



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

17 - 18 May 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

***O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.***

FIRST READING

ACTS 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-13. R.V.1

***R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.***

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

REV 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men.

Ps 97:1-2

He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!***

GOSPEL

JN 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 15:1, 5

***I am the true vine and you are
the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, 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)

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

By arrangement with the Parish Priest

The Westmead Catholic Community acknowledges the Burramattagal 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

17 / 18 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
24 May	Our Lady Help of Christians	Solemnity
24 / 25 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
25 May	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
15 & 22 June	First Eucharist Mass	11am
21, 23 & 30 May - 22 June	No 9am Daily Parish Mass	

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

14 May	Groups in progress for 4 weeks	
22 June	First Eucharist Mass	11am



Due to the clergy conference there will be no Daily Mass at Sacred Heart Westmead on Wednesday 21 May & Friday 23 May. Mass will be celebrated at the following:
OLQP Greystanes - 21 & 23: 9.15am
Parramatta Cathedral - 21 & 23: 12.30pm

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.



Due to Fr Walter's further surgery, there will be no Daily Parish Masses from May 30 to June 22.

Weekend Parish Masses will be held as usual. We ask our rostered ministers to assist our visiting priests at mass.



The **Second collection** (which includes the 'Planned Giving Program' (PGP) is the main source of parish income. Funds collected are used in the running of our parish, and to establish and maintain our parish ministries, buildings and facilities. Envelopes are used in the PGP and deposited in the Second Collection at weekend Mass. Those currently registered with the PGP may like to update their contribution details, while those new to our parish are invited to register with the program to receive a set of weekly contribution envelopes. Registration forms are available on the table at the entrance to the church or from the parish website; which once completed, should be returned to the parish office, via email, the mailbox or in weekend collection bag.

If you are currently registered with the PGP and wish to discontinue your subscription to this parish program, and do not require a set of envelopes for the coming 2025/2026 financial year please contact the parish office.

Envelopes for the 2025 / 2026 financial year are now available for collection from the entrance to the church for the next few weeks for those parishioners who have registered for the Planned Giving Program (PGP).
From July 1 remaining envelopes may be collected at parish office.

Once again we have consolidated our envelope numbers; so when collecting your set, please ensure your correct registration name is on the top right hand side of the envelope box.

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal 24 / 25 May 2025 supporting Seminarians & the Holy Spirit Seminary
When God calls, will you help them answer?

Please donate to the appeal via envelopes in the church or online (specifying Westmead as your parish) at: parracatholic.org/



WEEK 4 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 24 / 25 May

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

Readers - 24 / 25 May

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

Junior Altar Servers - 24 / 25 May

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

Senior Altar Servers - 24 / 25 May

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.

'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



A New Commandment

Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God. The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today.

God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us. © Greg Sunter

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 24 / 25 MAY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1ST READING: ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29
 2ND READING: REV 21:10-14, 22-23
 GOSPEL: JN 14:23-29

