



# 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**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 - 13 July 2025

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 16:15

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

## FIRST READING

DEUT 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R.v.33

**R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**

## SECOND READING

COL 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead,

so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 6:63. 68

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

LK 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

**R.** In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him.

**R.** He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper.

**R.** "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have."

Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 83:4-5

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

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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

<b>12 / 13 July</b>	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
15 July	St Bonaventure	Memorial
<b>19 / 20 July</b>	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>27 July</b>	<b>Tamil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
21/22 June - 26/27 July	Confirmation Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses	
8, 9 & 11 July	No 9am Daily Parish Mass	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Full dates and eligibility requirements for the **Parish's 2025 Sacramental Program** are listed on our website - [www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au](http://www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au).

21/22 June - 26/27 July Confirmation Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses

**Confirmation Program - Attendance is required at the following**

2/3 August	Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses (6pm Vigil, 8am or 9.30am)	
5 August	Parent Meeting	7pm
13 August	Groups start for 4 weeks	
9 September	Confirmation Mass	7pm

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

**Joseph Cyriac**



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.



### Envelope Collection Receipts

*Tax deductible, Catholic Foundation and Caritas Receipts for the 2024.2025 Financial year will be posted or emailed to those who have indicated a receipt was required on their donation envelopes.*

*Non-tax deductible receipts for contributions to the Second (Parish) Planned Giving collection for the 2024.2025 financial year will be issued upon request to those contributors who require details for their records. Please contact the parish office to organise a copy.*

*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.*

### Diocese of Parramatta - Positions Vacant

- Healing and Support Counsellor – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
- Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta

More details: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

will recommence in September 2025. Open to anyone interested in serving within Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion & Ministers at the Altar. To enrol [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795. Registrations close 19 August

### Expressions of Interest now open for Australian Catholic Youth Festival:

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express your interest before 25 August 2025, see [parracatholic.org/connect/acyf](http://parracatholic.org/connect/acyf) or email: [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)



**DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA**

## WEEK 3 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

**EMoE - 19 / 20 July**

6:00pm: S. Sutherland

8:00am: J. Nealon

9:30am: M. Kastoun

**Readers - 19 / 20 July**

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

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

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

**Junior Altar Servers - 19 / 20 July**

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

8:00am: *volunteer required*

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

**Senior Altar Servers - 19 / 20 July**

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.*

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### The Good Samaritan

Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid. The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure – things happening in three. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' – he says 'the one who took pity'. The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. The commandment is to act with compassion towards others – even those you may not like. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of 'patterned' behaviours and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer – and us – to 'Go and do the same'.

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### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 19 / 20 JULY

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: GEN 18:1-10

2ND READING: COL 1:24-28

GOSPEL: LK 10:38-42

