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*'The sacred heart of Jesus is an open heart...'* St Teresa of Kolkata

Fourth Sunday of Easter

25 - 26 April 2026

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

### FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:1-6. R.V.1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.
- You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Ps 32:5-6

### SECOND READING

1 PET 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### 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

Lk 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Friday: 9.30am - 4pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 10am - 2pm

#### 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 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>25 / 26 April</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	
26 April	Tamil Community Mass	5.30pm
28 April	St Peter Chanel;	29 April St Catherine of Sienna Memorial/s
2 May	St Athanasius	Memorial
<b>2 / 3 May</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
14/15 March - 25/26 April	First Eucharist Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses	
2/3 May	Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses (6pm Vigil, 8am, 9.30am)	

## 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).

14/15 March - 25/26 April First Eucharist Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses

### First Eucharist Program - Attendance is required at the following

2/3 May	Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses (6pm Vigil, 8am, 9.30am)
12 May	Parent Meeting 7pm
17 May	Groups start for 4 weeks
14 & 21 June	First Eucharist Masses 11am

### No Daily Parish Mass Tuesday, 28 April

There will be no parish morning Mass due to school Mass.



Funeral Mass 8 May 2026  
9.30 viewing 10am Mass  
St Joseph's Camperdown for  
**Fr Erik Perrett MI**  
Internment at Pine Grove 12 noon.  
Wake Blacktown Sports Club.

**ANZAC DAY**  
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Due to staff annual leave the parish office will be open reduced hours during April.

Tuesday to Thursday: 10am-2pm  
Friday: 9.30am-4pm

### Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

Over a century in the making, the Tower of Jesus Christ, designed by Spanish architect Antoni Gaudí, now completed, crowns the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. The upper section of the 17m high four-sided steel and glass cross of the central tower was winched into position in February, bringing the church to its maximum final height 144 years after work began. At 172.5m, the Sagrada Familia, to which Gaudí devoted the latter part of his life, is Barcelona's tallest building and the world's tallest church. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the basilica has faced numerous delays and challenges in its construction. A ceremony to mark the completion of the tower is due to take place on the centenary of Gaudí's death in 1926, on June 10, 16. The end to the building at the church is expected in about a decade with the construction of a striking south-facing facade. It was nevertheless a day full of emotion for a city that has lived with Gaudí's unfinished work for generations. For decades it has been a building site open to the skies, where generations of stone masons and carpenters have worked around the tourists who have ultimately funded the construction. It's only in the past 15 years, since work began on the breathtakingly beautiful interior, that it has felt more like a church than a building site. Here Gaudí's geometrical designs have created an oasis of light, with delicate, tree-like columns tapering off to the roof, the white stone of the interior picked out in colours from the stained glass windows.



## WEEK 1 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

**EMoE - 2 / 3 May**  
6:00pm: R. San Juan Tuason  
8.00am: P. Vo  
9:30am: F. Khouri

**Readers - 2 / 3 May**  
6:00pm: C. K. Liew / A. Enriquez  
8.00am: A. Priya / E. Harries  
9.30am: C. Khouri / C. Esterado

**Junior Altar Servers - 2 / 3 May**  
6:00pm: W. Fraser / M. Liew  
8.00am: L. Harries  
9.30am: J. Bedadala

**Senior Altar Servers - 2 / 3 May**  
6:00pm: T. Fraser  
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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### Today's Message -

(Greg Sunter)

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In Jesus' time, shepherds often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entranceway. This was to keep the sheep in but also to guard against thieves. Thieves might climb over the wall into the sheepfold but the sheep were trained to respond to their shepherd's voice alone so thieves could only steal what sheep they could carry off. When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment. When Jesus used the image of himself as a shepherd, he named himself as belonging to a Jewish ancestry that associated itself with shepherds, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and David were all shepherds. For Jesus to describe himself as the good shepherd caused great distress among the Jewish officials. They saw Jesus as being blasphemous for the psalm makes clear that *the Lord* is the shepherd. Jesus quite deliberately makes clear that he and the Father are one: the Lord is the shepherd and Jesus is the good shepherd.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2/3 MAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
1ST READING: ACTS 6:1-7  
2ND READING: 1 PET 2:4-9  
GOSPEL: JN 14:1-12

