



# Westmead Catholic Community PARISH HEARTBEATS

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

22 - 23 November 2025

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

REV 5:12; 1:6

**How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

## FIRST READING

2 SAM 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R.v.2

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

## SECOND READING

COL 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11. 9-10

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 28:10-11

**The Lord sits as King for ever.**

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**



# CHRIST THE KING

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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

<b>22 / 23 November</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of Universe</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>
24 November	St Andrew Dung-Lac	Memorial
<b>29 / 30 November</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
29 November	Christmas Lights Working Bee	9.30am –11.30am
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](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.**

If you can help put up the **Christmas lights** around the church, please come Saturday, 29 November 9:30-11:30. All help greatly appreciated.



'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.

IN MEMORIAM



**Bishop's Christmas Appeal 22/23 November 2025**

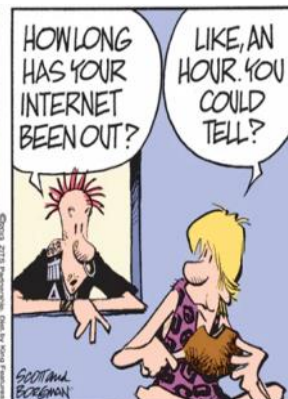
Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, the Diocese's social welfare agency, providing grief and loss counselling to those who need it most. Please donate to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via envelopes in the church or online (specifying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

**Today's Message** *(Reflection by Dianne Bergant)*

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ. Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images. The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

## CHRISTMAS MASS PROGRAM

<b>Dawn Masses</b>	<b>December 16 - 24</b>	<b>5.30am</b>
	<i>(no 9am Mass during this period)</i>	
<b>Christmas Eve, Dec 24</b>	<b>Mass with Nativity</b>	<b>6pm</b>
	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>12am</b>
<b>Christmas Day, Dec 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day Masses</b>	<b>8am &amp; 9.30am</b>



### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 29/30 NOVEMBER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
 1ST READING: Is 2:1-5  
 2ND READING: ROM 13:11-14  
 GOSPEL: MT 24:37-44

