



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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 August - 1 September 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.*

*O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.*

FIRST READING

DEUT 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R.V.1

*R. The just will live
in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

JAMES 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Ps 85:3, 5

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 1:18

*Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us
birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his
creation. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

MK 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 30:20

*How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.*

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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.

Obeying What
God Commands

PARISH DIARY DATES

31 August / 1 September 1 September	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Fathers Day	
3 September	St Gregory the Great	Memorial
7 / 8 September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
10 September	Confirmation Mass	7pm
29 September	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
7/8 Sept. - 12/13 Oct.	Reconciliation Enrolment forms available at weekend masses	

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

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)



Sacred Heart Westmead warmly welcomes our Parish Priest, Fr Walter back from leave on 2 September. We wish him every blessing as he returns to guide our parish family.

We are excited to continue our journey in faith with him and work together to achieve new milestones in our parish community.



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



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*



WEEK 2 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 7 / 8 September

6:00pm: O. Nagel
8:00am: P. Vo
9:30am: M. D'Souza

Readers - 7 / 8 September

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

Junior Altar Servers - 7 / 8 September

6:00pm: A. Esterado / M. San Juan
8:00am: L. Burke
9:30am: L. Vicente

Senior Altar Servers - 7 / 8 September

6:00pm: J. Nagel
8:00am: J. Chandran
9:30am: G. Vicente

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.



The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

"My first memory of the thought of priesthood came to me in prayer when I was 15 and asking God to help me to become an AFL commentator", writes Sandhurst priest Fr Jackson Saunders. "At that time, I would never have imagined that, 18 years later, I would be serving as a priest and continuing to work as a sports broadcaster on radio. I wanted to pursue a professional calling career but, in fact, found another divine calling. I am very blessed now to serve as the AP of St Brendan's, Shepparton and as a football & cricket commentator on 98.5 ONE FM in the Goulburn Valley. Throughout the football season, I juggle radio and parish commitments. Most weekends I commentate a football game on a Saturday and/or Sunday afternoon. The commentators and listeners are fascinated by the schedule I may have before or after games in the parish. This can include Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals or hospital visits for end-of-life pastoral care. Small insights into these moments often come out live on-air, which raise awareness about my vocation and our Catholic faith. While my intention in broadcasting sport is to provide an engaging and informative commentary for listeners, I find that this work has also become a ministry. It is an opportunity for me to witness to my faith and vocation. Other commentators do much of the evangelising for me through light-hearted comments during the sports broadcasts. I have discovered in my prayer and life experiences that God wants me to continue to use this talent that he has entrusted to me as part of my ministry."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 7 / 8 SEPTEMBER

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: Is 35:4-7

2ND READING: JAMES 2:1-5

GOSPEL: Mk 7:31-37

