



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

16 - 17 March 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50. 3-4. 12-15. R.v.12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

SECOND READING

HEB 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

PS 42:1-2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

JN 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 12:24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.



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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 Burrumattagal 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

16 / 17 March	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
17 March	St Patricks Day	
19 March	<i>St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Solemnity</i>
23 / 24 March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
30 March	Tamil Easter Mass	11.30pm
22 March	<i>Stations of the Cross in the Church</i>	<i>7pm</i>
9/10 Mar - 27/28 Apr	<i>First Eucharist Enrolment Forms available at weekend Masses</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take home a **Project Compassion** box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help assist vulnerable people around the world. Boxes should be returned to the parish by the weekend of 6/7 April.



Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased and those we remember at this time . . .



HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAM

Passion/ Palm Sunday	March 23/24 Mass	6pm, 8am, 9.30am
	<i>(with Blessing of Palms & Procession)</i>	
Holy Monday	March 25 Mass	9am
Holy Tuesday	March 26 Mass	9am
Holy Wednesday	March 27 Mass	9am
Holy Thursday	March 28	
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7pm
	Solemn Reservation until 10pm	
Good Friday	March 29	
	Way of the Cross	10am
	Individual Reconciliation	
	<i>(immediately after 'Way of the Cross')</i>	
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm
Holy Saturday	March 30	
	Easter Vigil (including Lucernarium) 7pm	
Easter Sunday	March 31	8am, 9.30am

Dates and eligibility requirements for the **Parish's 2024 Sacramental Program** are published in our parish bulletin and on our website - www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au.

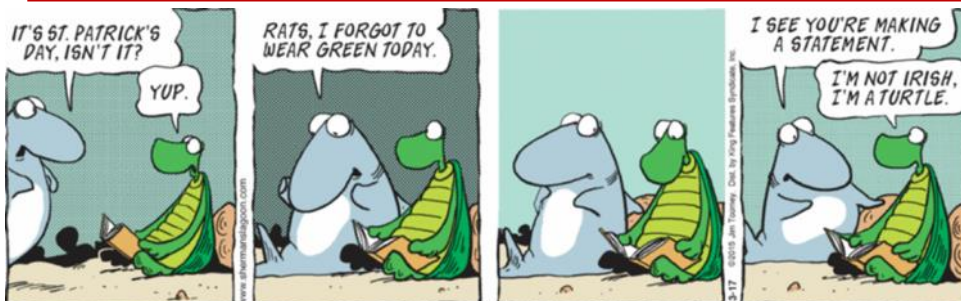
First Eucharist Program

9 / 10 Mar - 27 / 28 Apr	Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses	
4 / 5 May	Enrolment Ceremonies	
7 May	Parent Meeting	7pm
12 May	Groups start for 4 weeks	
16 June & 23 June	First Eucharist Masses	11am



Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection: 29 March

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years. Make your donation this Holy Week via the envelopes in your parish, or donate directly via Commissariat of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024 or holyland@franciscans.org.au



WEEK 4 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr John you are in attendance

EMoE - 23 / 24 March

6:00pm: A. Enriquez

8.00am: T. Vo

9:30am: J. Macaraeg

Readers - 23 / 24 March

6:00pm: J. Braganza / M. Chalhoud

8.00am: S. Turaka / C Burke

9.30am: J. Paul / M. Kastoun

Junior Altar Servers - 23 / 24 March

6:00pm: M. Liew / J. Braganza

8.00am: J. Kingston

9.30am: J. Benedict

Senior Altar Servers - 23 / 24 March

6:00pm: C. San Juan

8.00am: L. Burke

9.30am: F. Benedict

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

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are held in the Church, every Friday at 7pm during Lent.



At Sacred Heart Westmead, **Baptism**

is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 11am. Please contact the parish office to book for 2024.



The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

Making the world a better place for everyone starts with prayer and little steps like saying hello, sorry or thank you, Pope Francis said in a letter to the world's children. "Our world will change if we all begin with these little things, without being ashamed to take small steps, one at a time." In his letter, Pope Francis told children that they are "a source of joy for your parents and your families, but also for our human family and for the Church, in which each of us is like a link in a great chain stretching from the past to the future and covering the whole earth." Pope Francis chose the Bible passage, "Behold, I make all things new," as the theme for World Children's Day because it is a reminder that to make the world a better place, people need to be united with Jesus and with others. "Think of your friends and how great it is to spend time with them: at home, at school, in the parish and the playground, everywhere. Playing, singing, discovering new things, having fun, everyone being together and excluding no one. Friendship is wonderful and it grows only in this way: through sharing and forgiving, with patience, courage, creativity and imagination, without fear and without prejudice."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 24 MARCH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

1ST READING: IS 50:4-7

2ND READING: PHIL 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Mk 14:1 - 15:47

