



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

Second Sunday of Easter

6 - 7 April 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 PET 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

ACTS 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 117. 2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R.v.1

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

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SECOND READING

1 JN 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JN 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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 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

6 / 7 April	Second Sunday of Easter	
8 April	Annunciation of the Lord	Solemnity
11 April	St Stanislaus	Memorial
13 / 14 April	Third Sunday of Easter	
28 April	Tamil Easter Mass	5.30pm
9/10 Mar - 27/28 Apr	First Eucharist Enrolment Forms available at weekend Masses	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal 20 / 21 April 2024 – supporting the Seminarians & Holy Spirit Seminary

When God calls, will you help them answer?
Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal via envelopes in the church or online at your-catholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Thank you for taking home a Project Compassion box and supporting Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Please return all boxes to the parish office as soon as possible so we may forward your donations to Caritas Australia.



Safeguarding Face-to-face Training

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on **Saturday 27 April at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains**, for Modules 4 & 5.

More training opportunities will be available throughout May.

To register for this training or for other convenient dates & locations: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>
Or, for more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Funeral for Kathleen Bowman (mother of Odette Nagel)

**At Sacred Heart Parish, Westmead
Wednesday, 10 April 2024 at 10.30am**

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

**Kathleen Bowman
Fahd & Gittany Families**



Lost Property

A number of items have been left behind during our Mass and liturgical celebrations over the past few months. These have been collected and placed in a basket at the entrance to the church. If you have misplaced any items recently, please check our collection to retrieve your belongings. Any uncollected items will be disposed of at the end of the month.



Marriage Preparation Courses 2024

Visit www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation to view weekend course dates. *SmartLoving* – an online preparation can also be booked via the website.

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



WEEK 2 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr John you are in attendance

EMoE - 13 / 14 April

6:00pm: O. Nagel
8.00am: P. Vo
9:30am: M. D'Souza

Readers - 13 / 14 April

6:00pm: A. Pinto / A. Pinto
8.00am: L. Eid / V. Kastoun
9.30am: A. Sutanto / J. D'Souza

Junior Altar Servers - 13 / 14 April

6:00pm: A. Esterado / M. San Juan
8.00am: L. Burke
9.30am: G. Vicente

Senior Altar Servers - 13 / 14 April

6:00pm: J. Nagel
8.00am: J. Chandran
9.30am: L. Vicente

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

We welcome the newly Baptised to our Christian family . . .

Tiana Madgwick



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)

Entries for the ACU Prize for Poetry have opened, with the competition this year calling for poems on the theme of faith. The theme was inspired by Helen Keller's quote, "Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light." The total prize pool is \$18,000. The first prize winner will receive \$10,000 at the annual ACU Prize for Poetry award ceremony in Sydney on October 1. ACU Emeritus Professor Margot Hillel said many poets would agree that faith was integral to the life of a writer. "There is the faith needed to put pen to paper and craft your words, but also putting one's faith in the reader to absorb your ideas and messages, and have respect for them. Faith is certainly a significant theme for many poets who observe a particular religion or spiritual practice and use their poetry to explore the realities of their faith." Now in its 11th year, the ACU Prize for Poetry continues the Church's tradition of encouraging new works of art and literature. "The ACU Prize for Poetry is a hallmark of the Australian arts calendar, respected by new and emerging poets and writers across our nation," ACU Vice-President Fr Anthony Casamento csm said. Entries close on July 2. www.acu.edu.au/faith-and-values/office-of-the-vice-president/acu-prize-for-poetry

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 14 APRIL

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1ST READING: ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19

2ND READING: 1 JN 2:1-5

GOSPEL: LK 24:35-48

