



Westmead Catholic Community PARISH HEARTBEATS

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 - 22 October 2023



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 16:6, 8

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God; turn your ear to me;
hear my words.*

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING

Is 45:1. 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R.v.7

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

SECOND READING

1 THESS 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PHIL 2:15,16

**Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world
like bright stars; you are offering
it the word of life. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

MT 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 32:18-19

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those
who fear him, who hope in his merciful
love, to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.**



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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

21 / 22 October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
21 / 22 October	First Reconciliation Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend masses	
28 October	Sts Simon & Jude, apostles	Feast
28 / 29 October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
29 October	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
1 November	All Saints	Solemnity
2 November	All Souls Day Mass	7pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are looking for volunteers to parish ministry for 2023.

Contact the parish office to join our team.
Music, Readers, Altar Servers & EMOE

At Sacred Heart Westmead, Baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 11am. Please contact the parish office to book.



All Souls' Day Masses: 2 November

To commemorate All Souls' Day on

Thursday
2 November 2023

Mass will be celebrated as follows:

Sacred Heart Westmead: 7pm



Campion College is holding its inaugural festival on 28 October. Attractions include - guided campus tours, food trucks, fete stalls, children's rides, face painting, raffles and a petting zoo. All proceeds from the festival will benefit the Campion College Scholarship Fund. 10am - 4pm
8-14 Austin Woodbury Pl, Toongabbie



Westmead Catholic Community - 75 Years

The Westmead Catholic Community has boasted a continual group of dynamic and dedicated leaders and volunteers in its parish ministry since its inception. In 2001 as the parish celebrated its 50th Anniversary, Fr Brian Rooney compiled an extensive parish record from its foundation to the present. Full of reflections & memories throughout its history; the booklet *Sacred Heart Church – From Then 'till Now!* was published, detailing the many and varied recollections from those who had contributed to its ministry.



Now as we prepare to celebrate our 75th Anniversary in 2026, we invite our parish community to share memories of events and celebrations in our parish history so we may expand our records, to include not only stories or photographs from the last 25 years, but also forgotten recollections from our very beginnings. To share your reminiscences, please post, deliver or email your submissions (including photo file or print copies) to the parish office, so we may build our archive.

2023 Parish Based Sacramental Program

Dates and eligibility requirements for the Parish's 2023 Sacramental Program are published in our parish bulletin and on the parish website - www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au. The Sacramental Program is open to Catholics who have made Sacred Heart Parish their primary place of worship.



First Reconciliation Program

21/ 22 October	Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses	(attendance required)
24 October	Parent Meeting 7pm	(attendance required)
29 October	Groups start for 4 weeks	(attendance required)
28 November	Reconciliation Liturgies - 6.30pm & 7.30pm	(attendance required)

WEEK 5 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMOE - 28 / 29 October

6:00pm: R. Saldanha

8.00am: J. Nealon

9:30am: G. Vicente

Readers - 28 / 29 October

6:00pm: G. Manansala / F. Cadeaux

8.00am: M. Schinella / N. Logiotatos

9.30am: J. Macaraeg / P. Alexander

Junior Altar Servers - 28 / 29 October

6:00pm: C. Cristobal

8.00am: volunteer required

9.30am: volunteer required

Senior Altar Servers - 28 / 29 October

6:00pm: C. San Juan

8.00am: L. Burke

9.30am: N. Emmanuel

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

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

Steven Sunny
Rosemary P. Chandran
Habib El Takhi



The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

Pope Francis' new letter on the environment will be titled *Laudate Deum* (Praise God), a frequent refrain in several psalms, including Psalm 148, which tells the heavens, angels, sun and the moon to praise the Lord. The new document, is what the Pope has described as a follow-up to his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home*. The new document, he said, is "a look at what has happened" since 2015 and a look at what still "needs to be done". "The world is facing "a process of environmental degradation. But it is a problem that impacts much more than nature. It "leads down to the bottom of the ravine: Degradation of living conditions, degradation of the values that justify these living conditions, because they go together," with some people believing they are entitled to exploit natural resources and completely ignore the impact on the poor and Indigenous people. The "throwaway culture" and the "culture of abandonment" are tied. The discarded, the outcasts, are men and women, whole peoples who we leave on the street like garbage, are they not? We have to be aware that we use the wealth of nature only for small groups through socio-economic theories that do not integrate nature, the discarded."

SUNDAY'S READINGS: 29 OCTOBER

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: Ex 22:20-26

2ND READING: 1 THESS 1:5-10

GOSPEL: MT 22:34-40

