



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

26 - 27 April 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 PETER 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 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 117:2-4, 22-27. 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 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.

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light.

SECOND READING

REV 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy 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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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

26 / 27 April	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)		
27 April	Tamil Mass		5.30pm
26/27 April	LAST WEEKEND - 2025 Eucharist Enrolment forms at weekend masses		
28 April	St Peter Chanel	29 April	St Catherine of Siena Memorial/s
2 May	St Athanasius		Memorial
3 April	Sts Philip & James, apostles		Feast
3 / 4 May	Third Sunday of Easter		
3/4 May	2025 First Eucharist Enrolment Ceremonies 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 - Attendance is required at the following

3/4 May	Enrolment Ceremony at one weekend Mass (6pm Vigil, 8am, 9.30am)
13 May	Parent Meeting 7pm
14 May	Groups start for 4 weeks
15 or 22 June	First Eucharist Mass 11am

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will celebrate the Diocesan Mass for Pope Francis which will be held this Sunday, 27 April (the culmination of the Easter Octave) at the 11am Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

All are warmly invited to attend and the Mass will also be livestreamed on St Patrick's Cathedral YouTube channel.

For anyone wishing to write condolence messages, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is organising a condolence book to pass onto the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Charles Balvo, who was appointed Nuncio by Pope Francis in 2022. Please email your message to condolencebook@catholic.org.au.



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

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

Iniyam Jeffry



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.



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

Pope Francis

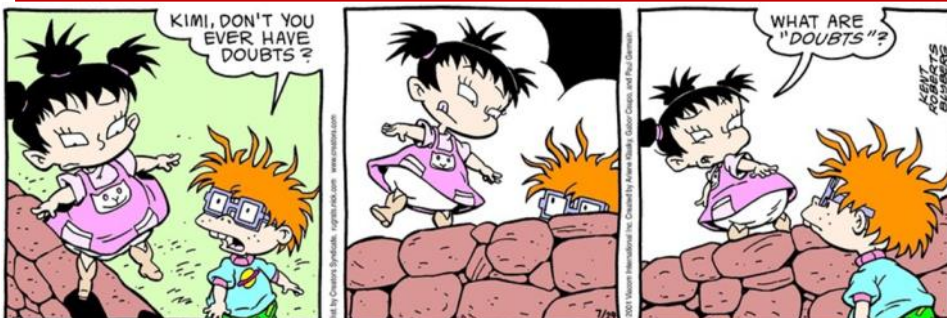


Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 31 May 2025.

For more information or to submit a nomination, visit: parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA



WEEK 1 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 3 / 4 May

6:00pm: R. San Juan Tuason

8.00am: M. Schinella

9:30am: F. Khouri

Readers - 3 / 4 May

6:00pm: F. Cadeaux / A. Enriquez

8.00am: A. Priya / M. Budwee

9.30am: C. Khouri / C. Esterado

Junior Altar Servers - 3 / 4 May

6:00pm: W. Fraser / M. Liew

8.00am: A. Dave

9.30am: N. Farah / J. Farah / J. Bedadela

Senior Altar Servers - 3 / 4 May

6:00pm: T. Fraser

8.00am: J. Chandran

9.30am: N. Emmanuel

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

'Tap & Go' devices are installed in our church. Select an amount and tap your card on the logo to donate.



We thank you for your support of Sacred Heart Westmead



The death of Pope Francis on Monday 21 April 2025, at the age of 88 has been met with profound grief and sorrow across the Diocese of Parramatta. The Catholic church has lost a fearless and prophetic pastor who has unhesitatingly preached the Gospel and reminded the church that it must always reform itself and be close to ordinary people – especially the poor, the suffering and the marginalised. Francis's Petrine ministry (2013 to 2025) was entirely devoted to his implementing and living out the vision of the Second Vatican Council, applied to our troubled times. And in our increasingly violent and ethically challenged world, Francis's prophetic voice will be especially acutely missed. Very few leaders today possess his credibility, authenticity and willingness to oppose violence and war and to defend the environment so passionately.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, the Bishop of Parramatta, said that while this Jubilee year of Hope would eventually end, Pope Francis would always be remembered for keeping the flame of hope, and the message of God's love, alive in a world that needs both more now than ever. "He showed the rest of us how to find God's love, and how to show God's love. While today is a day of profound grief and sadness for us here in Parramatta and indeed right around the world, it is also a day to give thanks for the life of a man who gave so much to so many. He was an example to the rest of us that the source of all wisdom and sustenance is to be found in the Holy Spirit. And by spreading that message to as many parts of the globe as possible, he is the true embodiment of hope."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 3 / 4 MAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1ST READING: ACTS 5:27-32, 40-41

2ND READING: REV 5:11-14

GOSPEL: JN 21:1-19

