



Westmead Catholic Community PARISH HEARTBEATS

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

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 32:11, 19

The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

FIRST READING

DEUT 7:6-11

Moses said to the people: 'You are a people consecrated to the Lord your God; it is you that the Lord our God has chosen to be his very own people out of all the peoples on the earth. 'If the Lord set his heart on you and chose you, it was not because you outnumbered other peoples: you were the least of all peoples. It was for love of you and to keep the oath he swore to your fathers that the Lord brought you out with his mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know then that the Lord your God is God indeed, the faithful God who is true to his covenant and his graciousness for a thousand generations towards those who love him and keep his commandments, but who punishes in their own persons those that hate him; he makes him work out his punishment in person. You are therefore to keep and observe his commandments and statutes and ordinances that I lay down for you today.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 10. R.v.17

R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting To those who fear him.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons.
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

SECOND READING

1 JN 4:7-16

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MT 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 7:37-38

Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.

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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)

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.



*The Heart of Jesus is an open heart.
Spend your time there... It is not an ordinary school...
It is a school of Jesus where you come to learn.
What have we to learn?
To be meek and humble;
if we are meek and humble we will learn to pray.
If we learn to pray we will belong to Jesus.
If we belong to Jesus we will learn to believe
and if we believe we will learn to love
and if we love we will learn to serve.*

St Teresa of Kolkata

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a celebration that falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday. This year, the Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated Friday, June 12. Though it is a solemnity, it is not a holy day of obligation. Although devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back many centuries, it was not celebrated universally in the Church until 1856 when Pope Pius IX made it a solemnity. The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents his divine love for humanity, demonstrated most tangibly by the sacrifice of his life for our sins.

Help us complete our new church

For nearly a century, Catholics in Westmead have gathered for Mass wherever they could – the Westmead Progress Hall (1928), in people's homes and St Vincent's Boys' Home chapel – well before the parish was formally founded in 1951.

In 1954, our current church was opened. It was made possible by the determination of ordinary parishioners who raised funds in every way possible – even going door to door. This church was always intended to be temporary. Longtime parishioners will remember the extraordinary effort of converting the church into a school and back again each weekend – a living reminder that this parish has always been built on faith, sacrifice, and community ownership.

Today, after years of prayer, planning and work, a new, permanent church is becoming a reality! And with it comes a special opportunity for our parish family to help complete the church.

What we're raising funds for

While the cost of the main construction is largely covered, we now need support for the furnishings and essential items that will make our new church ready for worship and parish life. This includes key priorities such as:

Pews – seating for our community

Sanctuary furnishings and liturgical items – including refurbishment of original furnishing made by past parishioners

AV/IT and sound system – supporting clear worship, accessibility and future parish needs)

Other essential items – helping us warmly welcome our parish community into the new church.

Westmead New Church Giving, funds the furnishings and essentials needed to make our church ready for worship and parish life. There are two ways to give: Sponsor a Pew or Donate other essential items.

Please take a form today, scan the QR code, or give online at sacredheartwestmead.com.au/newchurch

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Account Name: Westmead Catholic Church

BSB: 067950 Account Number: 00000610

Reference: NC26 (Initial and Surname)

A shared promise and a shared achievement

This new church will belong to all of us.

Every gift helps us complete the project, strengthens our parish for the future, and honours the faith and sacrifice of those who built our community before us – including the generations of volunteers who have served this parish, and the many who have supported our wider Westmead mission of care.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to our parish.



'Tap & Go' devices have been installed in our church.

To make a preset donation, select from either \$5, \$10 or \$20, or enter the amount of your choice.

Then tap your card on the contactless logo to complete.

*We thank you
for your support of
Sacred Heart Parish Westmead*

