

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

9 February 2025

Welcome to our parish!

1. Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration times have changed since 1 Jan 2025. Please be advised accordingly. New times are marked with 📌.

2. Read Archbishop Fisher's Decree on page 3.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

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🕒 **Mon, Thu** 10AM - 4PM

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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.

Luke's Gospel, unlike those of Matthew (4:18-22) and Mark (1:16-20), defers the call of the first disciples until Jesus' own ministry has got under way to this extent. In this way it allows Jesus to "model" the ministry for which they, as his "apprentices", will be involved.

So, as we read in today's Gospel, the call comes to Peter (5:1-11) in the context of Jesus' preaching to a crowd eagerly pressing around him to hear the word of God. Peter helps Jesus by allowing him to use his boat to avoid the crush of the crowd. One has the impression that Peter himself is not even listening to the sermon. He's busy about his fisherman's task of washing the nets.

PROFOUND CONVERSION

But Jesus has further plans for Peter. He doesn't call him immediately to a new way of life but challenges him precisely in his own area of expertise: catching fish. Peter resists – perhaps thinking to himself, "What does this fellow know about fishing?". Eventually he does go along with Jesus' instruction to put out and try for a catch. The catch of immense proportions that results, where all night there had been no fish, becomes for Peter a sign of the presence and power of God. The conversion he undergoes is profound: "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man".

In this connection we can appreciate the aptness of associating with this gospel the First Reading set down for today, the call of the prophet Isaiah (Isa 6:1-8). Confronted with a sense of the presence and holiness of God in the sanctuary of the Temple, the prophet becomes aware of his own sinfulness and inadequacy. He knows God and he knows himself. It is a moment of painful and deep conversion: "I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips". Precisely at the moment of this realisation he receives healing as an angel purifies his lips with a live coal taken from the altar. There follows his own prophetic mission: "Whom shall I send?".... "Here I am, send me".

DO NOT BE AFRAID

The call of Peter told in the Gospel follows this pattern closely. It is just when Peter recognises that he is confronted with the presence of God in Jesus, when he owns his own sinfulness and unworthiness to be associated with him ("Leave me, Lord, ..."), that the call comes to him: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people". Only those who have plumbed the depths of their own sinfulness and unworthiness, who have come to "know" both God and themselves in this way, are apt to be servants of the healing and life-giving word.

The boats overladen with fish – too many not only for Peter's boat but for "the other boat" as well – become symbolic of the Church. Founded on the ministry of Peter and the other apostles, and obedient to the command of Jesus, the Church will brim with "fish" caught for the Kingdom.

The actual Greek word Luke uses for "catching" bears some examination. When people catch fish, whether for livelihood or for leisure, the fish necessarily end up dead. Luke seems to be sensitive to this negative implication in the "fishing" image. So, in moving from the everyday sense of "fishing" to the symbolic sense that applies to the mission of Jesus, he employs a special term, *zograein*, that means "catch alive". It is used in connection with the catching of wild animals not for killing but for keeping in some protected way, like netting fish for an aquarium or fishpond. The language wonderfully conveys the sense of "capturing" people with the word and bringing them to the more abundant life of the kingdom of God.

WITNESSING THE RESURRECTION

The Second Reading, 1 Cor 15:1-11, as is usually the case, stands apart from all this. In fact, it can be seen as the most important passage in the New Testament since it provides the earliest bedrock foundation for faith in Christianity's central tenet: the resurrection. In the face of some at Corinth who have either forgotten or fallen away from the belief in the resurrection in which he had instructed them, Paul recalls that teaching. He quotes what seems to be a very early Christian creed that lists in order all the key witnesses to the resurrection. At the end he locates himself – the most unexpected witness of all. His life had been going in the very opposite direction, he was actually a persecutor of the Church, when, as he says elsewhere, Christ "captured me" (Phil 3:12). The risen Lord appeared to a variety of witnesses at different times and occasions. But, as Paul says, what resulted was a common conviction and a common witness: "what I preach, they preach, and this is what you all believe" (v. 11).

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts. Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways 'How great is the glory of the Lord! **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.



James Tissot (1836-1902), *The Miraculous Draught of Fishes*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'. Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man'. For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Give praise to the Lord for his kindness, for his wonderful deeds towards men. He has filled the hungry with good things, he has satisfied the thirsty.

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Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Hope is a recurring theme in the pontificate of Pope Francis. In his letter for the promotion of the Jubilee Year the Holy Father stated: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope. This will indeed be the case if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity. Here I think in particular of the many refugees forced to abandon their native lands. May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone."

Source: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney | www.sydneycatholic.org/jubilee-year-2025/



PARISH NEWS



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP's Decree on the Proclamation of Places of Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Sydney on the Occasion of the Jubilee Year of Our Lord 2025

The Decree is written as below. Read more at sydneycatholic.org/jubilee-year-2025

The Holy Father has proclaimed 2025 as a year of Ordinary Jubilee and has invited all the faithful to full participation. Therefore:

Having regard to the Bull of Pope Francis Spes non confundit - "Hope does not disappoint" of 9th May 2024;

Noting the Norms promulgated by the Apostolic Penitentiary of 13th May 2024 regarding indulgences in the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025;

Recognising the significance of this Jubilee Year as the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea;

In accordance with the authority vested in me as the local Ordinary, from the date of this Decree until the closing of the Jubilee Year on 28th December 2025:

- A. I ask that all priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney make use of the Nicene Creed (rather than the Apostles' Creed) on Sundays and Solemnities in 2025;
- B. I designate the following churches as Places of Pilgrimage where full Jubilee Indulgences may be obtained, under the usual conditions:
 - i. St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney;
 - ii. St Patrick's Church, Church Hill;
 - iii. The Shrine of St Mary of the Cross, North Sydney;
 - iv. The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo;
 - v. St Brigid's Church, Coogee;
 - vi. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick;
 - vii. St Anne's Church, Bondi Beach
 - viii. All Saints Catholic Church, Liverpool
 - ix. Holy Spirit Church, Carnes Hill
 - x. St Joachim's Church, Lidcombe
 - xi. St Brigid's Church, Marrickville
 - xii. St Catherine Labouré Church, Gymea

All pilgrims who comply with the usual conditions for an indulgence i.e. receive the Sacrament of Penance, attend Mass, receive the Most Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, will receive a full Jubilee Indulgence upon pilgrimage to any of the churches designated above.

This decree is to be published on the Archdiocesan website and the next edition of the Ad Clerum, and is to be made known throughout the Parishes of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Signed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Mr Chris Menev

Beginning 1 January 2025, our Schedule of Masses, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration will be as follows:

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)



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.

Martha Ministry



Thank you to those who continue to be part of our Martha Ministry and especially to those who have recently put their hands up to volunteer in assisting with the upkeep of our parish!

If you would like to volunteer, send us an email at stjocamper@gmail.com or speak to one of our priests or volunteers.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors If none indicated, the readers
This 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
Next Sunday 15-16 Feb	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Ricky L Rachel S Sharon S Tim S	Angeline L Lesley A John L Maddi S	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - c/ Tim
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		

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.

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.**



WHAT'S ON OUR PARISH

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.

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.



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



First Fridays

7PM - 8PM
Eucharistic Adoration
8PM
Mass for the Sick and Healthcare Workers with Anointing of the Sick

ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN
FIRST FRIDAY MASS
IN DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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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.

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**



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Visit our parish website

