



# 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 - 25 August 2024

## SPIRIT OF LIFE

### 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

JOSH 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R.v.9

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance  
from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**
3. They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed  
he will save. **R.**
4. Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him  
shall not be condemned. **R.**

### SECOND READING

EPH 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 6:63. 68

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord,  
are spirit and life: you have the words  
of everlasting life. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

JN 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### 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.**

## PARISH CONTACTS

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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

24 / 25 August

25 August

27 August St Monica

29 August

31 August / 1 September

1 September

19 - 31 August

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tamil Mass

5.30pm

28 August St Augustine

Passion of St John the Baptist

Memorial/s

Memorial

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fathers Day

No 9am Daily Parish Mass

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Bishop Kevin Manning**

**Michael Sutherland**



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.



Dates and eligibility requirements for the **Parish's 2024 Sacramental Program** are published in our parish bulletin & on our website - [www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au](http://www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au)

### Reconciliation Program

7/8 September - 12/13 October	Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses	
19/20 October	Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses	(attendance required)
22 October	Parent Meeting	7pm (attendance required)
27 October	Groups start for 4 weeks	(attendance required at assigned 4 sessions)
26 November	Reconciliation Liturgies	6.30pm & 7.30pm (attendance required)



## WEEK 1 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr John you are in attendance

**EMoE - 31 Aug / 1 September**

6:00pm: R. Tuason San Juan

8.00am: M. Schinella

9:30am: F. Khouri

**Readers - 31 Aug / 1 September**

6:00pm: J. Cicchini / A. Enriquez

8.00am: A. Priya / M. Budwee

9.30am: C. Khouri / C. Esterado

**Junior Altar Servers - 31 Aug / 1 September**

6:00pm: C. Cristobal / S. D'Souza

8.00am: A. Dave

9.30am: G. Vicente / L. Vicente

**Senior Altar Servers - 31 Aug / 1 September**

6:00pm: B. Fernandes

8.00am: J. Chandran

9.30am: N. Emmanuel

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

Sacred Heart Parish Hall will operate as a polling centre for the Local Council elections on Saturday 14 September 2024.



### Fr Walter extended leave

Due to hospitalisation & surgery in June, Fr Walter will not be returning to active ministry until 2 September. Fr John will finish his time with us on the weekend of 17/18 August.

### There will be no Daily Parish Mass from August 19 - August 31.

Weekend parish Mass will be held as usual, with visiting priests.



### Sacred Heart Westmead Catechists

Are you interested in joining our parish Catechist team? We are looking for new volunteers to this vital & rewarding ministry. Only half an hour on each Thursday during school terms. Please contact Laura Eid: lauraeid1955@icloud.com

**We are looking for volunteers to parish ministry for 2024/25.**

**Altar Servers, Catechists, Collectors, Hospitality, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers & Readers.**



The **Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired & Sick Priests** will be held the weekend of **31 August / 1 September 4**. This annual appeal raises much needed funds for the Diocesan Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal via the church envelopes or online at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)



### New 'Tap & Go' devices have been installed in our church.

To make a preset donation, select from either \$5, \$10 or \$20, or enter the amount of your choice.

Then tap your card on the contactless logo to complete.

We thank you  
for your support of  
Sacred Heart Parish Westmead



### The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

When Bethany Valente views her portrayal of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, she will be feeling gratitude more than any other emotion. Beyond feeling "thankful to God" for the chance to be asked by Shalom World Media to play the saint in Glorious Lives: Mary MacKillop, Australia's First Saint, the 15-year-old said God's promptings to take on the voluntary role do so were 'divine providence'. "Portraying Mary MacKillop helped me become more docile to the workings of the Holy Spirit. He asks of me more than I can expect but it's never too much. It was and is such a humbling experience to be the one representing this great saint." The teen said if St Mary of the Cross "could do small things with great love," then she too can "try a lot harder". The show was filmed mostly on Bethany's family property in Inglewood, in the Toowoomba Diocese and in St Mary's Church, Warwick. Dan Manahan played the role of Bishop Joseph Shiel, who excommunicated Mary MacKillop in 1871. He said it was a joy to be in the room with Bethany, and other young people, who wanted to do their absolute best and were very passionate about their faith. The role has influenced Bethany's discernment to a religious vocation. "I believe I am called to religious life. (And) I need to give myself as much as Mary MacKillop gave herself, to her vocation."

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 31 AUG / 1 SEPT

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: DEUT 4:1-2, 6-8

2ND READING: JAMES 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

GOSPEL: MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

