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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 - 26 July 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**God is in his holy place,
God who unites those
who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might
and strength to his people.**

FIRST READING

1 Kgs 3:5. 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R.v.97

R. Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth
means more to me
than silver and gold.
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight.
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Ps 67:6-7, 36

SECOND READING

ROM 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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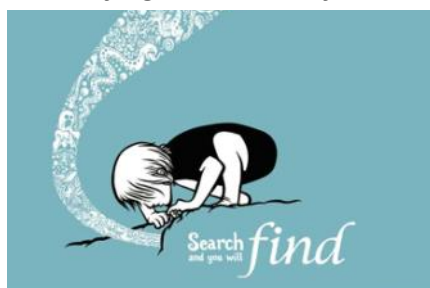
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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 102:2

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.**



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Friday: 9.30am - 4pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 10am - 2pm

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

25 / 26 July

Last weekend - 25/26 July
26 July

29 July

31 July St Ignatius of Loyola; 1 August St Alphonsus Liguori Memorial/s

1 / 2 August

1 / 2 August

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses
Tamil Community Mass 5.30pm

Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Memorial

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

20/21 June - 25/26 July Confirmation Enrolment forms available at weekend Masses

Confirmation Program - Attendance is required at the following

1/2 August	Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses (6pm Vigil, 8am, 9.30am)
4 August	Parent Meeting 7pm
9 August	Groups start for 4 weeks
8 September	Confirmation Mass 7pm

Due to a funeral, there will be no Daily Parish mass on Tuesday 28 July 2026



At Sacred Heart Westmead, **Baptism** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 11am.

Please contact the parish office to book for 2026.



WEEK 1 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 1 / 2 August

6:00pm: R. San Juan Tuason

8.00am: P. Vo

9:30am: F. Khouri

Readers - 1 / 2 August

6:00pm: A. Enriquez / C. K. Liew

8.00am: E. Harries / A. Priya

9.30am: C. Esterado / C. Khouri

Junior Altar Servers - 1 / 2 August

6:00pm: W. Fraser / M. Liew

8.00am: L. Harries

9.30am: J. Bedadala

Senior Altar Servers - 1 / 2 August

6:00pm: T. Fraser

8.00am: A. Dave

9.30am: N. Emmanuel

If you are unable to attend your rostered date, please arrange a swap with another minister.

'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



Help fund our New Church Essentials

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Westmead New Church Giving. There are two ways to give: Sponsor a Pew, or help fund priority items from our Essentials List on the Westmead New Church Giving forms in the church. To have your gift recognised, complete a form or email details so we may reconcile your donation. Please take a form today, scan the QR code, or give online at sacredheartwestmead.com.au/newchurch



Envelope Collection Receipts

Tax deductible, Catholic Foundation and Caritas Receipts for the 2025.2026 Financial year have been posted or emailed to those who have indicated a receipt was required on their donation envelopes.

Non-tax deductible receipts for contributions to the Second (Parish) Planned Giving collection for the 2025.2026 financial year will be issued upon request to those contributors who require details for their records. Please contact the parish office to organise a copy.

Online Safeguarding Training Modules are always available for those in ministry and all in our parish community. The modules offer valuable insights into recognising abuse and protecting those in our community who are vulnerable. All modules are free and can be completed at your own pace. To register for these learning modules: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

Be The Witness — The Musical is a large-scale live production that tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter — a journey of encounter, weakness, mercy and mission. Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown, along with 100 + Volunteers from Parishes of the Diocese, the musical will be staged at Riverside Theatres Parramatta from 10 - 13 September 2026. To learn more or book: <https://www.bethewitness.com.au>

Got your wedding plans under control?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our website: www.engagedencounter.org.au Choose any of the coming Weekends: August 8-9, November 14-15, February 13-14

Today's Message

(Dianne Bergant)

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered. By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality. The third parable reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word. Woven through these images is a suggestion that the kingdom is open to all – all are presented with the invitation – but not everyone will accept that invitation or respond to it in the same way.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 1/2 AUGUST

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: Is 55:1-3

2ND READING: Rom 8:35, 37-39

GOSPEL: Mt 14:13-21





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You're Invited to a special

GALA DINNER

Fundraiser Event

to celebrate **75 years** of **Sacred Heart Parish Westmead** and help **raise funds** for our **new church** which is currently under construction

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18 AT 6:30 PM

Venue: Waterview Function Centre in Bicentennial Park
Bicentennial Dr, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127,
Australia

Ticket Cost: \$160 per person

What's Included:

- canapes on arrival
- 3 course dinner (alternate drop)
- 4 hour beverage package (beer, wine & soft drinks)
- DJ entertainment
- live and silent auction and raffles



RSVP: ACCESS TO TICKETS
VIA THE QR CODE

Email enquiries: office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au



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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.

Now, 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 debt – free, as has been promised.

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.



For those who would like their gift recognised, please complete a *Westmead New Church Giving* form or supply a receipt number so we may reconcile your donation.

We've saved you a seat... put your name on it. Sponsor a Pew.

A pew is more than a seat – it's a lasting part of the church where families will pray and celebrate sacraments for generations. Sponsoring a pew is a legacy gift that will serve our parish for many years to come. Whole and half pew options are available, and instalment giving (either a six or twelve month term), can be arranged.

You can also give to help fund other priority items from our Essentials List on the *Westmead New Church Giving* forms in the church.

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

