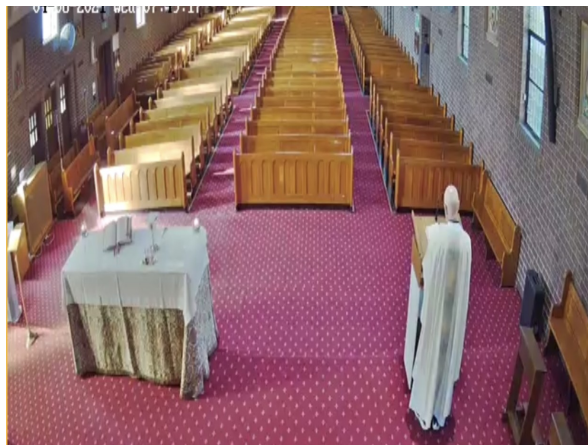


Support Your Parish Online



Dear Parishioners, even though we do not have the opportunity to celebrate Mass as a Parish community during these COVID-19 restrictions, please know that everyday I celebrate Mass and I take you all with me and ask Our Lord to not only heal our world from this disease but also to pour His blessings on you and keep your families safe and healthy. This is one way which I believe that I am supporting you spiritually during these uncertain times. I ask you to continue to pray for me and ask the Lord to guide, protect and keep me safe as well.

May I take this opportunity however, to ask you to also find a way in which you can help support your parish financially.

You can do so by one of the following:

- You may already be a current envelope giver. We ask that when we are able to re-open you return your weekly contributions.
- You may choose to become a credit card giver.

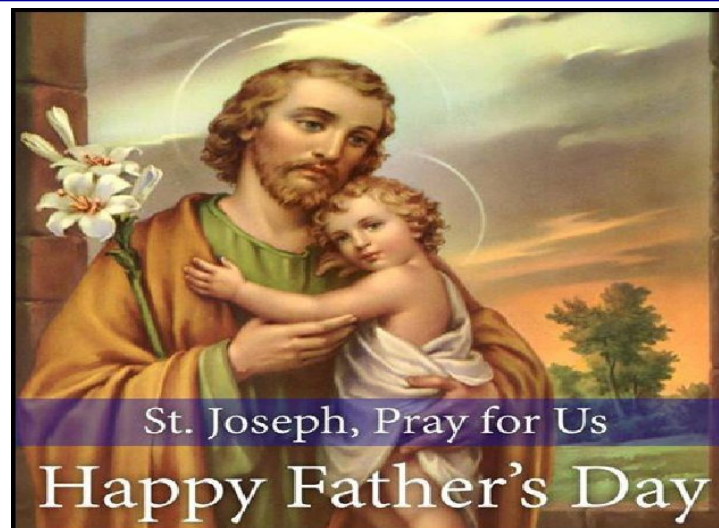
Credit card donations are still processed monthly during this time.

If you are an envelope giver and would like to change to credit card, please contact the parish office and leave a message and we will get back to you.

- You can choose to make a donation online at our parish website at: www.stmelscampsie.org.au and click on the **Support Us** icon and follow the prompts.

Once again I take this opportunity to thank those who have been donating to the Parish online, your support is greatly appreciated.

For further information please call the Parish Office. God Bless.



Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. St Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers, Amen

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If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course.

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50% Sale for Our Lady Undoer of Knots (ends Sept 30). Use coupon code: **UndoerofKnots**

God's Word 2022 Daily Mass Book 2022

If you would like to pre order any of these books for 2022 please contact the Parish Office so we can place an order. Book are \$25 each.

Recycling Bottles

Even though we are unable to celebrate masses as a parish community due to COVID-19 restrictions, may I encourage you to continue collecting your recyclable 10c bottles and bring them to the parish once we resume celebrating mass. The money raised from the collections of these bottles will hopefully fund other initiatives in the future for the benefit of our parish. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

5th September, 2021 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10am
Weekdays: 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, (8.30am Rosary)
Wednesday: 7pm followed by adoration.

SACRAMENTS:

Reconciliation: 4pm to 4.30pm Saturday.
Baptisms: By arrangement, please call Parish Office or download an application from the Parish website at :www.stmelscampsie.org.au
Weddings: By arrangement with six months notice
Care for the Sick: Please call the presbytery.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary: 8.30am every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Adoration: After Wednesday 7pm Mass.
First Friday Adoration: Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration and the Rosary.

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Friday 3rd September: St Gregory the Great (Pope, doctor)
Wednesday 8th September: The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)
Monday 13th September: St John Chrysostom (Bishop, doctor)
Tuesday 14th September: The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross (Feast)
Wednesday 15th September: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday 16th September: Sts Cornelius (Pope, martyr) and Cyprian (Bishop, martyr)
Monday 20th September: Sts Andrew Kim Thae-Gon and companions (martyrs)
Tuesday 21st September: St Matthew (apostle, Feast day)
Thursday 23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina (priest)
Monday 27th September: St Vincent de Paul (priest)
Wednesday 29th September: Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Archangels)
Thursday 30th September: St Jerome (Priest, doctor)

FIRST READING Is 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,
‘Courage! Do not be afraid.
‘Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. *(R.)*

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion’s God, from age to age. *(R.)*

SECOND READING Jas 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, ‘Come this way to the best seats’; then you tell the poor man, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.’ Can’t you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man’s ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’ And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. ‘He has done all things well,’ they said ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’

GOSPEL OF THE LORD

A Spiritual Reflection

by Fr Anthony

The man in today’s Gospel was not only deaf but also had a speech impediment. So it was impossible for him to speak to Jesus. For this reason, the man did not approach Jesus, however his friend did and in a beautiful gesture asked Jesus to heal him. What did Jesus do? He takes the man away from the crowd and finds a quiet place and demonstrates His love and compassion towards this man and heals him. He simply desired to make him whole again.

May I suggest that sometime this weekend read this Gospel again, meditate and then ask yourselves, what is our impediment? What is that we need to be healed? Never be afraid to approach Jesus with our needs. Have the courage to seek Jesus out and trust and believe that He always wants to make us whole again.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU WISH FOR FR. ANTHONY TO PRAY FOR ANYONE WHO IS SICK WE ASK YOU TO CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND LEAVE THE PERSONS DETAILS. WE WILL PUBLISH THEIR DETAILS IN THE PARISH BULLETIN FOR A PERIOD OF 2 WEEKS, AFTER THAT THEIR NAMES WILL BE REMOVED UNLESS YOU CALL AND REQUEST OTHERWISE. THANKYOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

We remember in our Masses

Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish: Frederick Schinkel, Elizabeth & Les Rapmund, John Ignatius Hendricks, Y.P Ching, Therese Shmely, Iris Eagleson, Dyan Rivai, Jerome Evan Carrillo, Joan Karam, Elena Lorenzo, George Mattar, Nicholas Galvez Sr, Michelle & Toufic El-Dib, John Duigan, Helena Knox, Cong Hen Khong, Peter Xu, Flordeliza Gonzales, Joshua & Francesco Frascella, Lisa Santo, John Heirlehy, Mary Maney, Chahid Hanna, Betty Williams, Mark & Merle Batterson, Ramon Alonzo, Rosalie Ferraren, David Sheumack, Claude & Jeanette Chidiac, Madeline Abouzeid, **Lord, we pray for our recently deceased especially:** Johnny Destefanis, Gloria Baurkot, Michael Samuel, Kenny Yu, Efren Jose, Iole Bordsatto, Gordan Stewart, Amin Nehmeh, Benedict Nguy, Angelica Torri, Margo Tannous, Claire Algie, Hanna Nakhle Gebrael, Kwik Bun Wie, and all those who have died during COVID-19 pandemic, **We also pray for all the Souls of the faithful departed:** Georges Azzi, Tony Laban, Yvonne Hallo, Semaan Gorges, Francesco Viterale, Jamil Moussa, Peter & Remy Karam, Michael & Zakia Karam, Herbie Lahood, Barry Stanton, Michael Risk, Tony & Victor Karam, Joseph & Halema Moussa, Jhottos & Rosemont Moses, Budwaiy Hanna Karam, Kelita Karam, John Youseff Nehmeh, Najib & Charife Nehmeh, Rell Karam, Asorl Abood, Sheik Estephan & Antoine, Zaki Abood, Peter Karam, Tunis & Linda Coorey, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, **We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Ramez & Rada Constantine, Frank Stanton, Nadia Green, Annie Samuel, Frank Samuel, Vince Samuel, Ron Coorey, Merchard George, Teresa Nhan Nguy, Giorgio Repice Snr, Fred & Saide Stanton, Zilda Dos Santos, Minerva Matthews, Sam & Mary Fenech, Peter Luu, Sam Ok Chung, **Lord Hear Us.**

**Year of St Joseph
2020-2021**

To perpetuate the entrustment of the Church to St. Joseph, Pope Francis has established a Year of St. Joseph from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions - sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s intentions - who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph by way of the following:

- Recite a legitimate prayer or act of piety in honour of St. Joseph especially on 19 March, 1 May, on the 19th of every month, and on every Wednesday, the day dedicated to the Saint.
- Pray the Holy Rosary in the home, or as an engaged couple, so that the atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family, will reside in Christian families also.
- Contemplate the Lord’s Prayer for at least 30 minutes, or participate in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- Entrust their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and invoke the intercession of the Worker of Nazareth so that those seeking work can find employment befitting human dignity

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.