



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 - 21 September 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*I am the salvation of the people,
says the Lord.*

*Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them,
and I will be their Lord for ever.*

FIRST READING

AMOS 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R.v1. 7

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **R.**
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 TIM 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 COR 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LK 16:1-3

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." 'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PS 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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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)

ANOIDING 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

20 / 21 September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
23 September	St Pius of Pietrelcina	Memorial
27 September	St Vincent de Paul	Memorial
27 / 28 September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
28 September	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
6/7 Sept - 11/12 Oct	Penance Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

6/7 Sept - 11/12 Oct Penance (Reconciliation) Enrolment forms available weekend Masses

Penance (Reconciliation) Program - Attendance is required at the following

18/19 October	Enrolment Ceremonies at one weekend Mass (6pm Vigil, 8am or 9.30am)	
21 October	Parent Meeting	7pm
29 October	Groups start for 4 weeks	
25 November	Penance (Reconciliation) Liturgies	6.30pm & 7.30pm

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.



Due to school graduations, there will be no Daily Parish masses on the following dates:

Tuesday 23 September 2025

Friday 26 September 2025

On Wednesday 24 September Sacred Heart Primary will join our parish mass to celebrate Mercy Day



Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at 2pm on Sunday 26 October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will celebrate the Mass, followed by a light lunch.

Register by 20 October:
0488 000 211
marriage@parracatholic.org



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 4 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 27 / 28 September

6:00pm: A. Enriquez

8.00am: T. Vo

9:30am: G. Vicente

Readers - 27 / 28 September

6:00pm: J. Braganza / I. Liew

8.00am: S. Turaka / C. Burke

9.30am: J. Paul / M. Kastoun

Junior Altar Servers - 27 / 28 September

6:00pm: M. Liew / J. Braganza

8.00am: J. Kingston

9.30am: J. Benedict / D. D'Souza

Senior Altar Servers - 27 / 28 September

6:00pm: P. Sicut

8.00am: J. Chandran

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.



*We thank you
for your support of
Sacred Heart Westmead*



The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

A Vatican-commissioned sculpture by Canadian artist Timothy P Schmalz titled *Be Welcoming* was installed in St Peter's Square this year in the hopes of inspiring people to open their hearts to the poor. Schmalz's bronze statue – located near the Showers for the Poor and the Mother of Mercy Clinic in the colonnade of St Peter's Square – depicts a man seated on a bench "who appears to be a homeless person" carrying only two possessions: a full backpack on his shoulder and a stick in one hand. The Vatican's Dicastery for the Service of Charity said: "This stranger turns into an angel when you look at the other side of the sculpture: the roughness of his clothes becomes smooth, the bag he carries turns into wings and the hood turns into hair." Known for creating artworks that interact with its viewers, Schmalz's "invites you to sit next to him," to contemplate the word of God and inspire people to carry out works of charity. Schmalz's installation is a "visual interpretation of a verse from the Letter to the Hebrews: 'Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some have unknowingly entertained angels' (Heb 13:2). "We are all invited to open our hearts because only then will we have the opportunity to see others as they really are, people with their humanity."



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 27/28 SEPTEMBER

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: AMOS 6:1, 4-7

2ND READING: 1 TIM 6:11-16

GOSPEL: LK 16:19-31

