

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

The Presentation of the Lord – Year C

2 February 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

Read the full Parish Announcement on p.3.

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** 🟡 .

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples" (Lk 2:30-31) If Mark captures the turn of the ages in the baptism scene and his tight summary of Jesus' preaching of the Gospel of God, Luke conveys this movement in a more leisurely mode in the seven episodes of his prologue, of which the Presentation is sixth. Everything in this episode signals the apocalyptic transition from "the present age" to "the age to come."

The persons we meet here embody Israel living out her ancient covenant relationship with the Lord of the promises. Here is Simeon, righteous and devout, led by the Spirit, awaiting "the consolation of Israel," that is, all that the people of Israel looked for in the promised messianic age. And here is Anna—briefly a spouse, long a widow, known as a prophetess, one who had learned to pray always—waiting like Simeon for the redemption of Jerusalem. And here come Mary and Joseph with the infant Jesus, to do what the Mosaic Law required regarding the purification of a new mother and the consecration of a newborn child.

The prayer that Luke puts into the mouth of Simeon to illuminate this moment is so full of poetic power that it has long been at the heart of the Church's night prayer as the canticle called the Nunc Dimittis. The old man speaks for all Israel as he takes the child in his arms and prays to God using words from Isaiah 40:5, "My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples" (Luke 2:31). Drawing on imagery from other parts of that prophetic scroll (Isa 42:6 and 49:6), he celebrates the child as "a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Lk 2:32).

Then he addresses Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted" (Lk 2:34), thereby forecasting what will be elaborated in the rest of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. When he tells Mary, "(And you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Lk 2:35), he is not only speaking of the personal sorrow that lies ahead for her as mother of a rejected prophet and pilloried enemy of the empire; he is also addressing her as representative of a people that will be painfully divided in its response to this news of the fulfillment of time. At this, the prophetess Anna, representing responsive Israel, joins the shepherds of Christmas night as one of those first non-writing evangelists who, early on, emerge from among the little people.

No need for Tarot cards, crystals, and spirit channeling; the Lord's New Age has been with us for two millennia. It will take further conversion for us to know its fullness.

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Why do Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Presentation?

This feast day celebrates both the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of Mary, which was required by the Mosaic Law 40 days after the birth of a child.

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, also called Candlemas for the custom of using lighted candles. In the early Church, it was often celebrated on February 14, 40 days after the Epiphany, in keeping with the practice of celebrating Christmas on that date in the East. Among the Orthodox, it is known as the Hypapante ("Meeting" of the Lord with Simeon).

Source: EWTN | www.missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/presentationofthelord/

The old man speaks for all Israel as he takes the child in his arms.



Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Prayer for Jubilee Year for Consecrated Life

Gracious and loving God, You give us special days and seasons to attune our minds and hearts to the nuanced rhythms of our mission to bear your love to the world. Be with us as we welcome the Jubilee for Consecrated Life and deep our awareness of your presence and calling in our lives. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Source: Catholic Religious Australia | catholicreligious.org.au/cra-jubilee-prayer-service

The Conversion of St Camillus de Lellis on 2 Feb 1575

In the morning [of] 2 February, the feast day of the Purification of the Immaculate Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, after listening to Holy Mass and receiving a candle that had been blessed, [St Camillus] said goodbye to Fr. Angelo, commending himself to his prayers, and he set off again with his donkey, in the direction of Manfredonia. [...] Hammering like the hooves of the donkey on the crushed stone, in his mind there echoed the words of Fr. Angelo: "God is everything...the rest is nothing". It was a matter of moments and then Camillus was sobbing like a child, keeling down [...] He cried out to God, beating his chest violently: "Lord I have sinned! Forgive this sinner! O miserable and unhappy me who for so long a time did not know you, my God, and I did not love you! Give me time to do penance and to weep for my sins for a long time, until I have worked away every mark left by them with my tears...no more world...no more world!" This time grace had won. It had finally fallen on fertile and promising terrain. So many times in the past Camillus had been deaf! But the Lord had not abandoned him and He returned to knock on his door. Camillus was twenty-five and had to begin all over again. The Church celebrated the Holy Year and gave general forgiveness.

From: Felice Ruffini, San Camillo de Lellis (Edizioni Velar) | camilliani.org/en/the-conversion-of-st-camillos/



Fra Bartolomeo (1472–1517), Presentation of Christ in the Temple

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-32

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord- and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just have you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples.

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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

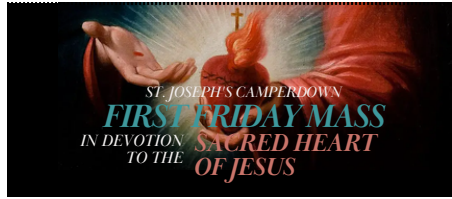
Monday to Friday 8AM, 8PM
Saturday 8AM, 6PM (Vigil)
Sunday 9:30AM, 11AM, 6PM

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 1-2 Feb	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F The Sisters Philip F Gemma T	Francisco T The Sisters Elly Wong James	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - c/ Gemma
Next Sunday 8-9 Feb	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Yvona W Gigi Elizabeth C Gemma T	Alicia B Menchu Agnes W Suzanne M	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - c/ Gemma
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 Tim, Dennis
St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir 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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0424742571 0469898620



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



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.

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

SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/LMF



SCAN FOR MORE INFO



FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS*

- 2 Feb The Presentation of the Lord
- 3 Feb St Ansgar, St Blaise
- 5 Feb St Agatha
- 6 Feb Sts Paul Miki & Comp.
- 8 Feb St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita
- 10 Feb St Scholastica
- 11 Feb Our Lady of Lourdes
- 14 Feb Sts Cyril and Methodius
- 17 Feb The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- 21 Feb Saint Peter Damian
- 22 Feb The Chair of St Peter

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.

Visit our parish website

