



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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 - 5 November 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING

MAL 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.

3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.

SECOND READING

1 THESS 2:7-9. 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is,

God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 15:11

R. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O 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

4 / 5 November	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	
10 November	St Leo the Great	Memorial
11 November	St Martin of Tours	Memorial
11 / 12 November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
26 November	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
28 November	First Reconciliation Liturgy/s	6.30pm & 7.30pm
13 - 24 November	No 9am Daily Parish Mass	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to share God's love through ministry and offer your commitment for the next 12 months. Sebastian shares why he ministers in the parish of Sacred Heart.

"It provides me and my family a deeper connection to the Parish, and an outlet to serve others in gratitude."

Please complete the **Commitment to Ministry Form** available to download from our website or in the Church; and return the completed form to the Parish Office, via email at office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au or via either collection plate by Wednesday 22 November. Please see Fr Walter if you have any questions about ministry at Sacred Heart.

WEEK 2 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 11 / 12 November

6:00pm: R. Tuason

8:00am: P. Vo

9:30am: M. Kastoun

Readers - 11 / 12 November

6:00pm: A. Pinto / A. Pinto

8:00am: V. Kastoun / L. Eid

9:30am: A. Sutanto

Junior Altar Servers - 11 / 12 November

6:00pm: S. Dsouza / A. Esterado

8:00am: *volunteer required*

9:30am: G. Vicente / L. Vicente

Senior Altar Servers - 11 / 12 November

6:00pm: C. San Juan

8:00am: D. Howse

9:30am: *volunteer required*

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

'In Memoriam': for the month of November

IN MEMORIAM



November is a special time to pray for the faithful departed.

The Church encourages the offering of prayers or Masses. Envelopes are available in the church for all those wishing to offer Mass for deceased loved ones during November. All Mass intentions will be recorded in our 'In Memoriam' booklet present in the church.

The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

Pope Francis has commended the "little greatness" of St Thérèse of Lisieux in a new message focusing on the 19th-century Carmelite's relevance for the Church today. St Thérèse's "genius consists in leading us to what is central, essential and indispensable," the Pope wrote in an apostolic letter.

The young saint, whose life and writings focused on love and following a "little way" of holiness, "shows that, while it is true that all the Church's teachings and rules have their importance, their value, their clarity, some are more urgent and more foundational for the Christian life", he said. "From heaven to earth, the timely witness of St Therese endures in all the grandeur of her little way," Francis wrote." St Thérèse of Lisieux, also called St Thérèse of the Child Jesus & the Holy Face, or "The Little Flower," was a French Carmelite nun who died in 1897 from tuberculosis at the age of 24. One of the Church's most beloved saints, she was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1997, an honour granted to only 37 saints. In her autobiography Story of a Soul, St Thérèse recounted her "little way" of holiness and her desire to spend heaven "doing good on earth." She is a patron saint of missionaries and her liturgical feast is October 1.

SUNDAY'S READINGS: 12 NOVEMBER

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: WIS 6:12-16

2ND READING: 1 THESS 4:13-18

GOSPEL: MT 25:1-13



SHARING GOD'S LOVE AT SACRED HEART

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



We welcome the newly Baptised to our Christian family . .

Finn Heckenberg



Fr Walter - Annual Retreat

Fr Walter will be away for two weeks on Retreat from 13 - 24 November. Daily Parish Masses will be cancelled during this period.

Weekend Parish Masses will be held as usual.



Parramatta Diocesan Medal of Honour

Congratulations to our Sacred Heart parishioners, who were honoured for their service to our parish and diocesan community.

John Chandran and Brian Nealon and Jan Nealon, were each awarded the Diocesan Medal of Honour by Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFM Conv at the ceremony at St Patricks Cathedral on 1 November 2023.



Due to staff leave the parish office will be closed on Thursday 30 November.

For matters of importance during this time please email:

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