



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10 - 11 May 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 32:5-6

***The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.***

FIRST READING

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R.v.3

***R. We are his people,
The sheep of his flock.***

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rev 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!***

GOSPEL

JN 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

***The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.***

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE,
AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY

FOLLOW ME

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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

10 / 11 May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
11 May	Mothers Day	
13 May	First Eucharist Program Parent Meeting	7pm
14 May	<i>St Matthias, apostle</i>	Feast
17 / 18 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
25 May	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
15 & 22 June	First Eucharist Mass	11am

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

13 May	Parent Meeting	7pm
14 May	Groups start for 4 weeks	
15 or 22 June	First Eucharist Mass	11am



WEEK 3 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 17 / 18 May

6:00pm: S. Sutherland

8:00am: J. Nealon

9:30am: M. Kastoun

Readers - 17 / 18 May

6:00pm: F. Cadeaux / R. San Juan Tuason

8:00am: V. Kastoun / M. Schinella

9:30am: J. Macaraeg / P. Alexander

Junior Altar Servers - 17 / 18 May

6:00pm: C. Cristobal / M. San Juan

8:00am: *volunteer required*

9:30am: G. Vicente / A. Biju / A. Biju

Senior Altar Servers - 17 / 18 May

6:00pm: C. San Juan

8:00am: A. Dave

9:30am: N. Emmanuel

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

Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,
We thank You for the gift of mothers, for their love, guidance, and care. Please bless them with Your grace, strength, and wisdom as they continue to nurture and support their families. Surround them with Your love and peace, and let them know how deeply they are appreciated and cherished. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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
Josephine Knight
Marie Jean Brunton



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



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The Good Shepherd

'Sometimes Jesus calls us, he invites us to follow him, but perhaps we do not realise that it is he who is calling,' Pope Francis once said.

Francis explained that these few lines in today's Gospel passage 'contain the whole of Jesus' message . . . he calls us to share in his relationship with the Father.' Indeed, he continued, 'Jesus wants to establish with his friends a relationship which mirrors his own relationship with the Father: a relationship of reciprocal belonging.' Such listening and reciprocity is at the heart of the late Pope's call for the Church to become more synodal.

'Synodality', Francis explained, means journeying together. It is, therefore, really 'an expression of the Church's nature, her form, style and mission.' We journey to the Father, with Christ, in the Holy Spirit. As Francis put it at one point: 'we are sheep, yet we are also members of the flock.'

We must rediscover, he declared, 'that we are a people meant to walk together, with one another and with all humanity.' We must learn 'to trust that the Spirit will always make his voice heard.' And a good place to start discerning God's voice, he suggested, is 'by listening to each other.'

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 17 / 18 MAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1ST READING: ACTS 14:21-27

2ND READING: REV 21:1-5

GOSPEL: JN 13:31-35

