



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

Third Sunday of Easter

3 - 4 May 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 65:1-2

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

FIRST READING

ACTS 5:27-32. 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R.v.2

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

SECOND READING

REV 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the

air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen,
the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL SHORTER FORM

JN 21:1-14

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 21:12-13

**Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.
And he took bread and gave it to them,
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

3 / 4 May	Third Sunday of Easter	
3/4 May	2025 First Eucharist Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend masses	
3 May	Federal Election	
10 / 11 May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
25 May	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
15 & 22 June	First Eucharist Mass	11am
No 9am Mass on Tuesday 6 May 2025 due to School Mother's Day Liturgy		

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

Thank you for taking home a Project Compassion box & 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.



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To donate to Project Compassion: visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone: 1800 024 413

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

**Daniel Trimmer
Joshua Trimmer
Erin Peng**



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
Houda Nascimben
Michael Fahd**



Nominations open for the 2025 Papal & Diocesan Awards
Nominations are now open for the 2025 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals—both religious and lay—who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community.

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/



WEEK 2 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 10 / 11 May
6:00pm: O. Nagel
8:00am: P. Vo
9:30am: M. D'Souza

Readers - 10 / 11 May
6:00pm: A. Pinto / A. Pinto
8:00am: P. Alvares / L. Eid
9:30am: J. D'Souza / A. Sutanto

Junior Altar Servers - 10 / 11 May
6:00pm: A. Esterado / J. Braganza
8:00am: J. Kingston
9:30am: G. Vicente

Senior Altar Servers - 10 / 11 May
6:00pm: J. Nagel
8:00am: D. Howse
9:30am: L. Vicente

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 Good News (excerpt from CathNews)

A humble wooden chair that once seated former prime minister Ben Chifley at St Christopher's Cathedral is being given a fitting tribute at St Mary MacKillop College, Canberra. The chair is the centre of a student craftsmanship project. Under the guidance of staff and with timber sourced from Chifley's hometown of Bathurst, senior trade students are constructing a Perspex case to honour both the object and the man behind it. "It is a simple kitchen chair that speaks loudly of the man who used it," Principal Michael Lee said. "Ben Chifley was Australia's prime minister from 1945-1949. In his 20s, he married a Presbyterian, which put him outside the Catholic Church." When Mr Chifley took his vows in a Presbyterian Church, he defied the Papal decree forbidding Catholics from marrying outside the Church. While the couple continued to worship in their separate churches, Mr Chifley was no longer allowed to take communion. "He went to Mass every Sunday that he was in Canberra at St Christopher's Cathedral. And when he went, he didn't sit in the pews with everyone else – he sat in this chair. 'Chif's Chair.'" Mr Lee said the chair was much more than just a historical artefact. "It tells the story of a sectarian time, which has now passed, and is emblematic of a time when Australian society was quite divided along faith lines." Once completed, the chair and its new case will return to St Christopher's Cathedral Precinct.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 10 / 11 MAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
1ST READING: ACTS 13:14, 43-52
2ND READING: REV 7:9, 14-17
GOSPEL: JN 10:27-30

