



Westmead Catholic Community **PARISH HEARTBEATS**

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

The Ascension of the Lord

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

ACTS 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING

ACTS 1:11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R.v.6

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING

EPH 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

MT 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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

11 / 12 May	Ascension of the Lord	Solemnity
14 May	<i>St Matthias, apostle</i>	Feast
18 / 19 May	Pentecost Sunday	Solemnity
26 May	Tamil Easter Mass	5.30pm
7 June	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Mass	9am
7 June	Feast Day Celebrations - Mass & BBQ	6pm
16 & 23 June	First Eucharist Masses	11am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save
the Date



SACRED HEART FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE, 2024

A sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist with mass ministry & the bbq, at the Sacred Heart Feast Day celebration; is at the church entrance.

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.



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

Please email the parish office if you can donate towards the event or the raffle - office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au

WEEK 3 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr John you are in attendance

EMoE - 18 / 19 May
6:00pm: S. Sutherland
8.00am: J. Nealon
9:30am: M. Kastoun

Readers - 18 / 19 May
6:00pm: A. Halligan / R. Saldanha
8.00am: N. Logiotatos / M. Schinella
9.30am: R. M. Regi / P. Alexander

Junior Altar Servers - 18 / 19 May
6:00pm: T. Fraser / W. Fraser
8.00am: *volunteer required*
9.30am: G. Vicente / L. Vicente

Senior Altar Servers - 18 / 19 May
6:00pm: P. Sicat
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 . . .



Fanu Camilleri
Kathleen Bowman
Fr Guilio Ghezzi MI

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

12 May	Groups start for 4 weeks	
16 June & 23 June	First Eucharist Masses	11am
Confirmation - commences 10 June		



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: VIGIL Ps 67:33, 35
You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON: VIGIL Jn 7:37
Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia.

Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension commemorates, the bodily elevation of the risen Christ into heaven by his own power the fortieth day after his Resurrection in the presence of his disciples. To say he was taken up or that he ascended, does not necessarily imply that heaven is located directly above the earth; no more than the words 'sitteth on the right hand of God' mean this is his actual posture. It indicates a new relationship between Jesus and his Father and between him and his followers. The apostles were told not to be looking up to the skies but to look out to the world as a field of mission. "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." The following words of Pope Francis, assist us to reflect in celebrating the Ascension of our Lord: "The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that He is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as He was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 19 MAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY

1ST READING: ACTS 2:1-11
2ND READING: GAL 5:16-25
GOSPEL: JN 15:26-27, 16:12-15

