timothy and Titus
- St Angela Merici
- 31 Jan St John Bosco
- 2 Feb The Presentation of the Lord
- 3 Feb St Ansgar, St Blaise

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

