



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 - 19 January 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.*

FIRST READING

NEH 8:2-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. J N 6:63

R. Your words, Lord are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock!

Ps 95:1, 6

SECOND READING - SHORTER FORM

1 COR 12:12-14, 27

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 4:18

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me
to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 33:6

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.**

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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

25 / 26 January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
26 January	Australia Day	
26 January	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
28 January	St Thomas Aquinas	Memorial
31 January	St John Bosco	Memorial
1 / 2 February	Presentation of the Lord	Feast
6 - 31 January	Parish Office Open - Tuesdays & Wednesdays	
31 January	Staff Mass (Mother Tereza Primary & Sacred Heart Primary)	9.00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish office will operate on reduced hours during January 2025. If the office is unattended during this time for any matters of importance; to leave a message - Ph: 9635 9262 or email: office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au



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



Dates and eligibility requirements for the **Parish's 2025 Sacramental Program** will be published in our parish bulletin & are listed on our website - www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au. Enrolment Forms will be available:

Eucharist - March 2025 Confirmation - June 2025 Penance - September 2025

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

Agnese Saccoman



Creator God
 We live in a country of many faces: mountains, rainforests, rivers, deserts, beaches, plains and cityscapes. A land of contrast and diversity. A land of Extraordinary beauty. An ancient land writ large with culture and wisdom. May we be open to your call to share our resources with those in need, to protect our environment and to build inclusive and just structures for our citizens and those who visit our country. We thank you God of the universe for the blessing of this great continent. May we be a blessing to others as we are blessed by the beauty of the land around us. Amen.

Westmead Catholic Community - 75 Years in February 2026

As we prepare to celebrate our 75th Anniversary in 2026, we invite our parish community to share more memories of celebrations and events in our parish history; and also details of those who have served in various ministries at our parish over its history. Then we can expand our records, to compile a more complete picture of our parish from our very beginnings. To share your stories or photographs; please post, deliver or email your submissions to the parish office, so we may continue to build our archive.

This month's highlighted ministries - Parish Secretary & Sacramental Coordinator. Who are those who have helped out in our parish office over the years? And when were they here?



WEEK 1 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 1 / 2 February

6:00pm: R. San Juan Tuason
 8.00am: M. Schinella
 9:30am: F. Khouri

Readers - 1 / 2 February

6:00pm: A. Enriquez / F. Cadeaux
 8.00am M. Budwee / A. Priya
 9.30am: C. Esterado / C. Khouri

Junior Altar Servers - 1 / 2 February

6:00pm: W. Fraser / J. Braganza
 8.00am: A. Dave
 9.30am: J. Farah / N. Farah

Senior Altar Servers - 1 / 2 February

6:00pm: T. Fraser
 8.00am: J. Chandran
 9.30am: N. Emmanuel

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.



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for your support of
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Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

It is a day to reflect on what we have achieved and what we can be proud of in our great nation. It is a day for us to re-commit to making Australia an even better place for the future. The Story of Australia, is the story of an extraordinary nation. While the Story begins 60,000 years ago with Our First Peoples, the traditional custodians of our beautiful lands and waterways, new chapters are written every day. Our national day provides an opportunity to acknowledge and learn about our nation's past. On Australia Day, we reflect on our history, its highs and its lows. We respect the stories of others, and we celebrate our nation, its achievements and most of all, its people. For many, Australia Day is about celebrating the values, freedoms and pastimes of our country. It's a time for cricket & BBQs in the backyard, a drink with mates, a day at the beach, or picnics in the park. In present-day Australia, celebrations also reflect the diverse society & landscape of the nation and are marked by community & family events. Our national Australian Symbols include: The Australian flag, with the stars of the Southern Cross, the national anthem, *Advance Australia Fair*, and other unofficial anthems, *Waltzing Matilda* & *I Still Call Australia Home*, the Golden Wattle - our floral emblem, the opal - our gemstone, and our national colours of green & gold.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 1 / 2 FEBRUARY

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

1ST READING: MAL 3:1-4

2ND READING: HEB 2:14-18

GOSPEL: LK 2:22-40

