



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 Lent

15 - 16 March 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Of you my heart has spoken,
Seek his face.*

*It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.*

FIRST READING

GEN 15:5-12. 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R.V.1

R. The Lord is my light and salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink?

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

SECOND READING

PHIL 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ.

Ps 26:8-9

They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus,

R. 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke,

R. a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'

R. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

R. **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

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**This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Friday: 9.30am - 4pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 10am - 3pm

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

15 / 16 March	Second Sunday of Lent	
17 March	St Patrick	Solemnity
19 March	St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity
22 / 23 March	Third Sunday of Lent	
30 March	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
24 - 29 March	No 9am Daily Parish Mass	
15/16 Mar - 26/27 Apr	First Eucharist Enrolment forms available at weekend masses	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates and eligibility requirements for the **Parish's 2025 Sacramental Program** will be published in our parish bulletin & are listed on our website - www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au.

First Eucharist Program

15/16 March - 26/27 April	Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses	
3/4 May	Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses (6pm Vigil, 8am, 9.30am)	
13 May	Parent Meeting	7pm
14 May	Groups start for 4 weeks	
15 & 22 June	First Eucharist Masses	11am

HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAM

Passion/ Palm Sunday	April 12/13 Mass 6pm, 8am, 9.30am	
	(with Blessing of Palms & Procession)	
Monday of Holy Week	April 14 Mass	9am
Tuesday of Holy Week	April 15 Mass	9am
Wednesday of Holy Week	April 16 Mass	9am
Thursday of Lord's Supper	April 17	
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7pm
	Solemn Reservation until 10pm	
Friday of Passion of Lord	April 18	
	Way of the Cross	10am
	Individual Reconciliation	
	<i>(immediately after 'Way of the Cross')</i>	
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm
Holy Saturday	April 19	
	Easter Vigil (including Lucernarium)	7pm
Sunday of the Resurrection	April 20	8am, 9.30am

Stations of the Cross

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



40 Days – 40 Activities GIVING

- 40 caring letters written
- 40 catch-up phone calls
- 40 earth care activities
- 40 volunteering activities
- 40 more acts of kindness
- 40 more positive actions

FASTING

- 40 days less screen time
- 40 less impulse spends
- 40 less negative actions

PRAYING

- 40 prayer intentions
- 40 prayers of thanks

At Sacred Heart Westmead, **Baptism** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 11am. Please contact the parish office to book for 2025.



Fr Walter will be away for one week from 24 March to 29 March 2025.

Daily Parish Masses will be cancelled during this period.

Weekend Parish Masses will be held as usual.



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



WEEK 4 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 22 / 23 March

- 6:00pm: A. Enriquez
- 8:00am: T. Vo
- 9:30am: G. Vicente

Readers - 22 / 23 March

- 6:00pm: J. Braganza / I. Liew
- 8:00am: S. Turaka / C. Burke
- 9:30am: J. Paul / M. Kastoun

Junior Altar Servers - 22 / 23 March

- 6:00pm: M. Liew / J. Braganza
- 8:00am: J. Kingston
- 9:30am: J. Benedict / D. D'Souza

Senior Altar Servers - 22 / 23 March

- 6:00pm: P. Sicat
- 8:00am: J. Chandran
- 9:30am: F. Benedict

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

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The Transfiguration

The account of the Transfiguration appears in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke). The word, synoptic, means 'seen together' and these three gospels can be seen together because they have so much material in common. When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance.

The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 22 / 23 MARCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

1ST READING: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

2ND READING: 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12

GOSPEL: LK 13:1-9

