



Westmead Catholic Community **PARISH HEARTBEATS**

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 - 24 August 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING

Is 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116. R.Mk 16:15

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

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SECOND READING

HEB 12:5-7, 11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Friday: 9.30am - 4pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 10am - 3pm

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 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

23 / 24 August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time		
27 August	St Monica;	28 August	St Augustine
29 August	Passion of St John the Baptist		Memorial/s Memorial
30 / 31 August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
31 August	Tamil Mass		5.30pm
7 - 28 August	No 9am Daily Parish Mass		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Full dates and eligibility requirements for the **Parish's 2025 Sacramental Program** are listed on our website - www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au.

Confirmation Program - *Currently underway*

9 September Confirmation Mass 7pm

Penance (Reconciliation) Program

6/7 Sept - 11/12 Oct Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses

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

**Bill Eltakhi
Pat O'Flynn
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 2025.



Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express your interest by 25 August 2025, visit: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/acyf/>

Due to Fr Walters's annual leave, there will be no Daily Parish mass from Thursday 7 August to Thursday 28 August 2025



Due to a power outage, the parish office will be closed on Tuesday 26 August 2025



Westmead Catholic Community - 75 Years in February 2026

The Parish Office is busily archiving and updating our parish history. So much of that which has shaped our parish community cannot be found in books or even in online resources, but in the hearts and memories of those who have been a part of its evolution.

Now as we prepare to celebrate our 75th Anniversary in 2026, we invite those in our parish community to share recollections of special celebrations and events in our parish history; and also details of those who have served in ministry at our parish over its history. It will be through these extra details that we can compile a more complete picture of our parish from our very beginnings.

If you would like to participate in the interview process, please contact Virginia at the parish office; or to share your stories or photographs, please post, deliver or email your submissions, so we may continue to expand our archive.



WEEK 5 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 30 / 31 August

6:00pm: R. Tuason San Juan
8.00am: P. Alvares
9:30am: F. Khouri

Readers - 30 / 31 August

6:00pm: A. Enriquez / *volunteer required*
8.00am A. Priya / M. Schinella
9.30am: G. Vicente / N. Emmanuel

Junior Altar Servers - 30 / 31 August

6:00pm: T. Fraser / W. Fraser
8.00am: A. Dave
9.30am: J. Benedict / D. D'Souza

Senior Altar Servers - 30 / 31 August

6:00pm: C. San Juan
8.00am: D. Howse
9.30am: F. Benedict

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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Today's Message

(Reflection by Greg Sunter)

Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.' These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that. We can't all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon. To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 30/ 31 AUGUST

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1ST READING: SIR 3:17-20, 28-29
2ND READING: HEB 12:18-19, 22-24
GOSPEL: LK 14:1, 7-14

