



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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 - 5 October 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

EST 4:17



Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING

HAB 1:2-3, 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R.v.8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

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SECOND READING

2 TIM 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 PET 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

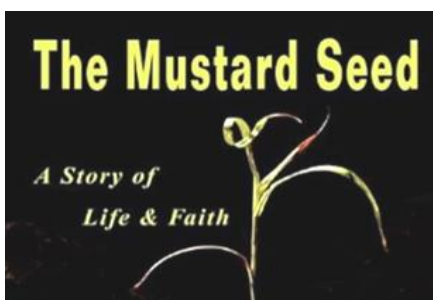
LK 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

LAM 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



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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

4 / 5 October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary	Memorial/s
11 / 12 October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
26 October	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 . . .

**Helena Kroll
Josephine Knight**



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



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.

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.



WEEK 2 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 11 / 12 October

6:00pm: O. Nagel
8.00am: P. Vo
9:30am: M. D'Souza

Readers - 11 / 12 October

6:00pm: A. Pinto / A. Pinto
8.00am: L. Eid / P. Alvares
9.30am: A. Sutanto / J. D'Souza

Junior Altar Servers - 11 / 12 October

6:00pm: A. Esterado / J. Braganza
8.00am: J. Kingston
9.30am: G. Vicente

Senior Altar Servers - 11 / 12 October

6:00pm: J. Nagel
8.00am: D. Howse
9.30am: L. 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.



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for your support of
Sacred Heart Westmead



Today's Message

(Reflection by Greg Sunter)

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another? When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 11/12 OCTOBER

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: 2 KG 5:14-17

2ND READING: 2 TIM 2:8-13

GOSPEL: LK 17:11-19

