



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

The Epiphany of the Lord

6 - 7 January 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON MAL 3:1; 1 CHR 29:12
**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One,
has come; and kingship is in his grasp,
and power and dominion.**

FIRST READING IS 60:1-6
Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PS 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R.V.11

**R. Lord every nation on earth
will adore you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

SECOND READING EPH 3:2-3, 5-6
You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed

through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MT 2:2
**Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star
in the East; and have come to adore the
Lord. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL MT 2:1-12
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

- R.** Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON MT 2:2
**We have seen his star in the East, and
have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

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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 Burrumattagal 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

6 / 7 January	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<i>Solemnity</i>
8 January	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	<i>Feast</i>
13 / 14 January	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
14 January	<i>Tamil Pongal Celebration Mass</i>	<i>11.30am</i>
16, 17, 22 & 30 January	<i>No 9am Daily Parish Mass</i>	
23 December 2023 - 9 January 2024		<i>Parish office closed</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish office will be closed from 23 December 2023 to 9 January 2024 and operate on reduced hours from 10 - 31 January 2024. It will return to regular 10am - 4pm Tuesday to Friday hours from 1 February 2024. For matters of importance during this time please email: office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au or telephone: 9635 9262 to leave a message.



Please note there will be no 9am Daily Parish on the following dates:

- Tuesday 16 January
- Wednesday 17 January
- Monday 22 January
- Tuesday 30 January
- Friday 2 February



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

*Fahd Family
Gittany Family*



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.



2024 Parish Based Sacramental Program

Dates and eligibility requirements for the Parish's 2024 Sacramental Program will soon be 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.

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| Commencing March | Sacrament of 1st Eucharist |
| Commencing June | Sacrament of Confirmation |
| Commencing September | Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation |

VIGIL MASS - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 6 JANUARY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: VIGIL	BAR 5:5	GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	MT 2:2
<i>Arise, Jerusalem and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.</i>		<i>Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!</i>	
FIRST READING: VIGIL	Is 60:1-6	GOSPEL	MT 2:1-12
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: VIGIL		COMMUNION ANTIPHON	REV 21:25
Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13		<i>The brightness of God illuminated the holy city Jerusalem and the nations will walk by its light.</i>	
<i>R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</i>			
SECOND READING	EPH 3:2-3, 5-6		



WEEK 2 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 13 / 14 January

- 6:00pm: O. Nagel
- 8.00am: P. Vo
- 9:30am: M. D'Souza

Readers - 13 / 14 January

- 6:00pm: A. Pinto / A. Pinto
- 8.00am: V. Kastoun / L. Eid
- 9.30am: J. D'Souza / A. Sutanto

Junior Altar Servers - 13 / 14 January

- 6:00pm: A. Esterado / M. San Juan
- 8.00am: L. Burke
- 9.30am: L. Vicente

Senior Altar Servers - 13 / 14 January

- 6:00pm: J. Nagel
- 8.00am: D. Howse
- 9.30am: G. Vicente

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

Businesses, Organisations or Individuals

To help offset our bulletin printing costs, we are making space available for advertisements. To enquire about weekly or monthly 2024 rates; call or email the Parish Office. Limited space is available.



The Good News *(excerpt from CathNews)*

In anticipation of the Church's 2025 Jubilee Year, the city of Rome has unveiled a major infrastructure project that will create a pedestrian pathway from St Peter's Square to Castel Sant'Angelo. The city's mayor is calling the project an "embrace" between Italy and the Vatican. The infrastructure developments are in preparation for an estimated 35 million pilgrims headed to the eternal city for the yearlong "Jubilee of Hope". When the Vatican announces a Jubilee Year, the faithful are invited to take part in the spiritual benefits offered by the Church, including passing through the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome – which only the pope himself opens – in order to receive an indulgence. The proposed infrastructure developments will include the "redevelopment and pedestrianisation" of the Piazza Pia, which will connect the Castel Sant'Angelo to the famous road leading to the Vatican, the via della Conciliazione.

Castel Sant'Angelo is a historic structure with a marble statue of St Michael the Archangel atop it and is located on the edge of the piazza. It was formerly a mausoleum commissioned by the Roman Emperor Hadrian and later became a papal fortress connected to St Peter's. Construction is anticipated to be completed by Christmas 2024.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 14 JANUARY

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1ST READING: 1 SAM 3:3-10, 19
- 2ND READING: 1 COR 6:13-15, 17-20
- GOSPEL: JN 1:35-42

