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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 – 6 September 2026

Where two or three
gather in
My Name
I am with them.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 137, 124

*You are just, O Lord,
and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord
with your merciful love.*

FIRST READING

EZEK 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R.v.8

*R. O that today you would listen
to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me,
though they saw my work.'

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SECOND READING

ROM 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 COR 5:19

*Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ,
to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

MT 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 41:2-3

*Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God,
the living God.*

I'LL BE THERE
FOR YOU

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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)

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

5 / 6 September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
6 September	Fathers Day	
8 September	Confirmation Mass	7pm
8 September	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
12 / 13 September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
29 Aug - 13 Sept	Communion Service replaces daily mass Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri at 9am	
27 September	Tamil Community Mass	5.30pm
5/6 Sept—10/11 Oct	Penance Enrolment forms available 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

Penance (Reconciliation) Program - Attendance is required at the following

17/18 October	Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses (6pm Vigil, 8am, 9.30am)
20 October	Parent Meeting 7pm
28 October	Groups start for 4 weeks
24 November	Reconciliation Liturgy 6.30pm & 7.30pm

The **Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired & Sick Priests** will be held the weekend of **5/6 September**. This annual appeal raises funds for the Diocesan Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal via the church envelopes or online: parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal with Westmead as your parish.



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 please complete a form or email your gift details. Take a form today, scan the QR code, or online sacredheartwestmead.com.au/Newchurch



Join Sacred Heart Parish Westmead in celebrating our Diamond Jubilee on Friday 18 September 2026 at 6:30pm at Waterview Function Centre, Bicentennial Park. All funds raised going towards building the new parish church. Tickets are \$160. For ticket enquires, scan the QR code or see flyer in the church or on the website.

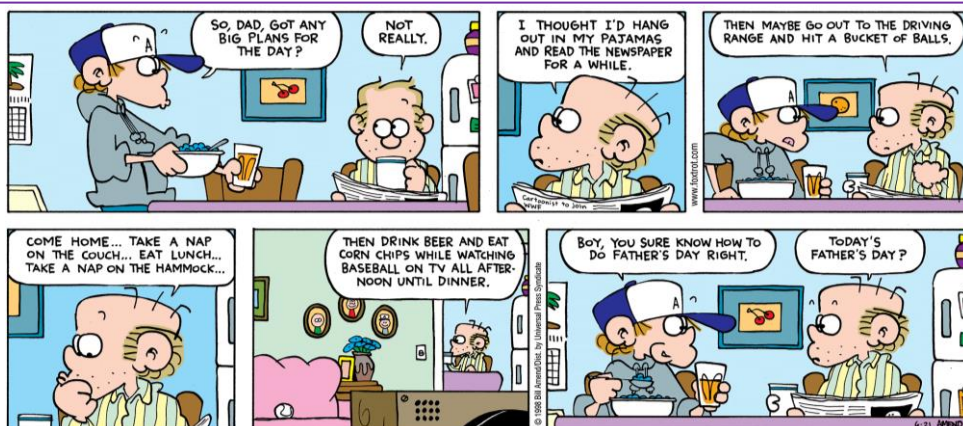


Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased and those we remember at this time . . .

**Josephine Knight
Madeleine Brown
Habib Eltakchi; Bill Eltakchi**



Fr Walter will be away for a further two weeks on leave to recover following surgery from August 29 to September 13. Daily Parish Masses will be replaced during this period by a Communion Service led by Deacon Mick Flew on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 9am. Weekend Parish Masses will be held as usual - 6pm Vigil, 8am & 9.30am.



WEEK 2 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

EMoE - 12 / 13 September

6:00pm: O. Nagel
8:00am: M. Schinella
9:30am: M. D'Souza

Readers - 12 / 13 September

6:00pm: A. Pinto / A. Pinto
8:00am: P. Alvares / N. Ramos
9:30am: J. D'Souza / A. Sutanto

Junior Altar Servers - 12 / 13 September

6:00pm: A. Esterado / C. Cristobal
8:00am:
9:30am: G. Vicente / D. D'Souza

Senior Altar Servers - 12 / 13 September

6:00pm: J. Nagel
8:00am: D. Howse
9:30am: L. Vicente

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



Today's Message

Dianne Bergant

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed. Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 12/13 SEPTEMBER

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: SIR 27:30 – 28:7

2ND READING: ROM 14:7-9

GOSPEL: MT 18:21-35

