

Westmead Catholic Community PARISH HEARTBEATS

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

2 Kg 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R.v.2

R. The lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

- Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
 His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.
- 2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.
- All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
 Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

SECOND READING

2 TIM 2:8-13

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Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 THESS 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

OSPEL

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way.

Your faith has saved you.' COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



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11 - 12 October 2025

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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

BAPTISM

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.



11 / 12 October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Penance Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses Last weekend

15 October St Teresa of Jesus; 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch Memorial/s Feast

18 October St Luke, evangelist

18 / 19 October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 / 19 October Penance Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses

26 October 5.30pm

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

Enrolment Ceremonies at one weekend Mass (6pm Vigil, 8am or 9.30am) 18/19 October

21 October **Parent Meeting**

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

No 9am Daily Parish Mass Monday, 13 October - due to Staff Development day

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 3 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 18 / 19 October 6:00pm: S. Sutherland 8.00am: J. Nealon 9:30am: M. Kastoun Readers - 18 / 19 October

6:00pm: R. San Juan Tuason / F. Cadeaux 8.00am M. Schinella / V. Kastoun 9.30am: P. Alexander / J. Macaraeg

Junior Altar Servers - 18 / 19 October 6:00pm: C. Cristobal / M. San Juan 8.00am: volunteer required

9.30am: G. Vicente/ A. Biju / A. Biju Senior Altar Servers - 18 / 19 October

6:00pm: C. San Juan 8.00am: A. Dave 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.



We thankyou for your support of Sacred Heart Westmead



The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

Launched in September 2024, Mannix Young Hearts brings together students from Mannix College, and residents of VMCH Corpus Christi Aged Care Residence in Clayton. The program fosters meaningful connections through shared activities including music, arts and crafts, exercise, technology lessons and pampering days. VMCH CEO Sonya Smart says the program is a powerful example of the organisation's mission in action. "At VMCH, we believe that age should never be a barrier to connection. It's fabulous to see students and residents form genuine friendships and learn from each other. Mannix students bring energy and kindness into our residents' lives. Seeing our residents light up during these visits reminds us why we do what we do." Mannix student Ellen Sambell describes volunteering at VMCH as a "truly incredible experience". "There is something so amazing about talking to the residents and hearing these fascinating stories that I might otherwise have never been able to. Helping the Lifestyle Team bring joy to the residents' days, whether it's through planned activities or chill one-to-one chats, has created this sense of connection. Not only do they look forward to seeing me, but I look forward to seeing them." For resident Sr Mary Jenkins, visits are also a source of joy and renewal. "It's sort of like a breath of fresh air. You feel uplifted that young people are prepared to give their time and their energy to help us. I just love having new people around".

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 18/19 OCTOBER

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1ST READING: Ex 17:8-13 2ND READING: 2 TIM 3:14 - 4:2

GOSPEL: LK 18:1-8

