



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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 - 19 November 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

JER 29:11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING

PROV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 127:1-5. R.V.1

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

SECOND READING

1 THESS 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 15:4, 5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MT 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PS 72:28

**To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God 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 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

18 / 19 November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
21 November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial
22 November St Cecilia	24 November St Andrew Dung-Lac	Memorial
25 / 26 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Solemnity	
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 serve God through ministry and offer your commitment for the next 12 months. Mary shares why she ministers in the parish of Sacred Heart.

"It is in giving that you receive, and watching the joy on the faces of the parishioners as they receive the most precious gift, the body of Christ, is a true privilege."

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.



SHARING GOD'S LOVE AT SACRED HEART

You are invited to share God's love through ministry and offer your commitment for the next 12 months

WEEK 4 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 25 / 26 November

6:00pm: J. Halligan

8:00am: T. Vo

9:30am: J. Macaraeg

Readers - 25 / 26 November

6:00pm: F. Cadeaux / A. Halligan

8:00am: S. Turaka / C. Burke

9:30am: J. Paul / M. Kastoun

Junior Altar Servers - 25 / 26 November

6:00pm: T. Fraser / W. Fraser

8:00am: *volunteer required*

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

Senior Altar Servers - 25 / 26 November

6:00pm: C. San Juan

8:00am: L. Burke

9:30am: F. Benedict

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.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal 25 / 26 November

Your gift to the Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our Catholic Care chaplaincy services, offering hope and comfort to those in hospitals, prisons, and difficult circumstances.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via envelopes in the church or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal - specifying Westmead as your parish.



Due to staff leave the parish office will be closed on Thursday 30 November. For matters of importance email: office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au or phone: 9635 9262 to leave a message.



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.

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



The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

On the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi setting up the first Nativity scene; the creche in St Peter's Square in 2023 will come from the Italian Diocese of Rieti, and pay tribute to the scene set up in that diocese in 1223. The original St Francis' Nativity scene (in a cave in Greccio) featured live animals, but the one to be unveiled in St Peter's Square on December 9 will not. The scene however, will also be simple: Mary & Joseph & the baby Jesus, some shepherds, and figures representing nobleman Giovanni Velita with his wife Alticama, and the three Franciscan friars who, (at St Francis' behest), put a hay-filled manger, an ox and a donkey in a grotto where the local faithful could come to pray. There will also be a copy of the fresco that now decorates that grotto in Greccio. One half shows St Francis kneeling in adoration of the baby Jesus while Franciscan friars celebrate Mass; the other half shows Mary feeding the newborn saviour while St Joseph, the ox and the donkey look on. The Rieti Diocese is also providing a Nativity scene for the Paul VI Audience Hall. Made of blown glass it will feature both St Francis and St Clare.

SUNDAY'S READINGS: 26 NOVEMBER

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF UNIVERSE

1ST READING: EZEK 34:11-12, 15-17

2ND READING: 1 COR 15:20-26

GOSPEL: MT 25:31-46

