



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

First Sunday of Advent

2 - 3 December 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be
put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult
over me; and let none who hope in you
be put to shame.*

FIRST READING

Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you
would tear the heavens open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god
but you act like this for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity and
keep your ways in mind. You were angry
when we were sinners; we had long been
rebels against you. We were all like men
unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy
clothing. We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name or roused himself
to catch hold of you. For you hid your face
from us and gave us up to the power of our
sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter, we are all the
work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R.v.4

*R. Lord, make us turn to you, Let us
see your face and we shall be saved.*

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

R.

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

R.

3. May your hand
be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life
that we may call upon your name.

R.

Ps 24:1-3

SECOND READING

1 COR 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace. I never stop
thanking God for all the graces you have
received through Jesus Christ. I thank him
that you have been enriched in so many ways,
especially in your teachers and preachers;
the witness to Christ has indeed been strong
among you so that you will not be without any
of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting
for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed;
and he will keep you steady and without
blame until the last day, the day of our
Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling
you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ;
and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

*Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your
mercy and love, and grant us your
salvation. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

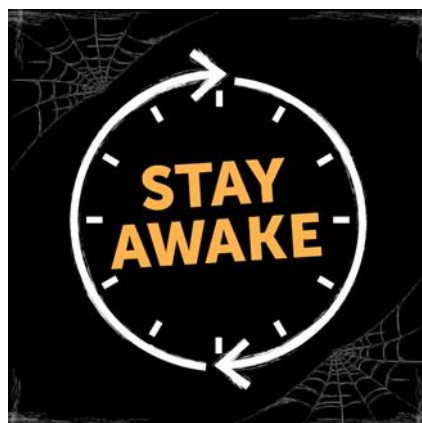
Mk 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard,
stay awake, because you never know when
the time will come. It is like a man travelling
abroad: he has gone from home, and left his
servants in charge, each with his own task;
and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.
So stay awake, because you do not know when
the master of the house is coming, evening,
midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes
unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.
And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 84:13

*The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our
earth shall yield its increase.*



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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)

ANOIDING 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

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| 2 / 3 December | First Sunday of Advent | |
| 7 December | St Ambrose | Memorial |
| 8 December | Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary | Solemnity |
| 9 / 10 December | Second Sunday of Advent | |
| 16 - 24 December | Dawn Parish Mass | 5.30am |
| | <i>(no 9am Daily Parish Mass during this novena)</i> | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS MASS PROGRAM

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

St Vincent de Paul Society Appeal: Parish Christmas Tree

At Christmas the Parish Vincentian Conference anticipates a need for hampers for needy families & adults. The annual Christmas Tree appeal will commence the weekend of 2 / 3 December. Parishioners are asked to support the work of the Society by choosing a coupon and donating children's gifts, or non perishable, food and other grocery items to this appeal. Cards will be hung on the tree with a description of the person we wish to help, and parishioners are invited to take a card home, purchase a gift for the person or the listed product and return it to the tree during Advent. 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 **before** this date.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



Bishop's Christmas Appeal 2 / 3 December

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/

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

Melvin Joseph



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 2 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 9 / 10 December

6:00pm: R. Tuason
8:00am: P. Vo
9:30am: M. Kastoun

Readers - 9 / 10 December

6:00pm: A. Pinto / A. Pinto
8:00am: L. Eid / V. Kastoun
9:30am: A. Sutanto

Junior Altar Servers - 9 / 10 December

6:00pm: S. Dsouza / A. Esterado
8:00am: *volunteer required*
9:30am: G. Vicente / L. Vicente

Senior Altar Servers - 9 / 10 December

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.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



Celebrant: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, send your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who gather around it may prepare our hearts for the Coming of Christ, and may receive from you abundant graces. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

(Light first violet candle, representing HOPE)

Leader: May the wreath's circle of green leaves which has no beginning and no end, be a sign for us of our place in eternal time and of God's never ending love for us.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Leader: As we light these candles each week, may our hearts be stirred with hope and expectations at the coming of Jesus.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Leader: May Jesus find us awake and watchful, praying at all times, our lives marked by deeds of love, justice and mercy.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Celebrant:

God of integrity and hope, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We make this prayer in his name and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS: 10 DECEMBER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1ST READING: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2ND READING: 2 PET 3:8-14

GOSPEL: Mk 1:1-8

