



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 Easter

27 - 28 April 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

***O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.***

FIRST READING

ACTS 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R.v.26

***R. I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.***

1. My vows I will pay
before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord,
those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**
2. All the earth shall remember
and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations
worship before him.
They shall worship him,
all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow
all who go down to the dust. **R.**
3. And my soul shall live for him,
my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord
to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples
yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

PS 97:1-2 SECOND READING

1 JN 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 15:4-5

***Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me
live in you, says the Lord; my branches
bear much fruit. Alleluia!***

GOSPEL

JN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 15:1, 5

***I am the true vine and you are
the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, 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

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| 27 / 28 April | Fifth Sunday of Easter | |
| 28 April | Tamil Easter Mass | 5.30pm |
| 29 April | <i>St Catherine of Sienna</i> | <i>Memorial</i> |
| 2 May | <i>St Athanasius</i> | <i>Memorial</i> |
| 3 May | <i>Sts Philip & James, apostles</i> | <i>Feast</i> |
| 4 / 5 May | Sixth Sunday of Easter | |
| 4 / 5 May | First Eucharist Enrolment 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. You can still donate to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal via envelopes in the church or online at: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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.



WEEK 1 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr John you are in attendance

EMoE - 4 / 5 May
 6:00pm: R. Tuason San Juan
 8:00am: M. Schinella
 9:30am: F. Khouri

Readers - 4 / 5 May
 6:00pm: J. Cicchini / A. Enriquez
 8:00am: A. Priya / M. Budwee
 9:30am: C. Khouri / C. Esterado

Junior Altar Servers - 4 / 5 May
 6:00pm: C. Cristobal / S. D'Souza
 8:00am: A. Dave
 9:30am: G. Vicente / L. Vicente

Senior Altar Servers - 4 / 5 May
 6:00pm: B. Fernandes
 8:00am: J. Chandran
 9:30am: N. Emmanuel

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

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



Kathleen Bowman
Fr Guilio Ghezzi MI
Fahd & Gittany Families

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.



Save the Date

SACRED HEART FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE, 2024

SACRED HEART PARISH WESTMEAD
 MASS @ 6PM FOLLOWED BY SUPPER
 IN THE PARISH HALL

The Parish Vision Committee is organising a raffle with the proceeds to cover the cost of the Feast Day Supper. They invite parishioners to donate prizes towards the raffle. Please email the parish office if you can assist. office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au

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.

Last Weekend - 27 / 28 Apr

4 / 5 May
 7 May
 12 May
 16 June & 23 June

First Eucharist Program

Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses

Enrolment Ceremonies
 Parent Meeting 7pm
 Groups start for 4 weeks
 First Eucharist Masses 11am



The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

For hundreds of years, visitors have descended on Rome's Trevi Fountain to make a wish, following a ritual coin toss. But the coins the tourists rarely give a second thought to actually provide practical help to people they will never meet. The Trevi Fountain, built in 1762, covers one side of Palazzo Poli in central Rome with its statues of Tritons guiding the shell chariot of the god Oceanus, illustrating the theme of the taming of the waters. The coin collection happens twice a week and the fountain is drained for cleaning twice a month. The coin extraction itself is a spectacle; with utility workers who balance on the edge of the baroque fountain. After the coins have been swept into a long line by a long-reach broom, they are sucked up by hoses and taken to Caritas's office, where Fabrizio Marchioni spreads them across a huge table for drying. The charity counts out bucketfuls of change which then funds a soup kitchen, a food bank and welfare projects. The effects of millions in donations can be seen not far from the fountain. Near Rome's main station is Caritas's supermarket, known as the Emporium, which allocates food to needy residents who purchase it with tokens on a card.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 5 MAY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1ST READING: ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 2ND READING: 1 JN 4:7-10
 GOSPEL: JN 15:9-17

