



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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 - 16 November 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

JER 29:11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING

MAL 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R.v.9

R. The Lord comes

to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.
3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

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SECOND READING

2 THESS 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LK 21:28

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

LK 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 72:28

**To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.**

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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

15 / 16 November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
17 November	St Elizabeth of Hungary	Memorial
21 November	Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial
22 November	St Cecilia	Memorial
22 / 23 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of Universe	Solemnity
30 November	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
1 December	First Reconciliation Liturgy	7pm

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.



'Tap & Go' devices are installed in our church. Select an amount and tap your card on the logo to donate.



We thank you for your support of Sacred Heart Westmead



'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.



Bishop's Christmas Appeal 22/23 November 2025

Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, the Diocese's social welfare agency, providing grief and loss counselling to those who need it most. Please donate to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via envelopes in the church or online (specifying Westmead as your parish) at: parracatholic.org/appeal

The Good News

(excerpt from CathNews)

At his Wednesday morning general audience, Pope Leo's face lit up with an unusually bright smile as he received a unique donation: Proton, a striking white purebred Arabian stallion, from Andrzej Michalski after he, his son and nephew greeted the Pope at the Vatican. The gift is indeed unusual – Proton's father came from the US, and his mother was bought from a princess in Jordan. The horse was born in Janów Podlaski, Poland's most prestigious Arabian horse breeder, and raised by Mr Michalski in seaside Kolobrzeg in northwestern Poland, where he spent 11 years in a family-run stable. "The Holy Father loves horses, because he rode for miles in Peru and is an excellent horseman. When I learned about this, it immediately dawned on me. The Holy Spirit came, and I immediately had the idea and began implementing the procedure to give the Holy Father a horse. And Proton is no ordinary horse. He is a calm, yet beautiful horse because, as we know, Arabians are the most beautiful, said Mr Michalski. Receiving the unusual gift, Pope Leo smiled widely. "He was very happy. He didn't even want to part with it for long.

Mr Michalski is planning to visit Castel Gandolfo to ride with the Holy Father as Proton will be stabled there in the Castel Gandolfo stables.



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: 22/23 NOVEMBER

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF UNIVERSE

1ST READING: 2 SAM 5:1-3

2ND READING: COL 1:12-20

GOSPEL: LK 23:35-43

