



Westmead Catholic Community PARISH HEARTBEATS

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'The sacred heart of Jesus is an open heart...' St Teresa of Kolkata

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 - 3 November 2024

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

DEUT 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R.v.2

R. I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed.

SECOND READING

HEB 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself.

The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mk 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 15:11

**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

2 / 3 November	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	
2 November	All Souls Day Mass	9am
4 November	St Charles Borromeo	Memorial
9 / 10 November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
6 - 14 November	No 9am Daily Mass	
24 November	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
26 November	Reconciliation Liturgy	7pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased and those we remember at this time . . .



At Sacred Heart Westmead, **Baptism** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 11am. Please contact the parish office to book for 2024/2025.



'In Memoriam': for the month of November

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 in the church.

IN MEMORIAM



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

27 October	Groups start for 4 weeks	<i>(attendance required at assigned 4 sessions)</i>
26 November	Reconciliation Liturgy	7pm <i>(attendance required)</i>

All Souls' Day Mass: 2 November

To commemorate All Souls' Day on **Saturday 2 November 2024** Mass will be celebrated as follows:



Sacred Heart Westmead: 9am (only)

Bishop's Christmas Appeal 30 November / 1 December

Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will raise funds to support **CatholicCare's Houses to Homes**, which provides transitional housing & essential support services for young pregnant & parenting women, aged 16 to 25, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Please donate to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via envelopes in the church or online (specifying Westmead as your parish) at: parracatholic.org/appeal

Parramatta Street Feast: 13 November
Come & share a free meal, entertainment & company in a spirit of friendship & solidarity: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta parracatholic.org/streetfeast

Fr Walter - Retreat

Fr Walter will be away on retreat from November 6 to 14. Daily Parish Masses will be cancelled during this period.

Weekend Parish Masses will be held as usual.



WEEK 2 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 9 / 10 November

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

Readers - 9 / 10 November

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

Junior Altar Servers - 9 / 10 November

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

Senior Altar Servers - 9 / 10 November

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.

'Tap & Go' devices are installed in our church. Select an amount and tap your card on the logo to donate.



We thank you for your support of Sacred Heart Westmead

The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

Brisbane Deacon Adam Walk says the Church calls permanent deacons from all corners of society – and that is their strength. "In Brisbane, we have a very diverse group of deacons. We're encouraged to use our gifts in ways that are meaningful and impactful. There's no rigid structure saying you must do ministry in a particular way. It's really about discerning what you're called to do and making the most of your talents." The Catholic diaconate is a permanent order of ordained ministry within the Church, distinct from both the priesthood and the laity. Deacons are ministers of the Church, ordained by a bishop and serve by proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, distributing the Eucharist, baptising and assisting at weddings and funerals. They may also be involved in various ministries, such as social justice, prison ministry, or youth ministry. Deacons may be married or single and have the full support of their spouse and family to pursue this vocation. Deacon Walk said permanent deacons are out there in the world, and their lives and actions serve as witness to their faith, adding that the age and experience of candidates was an asset for the Church, too. "Most come into the role after living and working in the world for many years. Many of us have families, and that brings a certain perspective. We've had to balance work, family, and faith, which gives us a deeper understanding of the struggles people face in their everyday lives. A lot of our ministry happens outside of the Church walls, in workplaces, homes, and communities. We serve as a bridge between the Church and the world."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 9/10 NOVEMBER

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: 1 KG 17:10-16

2ND READING: HEB 9:24-38

GOSPEL: MK 12:38-44

