



Westmead Catholic Community **PARISH HEARTBEATS**

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

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed - All Souls Day

1 - 2 November 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON 1 TH 4:14; 1 COR 15:22

**Just as Jesus died and has risen again,
so through Jesus God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep;
and as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ will all be brought to life.**

FIRST READING IS 25:6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14, R.V.13

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?
- There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.
- O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
- I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

SECOND READING ROM 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men.

It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger?

When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JN 6:39

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LK 7: 11-17

- Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON JN 11:25-26

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes

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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

1 November	All Saints - Solemnity	9am Mass
2 November	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	
1 / 2 November	Masses celebrated for All Souls - 6pm Vigil, 8am, 9.30am	
4 November	St Charles Borromeo	Memorial
8 / 9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Feast
30 November	Tamil Mass	5.30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Full dates and eligibility requirements for the **Parish's 2026 Sacramental Program** will soon be listed on our website - www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au.

March 2026 - 1st Eucharist; June 2026 - Confirmation; September 2026 - Penance

Penance (Reconciliation) Program - 2025 currently underway

29 October	Groups start for 4 weeks	
1 December	Penance (Reconciliation) Liturgies	7pm

Due to Fr Walter's further surgery, there will be no Daily Parish Masses from 3 - 28 November 2025. Weekend Parish Masses will be held as usual. We ask our rostered ministers to assist our visiting priests at mass.

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 / 2026.



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'In Memoriam': for the month of November

IN MEMORIAM



November is a special time to pray for the faithful departed. The Church encourages the offering of prayers or Masses. Envelopes are available in the church for all those wishing to offer Mass for deceased loved ones during November. All Mass intentions will be recorded in our 'In Memoriam' booklet in the church.

All Souls' Day Masses: 2 November

The Solemnity of All Saints - November 1 falls on a Saturday, with the Commemoration of All Souls' taking place on the Sunday - November 2. The usual weekend masses on Saturday night and Sunday morning will be celebrated for All Souls. There will be no additional mass on the Sunday evening.



Today's Message (Reflection by Greg Sunter)

The gospel passages offered in the lectionary for this feast all point to a God who continues to honour the covenant established with the people long ago – I will be your God and you will be my people. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls assure us that this covenant continues even beyond death. We are reminded that we have a destiny that extends beyond the limits of this life on earth. The feasts of All Saints (Nov 1) and All Souls (Nov 2) can be seen as something of a twin feast that celebrates all those who have died. With the feast of All Saints we celebrate all those who have died and have entered into direct and immediate communion with God in heaven. With the feast of All Souls we celebrate and pray for those who have died but have not yet entered into that direct communion with God. These two different states revolve around the Church teaching on *purgatory* – a state or process of purification before entering into heaven. Much of the significance and meaning of the feasts of All Saints and All Souls has been overtaken by the popular celebration of Halloween. The feast of All Saints was also known as All Hallows Day – in the Old English language hallow means to sanctify or make holy. The day before, October 31, was All Hallows Eve(ning) and the name over time became shortened to Halloween. In early Christian tradition, it was believed that souls were released from purgatory on All Hallows Eve for 48 hours and the dressing up and celebrations were to both placate and confuse the wandering souls.

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. If you would like to participate, **a set of Interview questions** are available at the entrance to the church. Please complete a copy with your name & responses and return to the parish; via post, email or in the letterbox, so we may once again feature the voice of those in our community.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 8/9 NOVEMBER

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASICILICA

1ST READING: EZEK 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

2ND READING: 1 COR 3:9-11, 16-17

GOSPEL: JN 2:13-22

