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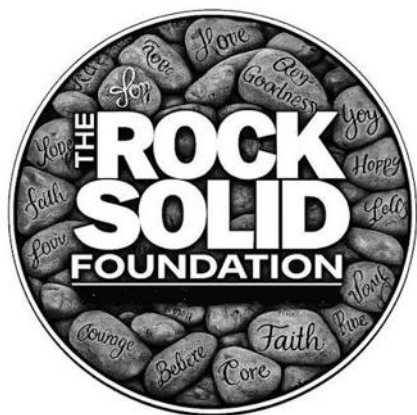
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'The sacred heart of Jesus is an open heart...' St Teresa of Kolkata

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 - 23 August 2026



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 85:1-3

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you,
my God. Have mercy on me,
O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

FIRST READING

Is 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R.v.8

*R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. *R.*
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. *R.*
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. *R.*

SECOND READING

ROM 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 16:18

*Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter,
the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out
against it. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

MT 16:13-20

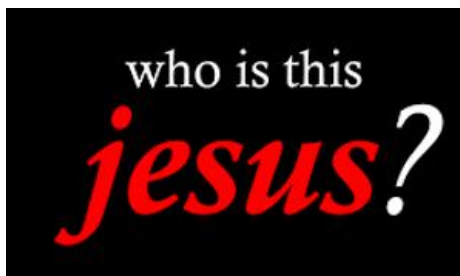
When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you:

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 103:13-15

*The earth is replete with the fruits
of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.*



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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

22 / 23 August

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 August St Bartolomew; 27 August St Monica; Memorial/s
28 August St Augustine; 29 August Passion of John the Baptist Memorial/s

29 / 30 August

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 August Tamil Community Mass 5.30pm
7-28 August Communion Service replaces daily mass Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri at 9am

8 September

Confirmation Mass

7pm

5/6 Sept—10/11 Oct Penance 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.

Penance (Reconciliation) Program - *Attendance is required at the following*

17/18 October Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses (6pm Vigil, 8am, 9.30am)
20 October Parent Meeting 7pm
28 October Groups start for 4 weeks
24 November Reconciliation Liturgy 6.30pm & 7.30pm

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

**Michael Sutherland
Theresa Anh Dang**



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 5 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 29 / 30 August

6:00pm: R. San Juan Tuason

8:00am: M. Schinella

9:30am: F. Khouri

Readers - 29 / 30 August

6:00pm: A. Enriquez / F. Cadeaux

8:00am: M. Budwee / P. Alvares

9:30am: G. Vicente / N. Emmanuel

Junior Altar Servers - 29 / 30 August

6:00pm: W. Fraser

8:00am: L. Harries

9:30am: J. Benedict / D. D'Souza

Senior Altar Servers - 29 / 30 August

6:00pm: C. San Juan

8:00am: J. Chandran

9:30am: F. Benedict

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

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Join Sacred Heart Parish Westmead in celebrating our Diamond Jubilee on

Friday 18 September 2026 at 6:30pm at Waterview Function Centre, Bicentennial Park. Following canapes on arrival, the evening includes, a three-course dinner, DJ entertainment, raffles and auctions, all funds going towards building the new parish church. Tickets are \$160 For ticket enquires, scan the QR code or see flyer in the church or on website.



Fr Walter will be away for three weeks on Annual Leave from August 7 to August 28. Daily Parish Masses will be replaced during this period by a Communion Service led by Deacon Mick Flew on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 9am.

Weekend Parish Masses will be held as usual - 6pm Vigil, 8am & 9.30am.

Today's Message

Dianne Bergant

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. The question is posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah. When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, but what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer? Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 29/30 AUGUST

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: JER 20:7-9

2ND READING: ROM 12:1-2

GOSPEL: MT 16:21-27

