



# 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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 - 8 September 2024

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 118:137, 124

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

## FIRST READING

Is 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.1

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

R.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

R.

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

R.

## SECOND READING

JAMES 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

YOU HEARD,  
BUT DID YOU  
LISTEN?

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 41:2-3

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**



## 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 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

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|--------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>7 / 8 September</b>   | <b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                        |               |
| <b>10 September</b>      | <b>Confirmation Mass</b>                                   | <b>7pm</b>    |
| 13 September             | St John Chrysostom   | Memorial      |
| 14 September             | Exaltation of the Holy Cross                               | Feast         |
| <b>14 / 15 September</b> | <b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                        |               |
| <b>29 September</b>      | <b>Tamil Mass</b>  | <b>5.30pm</b> |
| 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](http://www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au)

### Reconciliation Program

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 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. 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** was 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)



### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 28 September at

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout September and October. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)



Office for Safeguarding

## WEEK 3 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

**EMoE - 14 / 15 September**

6:00pm: S. Sutherland

8:00am: J. Nealon

9:30am: M. Kastoun

**Readers - 14 / 15 September**

6:00pm: F. Cadeaux / *volunteer required*

8:00am: *volunteer required* / M. Schinella

9:30am: R. M. Regi / P. Alexander

**Junior Altar Servers - 14 / 15 September**

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

8:00am: *volunteer required*

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

**Senior Altar Servers - 14 / 15 September**

6:00pm: P. Sicat

8:00am: D. Howse

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.



### The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

Schools across Sydney brought music to the streets of Parramatta as part of an annual SVDP initiative. *Busking for Vinnies* has been a long-standing community outreach event, supported by Parramatta Council, held by the SVDP NSW annually in Parramatta since the 1990s to raise awareness of the society's services in the region. Several diocesan high schools participated in the *Busking for Vinnies* event at Centenary Square in Parramatta. "We're delighted to be hosting *Busking for Vinnies* once again to highlight the musical talents of schools in the community," said Ashvini Ambihaipahar of SVDP NSW. "It's wonderful to have Our Lady of Mercy College (Parramatta), Mt Saint Benedict College (Pennant Hills) and St Edmund's College (Wahroonga) back for another year, as well as welcoming Parramatta Marist High School (Westmead) and St John Paul II Catholic College (Schofields) on board for the first time. It's also a great way for Vinnies to engage with the local community and showcase the services that are available for people to access in the area, including our van services and support centres."

SVDP NSW members supported close to 11,000 people across Greater Western Sydney over the past financial year. Demand for support in the region increased by 24 % from the previous year with close to half of the people assisted experiencing housing stress and more than a third requesting assistance for the first time.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 14/15 SEPTEMBER

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: IS 50:5-9

2ND READING: JAMES 2:14-18

GOSPEL: MK 8:27-35



### Francis



NCRonline.org/cartoons