

# A parish with a Heart in our Hands

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

23 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

Fr Ruben Mandin MI

### 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](mailto: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.

Today's Gospel continues Luke's instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the Plain. As if the Beatitudes (and Woes) that we heard last Sunday were not radical enough, the Sermon now pushes vulnerability to fresh extremes. A long instruction begins (v. 27) and ends (v. 35) with the extraordinary command to 'love your enemies.'

This is the central theme. In between come concrete illustrations of what loving one's enemies might mean in practice: returning blessing for a curse, turning the other cheek, not withholding one's shirt from a person who demands one's coat, and so forth. All involve responding to injury or unreasonable demand with nothing but generosity and the abandonment of all claim to recompense. It has been plausibly suggested that the instruction has in view the situation of people in an occupied country such as Palestine was at the time of Jesus under the Romans. The injuries listed are particularly those ordinary citizens would be likely to suffer at the hands of Roman soldiers, who could bully and plunder them at will.

**CHANGE OF ATTITUDE** The attitudes Jesus commends make no sense in themselves. Once again, as so often in the Gospels, allowance has to be made for the exaggeration that often marks the prophetic speech of Jesus. He is not laying down maxims to be followed literally. Rather, he is seeking to inculcate a fundamental attitude according to which one would be prepared to be vulnerable to a degree that would be thought foolish by the standards of the world. The grounds for adopting a policy of such vulnerability and generosity towards others, even one's enemies, stems from what one both discerns in God and experiences from God. As in the case of the Beatitudes, the policy only makes sense in the context of the distinctive vision of God and relationship to God that Jesus communicates to his own. As obedient children follow the example of their parents, so, concludes Jesus, by acting in this way 'you will be children of the Most High, who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked' (v 35).

Likewise, in view of this relationship with God, the members of the community are to be 'compassionate' as their Father is compassionate. If they refrain from judging (that is, condemning others), they themselves will avoid being judged (condemned [at the final judgment] by God]). If they forgive they will be forgiven (by God).

**GENEROSITY** If they are generous in giving, they will meet with an extraordinary measure of generosity in return ('a full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap'). The principle is: 'The measure you give will be the measure you get back'. The sense is not that God waits to see the level of human generosity before deciding how generous to be in return. God's aim from the start is to be as extravagantly generous as possible. But, just as the volume of water one can draw from a tank depends on the capacity of the vessel one brings to draw from it, so the generosity of the human 'receptacle' conditions the amount ('measure') God can give. Any limitation stems from the human, not the divine side.

The **First Reading**, from 1 Samuel 26, tells of an incident in the early career of David when he had become a fugitive fleeing from the jealous vengeance of King Saul. According to the account, David had a fine opportunity to kill Saul – at that time his enemy. He refused to do so because of his reverence for 'the Lord's anointed' (Saul). The incident provides a biblical precedent for the kind of attitude commended – albeit more radically – in the Gospel.

**TRUE HUMANITY** The **Second Reading**, from 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, plunges us without warning into one of Paul's more complex arguments from the scriptural tradition. In the face of doubts circulating in the Corinthian community about the possibility of risen bodily existence for human beings (see 1 Cor 15:12, 35), Paul draws on a comparison/contrast between the humanity we have inherited from Adam and the transformed humanity we are destined to receive modelled on that of our risen Lord. The first Adam was simply a human being ('a living soul') who passed on ordinary human life to his descendants. This life, stemming from an ancestor formed from 'clay' ('earthly'), is terminated by death. The Second Adam ('Last Adam'), as 'life-giving Spirit', has the capacity to communicate a mode of bodily existence that, while truly human, is vivified by the Spirit and hence able to transcend the barrier of physical death (see Rom 8:11).

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

**Lord, your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in your saving power. I will sing to the Lord, for his goodness to me.**

## FIRST READING

Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, by I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R**

## SECOND READING

Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!**



Simone Martini (1283-1344), *St. Martin and the Beggar*

## GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**I will tell all your marvellous works. I will rejoice and be glad in you, and sing to your name, Most High.**

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# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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
<b>This Sunday</b> 22-23 Feb	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Diana V Gordon L Nancy T -	Louise Sarah Louie Seras Chris W -	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
<b>Next Sunday</b> 1-2 Mar	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F The Sisters Philip F Marc S	Francisco T The Sisters Elly Wong Louie Seras	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - c/ Marc
<b>Daily Mass</b>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Evening</b>	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](mailto: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\*

- 27 Feb St Gregory of Narek
- 4 Mar St Casimir
- 5 Mar **Ash Wednesday**
- 7 Mar Sts Perpetua and Felicity\*
- 8 Mar St John of God\*
- 9 Mar Rite of Election
- 17 Mar St Patrick
- 18 Mar St Cyril of Jerusalem\*
- 19 Mar **ST JOSEPH**
- 25 Mar **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**
- 2 Apr St Francis of Paola\*
- 4 Apr St Isidore\*
- 5 Apr St Vincent Ferrer\*
- 7 Apr St John Baptist de la Salle\*
- 11 Apr St Stanislaus\*
- 13 Apr **Passion (Palm) Sunday**
- 17 Apr **Holy Thursday**

# 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](mailto: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

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**BSB Number** 062-784  
**Account Number** 10000 4825

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