

A parish with a Heart in our Hands

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

16 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

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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.

There are hardly any statements in the New Testament more challenging and provocative than the Beatitudes – which include in Luke's formulation read as today's Gospel (Luke 6:17, 20-26) the corresponding woes. I think it is important to attend in particular to two things: the context in which the Beatitudes are pronounced and the biblical meaning of beatitude. The context is that Jesus is instructing his disciples before large crowds. Burdened and afflicted, these people have come from far and near to access his healing power (Luke 6:17-19). The implication is that the disciples, by adopting the values enshrined in the Beatitudes, are to become themselves instruments of hope and healing for this troubled wider group.

In the biblical tradition 'blessed' does not strictly speaking commend a moral attitude to be adopted. The formula declares a person to be in a fortunate or advantageous position. It almost amounts to 'Congratulations!' – the sort of thing we might say to a friend who had won the lottery. However, in the tradition of Israel the declaration of a person as 'blessed' is usually in view of a coming action of God.

TRUST IN GOD The **First Reading**, from Jeremiah (17:5-8), provides a background for this sense of being blessed (or cursed) in that it points to likely outcomes – positive and negative – as the case may be – based on whether or not one puts one's trust in God.

Nonetheless, the Beatitudes are highly provocative. They constitute a series of oxymorons: the holding together of two concepts that clash or are at odds with one another. It is outrageous in any age to congratulate the poor on being poor, the hungry on being hungry, the weeping and the reviled on being in the condition they are in. Correspondingly, it appears foolish to declare unfortunate (for that is what 'Woe!' signifies) the wealthy, the well-fed ('the full'), the laughing and those who enjoy a good reputation. Other things being equal, these states are perfectly desirable.

But in the vision of Jesus other things are not equal at all. The Beatitudes and the Woes only make sense in the light of the coming reversal of fortune to be brought about by God that is a prominent theme in Luke's view of salvation. They have a clear anticipation in the canticle of Mary, the Magnificat:

He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty (Luke 1:51-53)

FOR THE POOR God is on the side of the poor and marginalised rather than the rich and powerful. The prospect that God will intervene to reverse the present social setup makes it better even now to be poor, hungry, weeping and reviled rather than rich, full, etc.

So, Jesus is not endorsing poverty or hunger as though they were good things in themselves. In themselves they are evils to be eradicated. He is insisting that what most people reckon to be advantages and disadvantages are relativised and indeed reversed in view of a particular vision of God – a God who has pledged to act on behalf of the poor and marginalised rather than the rich and well off. What the Beatitudes basically call for is a preparedness to be vulnerable in the light of this understanding of God and God's faithfulness.

This brings us back to the context in which this instruction is given: the afflicted multitude that presses in on Jesus and the disciples, longing for healing. A vulnerable community can become for the afflicted an instrument of God's power. It is the vulnerable who make the world safe for humanity.

Should we understand by 'poor' the economically poor or the spiritually poor? The 'poor' are certainly the economically poor; the Beatitudes, like the Magnificat, cannot be spiritualised away so as to have no bearing upon economics or social justice. At the same time, in Jesus' day the phrase 'the poor' was a standard self-description for the faithful in Israel who wait upon the Lord – like Simeon and Anna at the presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:22-38). At the heart of their waiting for economic and structural salvation lies a deep spiritual longing and trust in God. 'The poor' are all whose emptiness and destitution provides scope for the generosity of God.

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS The **Second Reading** continues Paul's reminder to the Corinthian community about the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20). Belief in the resurrection of Jesus cannot be separated from belief in the resurrection of all those 'in Christ', that is, believers. His resurrection is the hope and pledge of a more general resurrection to come. This Second Reading thus joins the other two in its sense of God's faithfulness. God's raising of Christ necessarily implies that God will be faithful in raising those 'in Christ' – believers – as well.

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

Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!



Károly Ferenczy (1862–1917), *Sermon on the Mountain*

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and were filled; the Lord; gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire.

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What is Jubilee Year?

The Jubilee Year is a special time of grace. The Catholic Church ordinarily celebrates it every 25 years, although due to special occasions an extraordinary Jubilee Year can be celebrated. The last extraordinary Jubilee Year was celebrated in 2015 as the Jubilee of Mercy, the last ordinary Jubilee Year was in 2000. The tradition of holding Jubilee Years is a biblical one and goes back to the Old Testament.

What is special about Jubilee Year 2025?

The theme of the Jubilee Year 2025 is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has asked that in this Jubilee we both renew our friendship with Christ and live as witnesses of Christian hope through seeking and extending mercy, care for suffering and vulnerable people, prayer, and financial giving to the poor. This Jubilee is also a preparation for the Jubilee of Redemption in 2033.

Source: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney



12 PILGRIM CHURCHES

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

St Patrick's Church, Church Hill

The Shrine of St Mary of the Cross, North Sydney

The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo

St Brigid's Church, Coogee

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick

The Shrine of St Anne, Bondi Beach

All Saints Catholic Church, Liverpool

Holy Spirit Church, Carnes Hill

St Joachim's Church, Lidcombe

St Brigid's Church, Murrumbidgee

St Catherine Labouré Church, Gympie

More details in Archbishop Fisher's Decree on page 3



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 Meney

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.

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 If none indicated, the readers
This Sunday 15-16 Feb	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Sharon K Tim S	Francisco T Lesley A John L Maddi S	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - c/ Tim
Next Sunday 22-23 Feb	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Gordon L Nancy T Tim S	Louise Sarah Louie Seras Chris W Maddi S	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 Tim, Dennis,
 Sunday 9:30 AM Mass Fr Ruben, Gemma
Sunday Morning Choir Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani
 Sunday 11 AM Mass Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa
Chinese Community
 Sunday 6 PM Mass Teresa, Gemma |
St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir Michael

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



Join us for **Fellowship & 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

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.

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
- 27 Feb** St Gregory of Narek
- 4 Mar** St Casimir
- 5 Mar** Ash Wednesday
- 7 Mar** Sts Perpetua and Felicity*
- 8 Mar** Saint John of God*

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**.



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Parish Collection

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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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