



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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 - 28 September 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON DAN 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty
of your mercy.*

FIRST READING AMOS 6:1-4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those
ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who
feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their
divans, they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound
of the harp, they invent new instruments of
music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at
all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 145:6-10. R.V.2

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 bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. He 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 1 TIM 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be
saintly and religious, filled with faith and love,
patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the
faith and win for yourself the eternal life to
which you were called when you made your
profession and spoke up for the truth in front
of many witnesses. Now, before God the source
of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up
as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius
Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that
you have been told, with no faults or failures,
until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who at the due time will be revealed by God,
the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings
and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal,

whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no
man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich
man who used to dress in purple and fine linen
and feast magnificently every day. And at his
gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus,
covered with sores, who longed to fill himself
with the scraps that fell from the rich man's
table. Dogs even came and licked his sores.
Now the poor man died and was carried away by
angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man
also died and was buried. 'In his torment
in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long
way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried
out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send
Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water
and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these
flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember
that during your life good things come your way,
just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.
Now he is being comforted here while you are
in agony. But that is not all: between us and
you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone,
if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours,
and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."
'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to
send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have
five brothers, to give them warning, so that they
do not come to this place of torment too."
'"They have Moses and the prophets," said
Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no,
father Abraham," said the rich man "but if
someone comes to them from the dead,
they will repent." Then Abraham said to him,
"If they will not listen either to Moses or to the
prophets, they will not be convinced even if
someone should rise from the dead."'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON PS 118:49-50

*Remember your word to your servant,
O Lord, by which you have given me
hope. This is my comfort when I am
brought low.*



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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

27 / 28 September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
28 September	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
29 September	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels	Feast
30 September	St Jerome; 1 October St Therese of Child Jesus;	Memorial/s
2 October Holy Guardian Angels; 4 October St Francis of Assisi;		Memorial/s
4 / 5 October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
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.



Design the next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover!

An invitation to design the front cover of Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas & Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Please submit your entry by Friday 7 November 2025 – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp

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

In 2001 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary 'Then & Now' was produced. This booklet included details of the people and events which had shaped our parish history, with many of these memories shared by our past priests, ministers and current Sacred Heart parishioners.

Now as we prepare to celebrate our 75th Anniversary, we invite those in our parish community to share recollections of special celebrations, events and people in ministry from our parish history. **To receive a set of interview questions, please contact the parish office; or post, deliver or email your stories or photographs (for copy), so we may once again feature the voice of those in our community.**



Catholic Care Sewing and Crochet classes

Join Catholic Care's weekly sewing & crochet classes every Thursday during school terms, 10am-1pm at Mamre House & Farm, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. To register, contact Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au.



WEEK 1 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 4 / 5 October

6:00pm: R. San Juan Tuason
8:00am: M. Schinella
9:30am: F. Khouri

Readers - 4 / 5 October

6:00pm: A. Enriquez / I. Liew
8:00am: M. Budwee / A. Priya
9:30am: C. Esterado / C. Khouri

Junior Altar Servers - 4 / 5 October

6:00pm: W. Fraser / M. Liew
8:00am: A. Dave
9:30am: N. Farah / J. Farah / J. Bedadela

Senior Altar Servers - 4 / 5 October

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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Today's Message

(Reflection by Greg Sunter)

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. Today's first reading, is an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others. The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4/5 OCTOBER

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: HAB 1:2-3, 2:2-4:1, 4-7

2ND READING: 2 TIM 1:6-8, 13-14

GOSPEL: LK 17:5-9

