



# 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

Second Sunday of Advent

9 - 10 December 2023

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Is 30:19, 30

**O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of  
his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

## FIRST READING

Is 40:9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R.v.8

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness,  
And grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

## SECOND READING

2 PETER 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years,

and a thousand years is like a day.

The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways.

The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home.

So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mk 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

BAR 5:5, 4:36

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon  
the heights, and behold the joy  
which comes to you from God.**

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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

<b>9 / 10 December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
13 December	St Lucy	Memorial
14 December	St John of the Cross	Memorial
<b>16 / 17 December</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>16 - 24 December</b>	<b>Dawn Parish Mass</b>	<b>5.30am</b>
	<i>(no 9am Daily Parish Mass during this novena)</i>	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHRISTMAS MASS PROGRAM

<b>Dawn Masses</b>	<b>December 16 - 24</b>	<b>5.30am</b>
	<i>(no 9am Mass during this period)</i>	
<b>Christmas Eve, Dec 24</b>	<b>Mass with Nativity</b>	<b>6pm</b>
	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>12am</b>
<b>Christmas Day, Dec 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day Masses</b>	<b>8am &amp; 9.30am</b>
<b>New Years Day, Jan 1</b>	<b>New Year's Day Mass</b>	<b>9am</b>

**SVDP: Annual Parish Christmas Tree**  
Please donate to the Christmas Tree appeal by choosing a coupon and donating children's gifts, or non perishable, food and other grocery items. Collection, packaging and delivery of hampers will take place on the weekend of **16 / 17 December** - and all donations **must** be left under the tree **by** this date.



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**Bishop's Christmas Appeal 2 / 3 December**  
Support Catholic Care chaplaincy services. We have raised \$ 1900 towards our parish quota of \$ 4600. You can still donate to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via envelopes in the church or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) - specifying Westmead as your parish.

*We welcome the newly Baptised to our Christian family . . .*

Jiselle Ursino



**Junior & Senior Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians & Readers.**

**We need volunteer ministers to assist with the Christmas masses.**

**Please complete the sign up sheets in the church if you would like to assist.**



At Sacred Heart Westmead, Baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 11am. Please contact the parish office to book for 2024.



### WEEK 3 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

*Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance*

**EMoE - 16 / 17 December**

6:00pm: A. Enriquez

8.00am: M. Schinella

9:30am: G. Vicente

**Readers - 16 / 17 December**

6:00pm: R. Saldanha / G. Manansala

8.00am: N. Logiotatos

9.30am: P. Alexander / R. M. Regi

**Junior Altar Servers - 16 / 17 December**

6:00pm: M. Liew

8.00am: L. Burke

9.30am: G. Vicente / L. Vicente

**Senior Altar Servers - 16 / 17 December**

6:00pm: N. Emmanuel

8.00am: J. Chandran

9.30am: B. Fernandes

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

### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



**Celebrant:**

As we gather round the Advent wreath and prepare to light the second candle, representing peace, we pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with a sense of hope and peace.

**Leader:**

Prepare a way for the Lord!

**All: Make his paths straight!**

**Leader:**

Let every valley be filled in!

**All: Let every mountain and hill be laid low!**

**Leader:**

Straighten the winding pathways, make the rough roads smooth!

**All: That all people may see the saving power of our God!**

*(Second violet candle, representing peace, is lit.)*

**Celebrant:**

God of power and mercy, open wide the doors of our hearts in welcome to the Lord, our Emmanuel. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy and peace so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

**All: Amen**

### SUNDAY'S READINGS: 17 DECEMBER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1ST READING: Is 61:1-2, 10-11

2ND READING: 1 THESS 5:16-24

GOSPEL: JN 1:6-8, 19-28

