



Westmead Catholic Community PARISH HEARTBEATS

Official Weekly Bulletin of Sacred Heart Parish, Westmead

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'The sacred heart of Jesus is an open heart...' St Teresa of Kolkata

Sixth Sunday of Easter

13 - 14 May 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R.v.1

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God:

- 'How tremendous your deeds!
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God
who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

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SECOND READING

1 Pt 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have.

But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

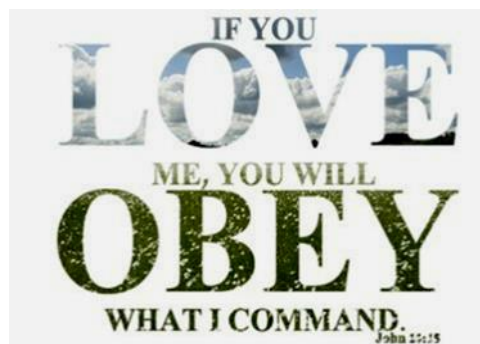
JN 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



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MASS TIMES

Parish Church:

Saturday: 6:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00am & 9:30am

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00pm to 5:30pm

BAPTISMS

1st Sundays or by arrangement

MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

By arrangement with the Parish Priest
(min 6 months notice for weddings)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By arrangement with the Parish Priest

The Westmead Catholic Community acknowledges the Burramattagal people of the Darug nation, traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, recognising elders past & present. We aim to be an inclusive faith community, welcoming people of all ages, races, creeds, genders, orientations, marital status & cultures.

PARISH DIARY DATES

13 / 14 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
14 May	Mothers Day	
20 / 21 May	The Ascension of the Lord	Solemnity
28 May	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
18 & 25 June	First Eucharist Masses	11am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray, Reflect and Grow - Ministry Reflection Evenings

Join other ministers of the parish in a time of prayer and growth as we give thanks for your ministry.

Monday 15th May, 7pm

Adult Servers, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers - are asked to attend.

Monday 22nd May, 7pm

Ministers of the Word (Readers) - are asked to attend.

If you read for the first time at Easter, you are invited to attend.

Join us in the *parish centre meeting rooms* under the church (enter from Ralph St, near Parish Office). RSVP to office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au with your name and phone number and the ministry evening you will be attending.



Parish Collections & the Planned Giving Program

The 2nd collection (includes the 'Planned Giving Program' (PGP) is the main source of parish income. The parish conducts the PGP to raise the funds necessary to establish and maintain parish facilities. Funds collected are used in the running of our parish and maintaining our parish buildings. By taking a set of Planned Giving envelopes to use for your 2nd collection offerings, you are helping the parish budget for all the costs involved in keeping this a healthy and active parish. Those currently registered with the PGP may like to update their contribution details, while those new to our parish are invited to register with the program to receive a set of weekly contribution envelopes. Registration forms are available on the table at the back of the church or can be downloaded from the parish website. Please return all forms to the parish office via email, mailbox or in weekend collection bag.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal 20 / 21 May 2023 –

raising awareness & funds for our Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton, supporting First Nations people, and anyone in need. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal via envelopes in the church or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

2023 Parish Based Sacramental Program

Dates and eligibility requirements for the Parish's 2023 Sacramental Program are published in our parish bulletin and on the parish website - www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au. The Sacramental Program is open to Catholics who have made Sacred Heart Parish their primary place of worship.

First Eucharist Program

14 May Groups start for 4 weeks
18 June or 25 June First Eucharist Masses at 11am

(program underway)
(attendance required)
(attendance required)



At Sacred Heart Westmead, Baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 11am. Please contact the Parish Office to book.



WEEK 3 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 20 / 21 May

6:00pm: A. Enriquez

8.00am: M. Schinella

9:30am: G. Vicente

Readers - 20 / 21 May

6:00pm: G. Manansala / R. Saldanha

8.00am: N. Logiotatos / A. Marasovic

9.30am: R. M. Regi / P. Alexander

Junior Altar Servers - 20 / 21 May

6:00pm: M. Liew

8.00am: L. Burke

9.30am: S. Dsouza / G. Vicente / L. Vicente

Senior Altar Servers - 20 / 21 May

6:00pm: N. Emmanuel

8.00am: J. Chandran

9.30am: B. Fernandes

If you are unable to attend your rostered date, please arrange a swap with another minister.



Mother's Day

Mother's Day is observed in countries across the world. In Australia, it is held on the second Sunday in May. A day set aside for celebrating mothers (or mother figures), over the years, it has grown in popularity, becoming one of the most widely observed holidays in our country. Australia celebrated Mother's Day for the first time in 1910 with special church services; however it was not popularly observed until the 1920s. The tradition of giving gifts on Mother's Day in Australia started in 1924, when Sydney woman Janet Heyden began to collect charitable gifts for lonely, aged mothers in Newington hospital who had lost husbands and sons during WW1. In Australia, flowers are a traditional Mother's Day gift. Carnations and Chrysanthemums are classic Mother's Day flowers; often sold at road-side pop-up stalls. Chocolates and hand-made cards are also popular gifts to symbolise one's love and appreciation for their mother or mother figure. Breakfasts, brunches, lunches, high teas or dinners at restaurants, cafes, or at home are very much a part of Mother's Day celebrations. Many families may also spend the day having a picnic in the park or on the beach, if the weather allows. US Peace activist, Anna Jarvis, the woman credited with starting Mother's Day in 1908, once said that "Mothers do more for children than anyone else in this world". For that reason, they deserve to be celebrated and spoiled on this very special day.

SUNDAY'S READINGS: 21 MAY

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1ST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

2ND READING: EPH 1:17-23

GOSPEL: MT 28:16-20

