



# Westmead Catholic Community PARISH HEARTBEATS

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

## The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8 - 9 November 2025

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Behold God's dwelling with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and God himself with them will be their God.**

### FIRST READING

EZEK 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R.V.5

**R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

R.

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day.

R.

REV 21:3

3. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.

R.

### SECOND READING

1 COR 3:9-11. 16-17

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 CHRON 7:16

**Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

JN 2:13-22

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 PET 2:5

**Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.**



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Friday: 9.30am - 4pm

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### 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

<b>8 / 9 November</b>	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>	<b>Feast</b>
10 November	St Leo the Great	Memorial
11 November	St Martin of Tours	Memorial
12 November	St Josaphat	Memorial
<b>15 / 16 November</b>	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>30 November</b>	<b>Tamil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>1 December</b>	<b>First Reconciliation Liturgy</b>	<b>7pm</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Full dates and eligibility requirements for the **Parish's 2026 Sacramental Program** will soon be listed on our website - [www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au](http://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':** IN MEMORIAM  
**for the month of November**



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.

**2026 Academic Scholarship Opportunity**  
Nagle College Blacktown is now offering a limited number of Academic Scholarships for Year 7 students commencing in 2026. These scholarships are intended to recognise exceptional academic promise and help make an excellent Catholic secondary girls' education more accessible to families. Please review the eligibility criteria and application process on the school website as soon as possible. Visit: [www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au/nagle-scholarship](http://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au/nagle-scholarship)

**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 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Today's Message

Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Pope, who also holds the position of Bishop of Rome. It is considered the most important Catholic church because it contains the Cathedra Romana, the symbol of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was first dedicated in 324. Whilst we celebrate the dedication of this most important church, at the same time we celebrate all churches throughout the world. What is a Basilica, and how does it differ from a cathedral or church? Only the pope can declare a particular church to be a basilica. When this happens the basilica is given specific symbols and insignia that identify it as a basilica and of greater importance as a church building. There are approximately 1500 basilicas around the world, some identified as major basilicas and others as minor basilicas.

(Reflection by Greg Sunter)

The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

(Reflection by Dianne Bergant)

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 15/16 NOVEMBER**

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: MAL 3:19-20

2ND READING: 2 THESS 3:7-12

GOSPEL: LK 21:5-19

