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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 - 28 June 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

FIRST READING

2 KGS 4:8-11. 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R.V.2

**R. Forever I will sing
the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages
my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure,
that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established
as the heavens.
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice
the source of their bliss.
3. For it is you, O Lord,
who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping
of the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

ROM 6:3-4. 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

Ps 46:2

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 PET 2:9

**Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you
out of darkness and into
his marvellous light. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

MT 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 102:1

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.**



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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)

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

27 / 28 June	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
28 June	Tamil Community Mass	5.30pm
29 June	Sts Peter & Paul, apostles	Solemnity
3 July	St Thomas, apostle	Feast
4 / 5 July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
20/21 June - 25/26 July	Confirmation Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Full dates and eligibility requirements for the **Parish's 2026 Sacramental Program** are listed on our website - www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au.

20/21 June - 25/26 July Confirmation Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses

Confirmation Program - Attendance is required at the following

1/2 August	Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses (6pm Vigil, 8am, 9.30am)
4 August	Parent Meeting 7pm
9 August	Groups start for 4 weeks
8 September	Confirmation Mass 7pm

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

**Roumanos & Waded Eid
Josephine & Abraham Karam**



At Sacred Heart Westmead, **Baptism** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 11am.

Please contact the parish office to book for 2026.



WEEK 1 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 4 / 5 July

6:00pm: R. San Juan Tuason

8:00am: P. Vo

9:30am: F. Khouri

Readers - 4 / 5 July

6:00pm: C. K Liew / A. Enriquez

8:00am: A. Priya / E. Harries

9:30am: C. Khouri / C. Esterado

Junior Altar Servers - 4 / 5 July

6:00pm: W. Fraser / M. Liew

8:00am: L. Harries

9:30am: J. Bedadala

Senior Altar Servers - 4 / 5 July

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.

'Tap & Go' devices are installed in our church. Select an amount and tap your card on the logo to donate.



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Sacred Heart Westmead



Help fund our New Church Essentials

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Westmead New Church Giving. There are two ways to give: Sponsor a Pew, or help fund priority items from our Essentials List on the *Westmead New Church Giving* forms in the church. To have your gift recognised, complete a form or email details so we may reconcile your donation. Please take a form today, scan the QR code, or give online at sacredheartwestmead.com.au/newchurch



Envelopes for the 2026/ 2027 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.

When collecting your set, please ensure your correct registration name is on the top right hand side of the envelope box.

If you wish to discontinue your subscription to the PGP, please contact the parish office.

Today's Message

(Greg Sunter)

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism. At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded, reassuring the disciples that anyone who welcomes them welcomes him. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship. There are echoes here of other parts of the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes, with its blessings on the poor and humble of heart; the welcome of children, the 'little ones' of the kingdom; and the Last Judgment (Mt 24), that reminds us that whatever we do for the least in the world we do for Jesus.

Online Safeguarding Training Modules are always available for those in ministry and all in our parish community. The modules offer valuable insights into recognising abuse and protecting those in our community who are vulnerable. All modules are free and can be completed at your own pace. To register for these learning modules: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

The SVDP Annual Winter Appeal will be held on the weekend of 27/28 June 2026.

Vulnerable people who have nowhere else to turn need your help to overcome the impacts of homelessness and poverty. Your support will allow SVDP to provide assistance through a range of programs and special services. Support the SVDP collection in our parish or donate online at: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

Nominations are open for the **2026 Papal & Diocesan Awards**, recognising individuals both religious and lay, who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Nominations close at midnight on 30 June 2026. To submit a nomination: parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/



EVEN LINUS HIMSELF WAS SURPRISED AT THE HUGE CROWD THAT HAD GATHERED TO WELCOME HIM ON HIS RETURN..

SCENE 11-10

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4/5 JULY

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: ZECH 9:9-10

2ND READING: ROM 8:9, 11-13

GOSPEL: MT 11:25-30

