



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 18th June 2023

Parish Details:

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Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 9:30am—4:00pm

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sacred Heart English Saturday 10.30am
 Maltese every 4th Saturday 4.00pm

Baptism: Eight weeks notice is required

Marriage: Six months noticed required

Sacred Heart Mass Times:

Weekdays:

Tuesday - Friday 7.30am

Saturday 9.00am

Weekend:

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 10:30am

Polish 9.00am

Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5:00pm

Emmaus Mass Times:

Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Website: <http://pol.org.au/stalbanssydenham/Home.aspx>

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. The Parish takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and upholds that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. To report issues and concerns, contact: stalbans.csc@cam.org.au or 0413 841 936

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the traditional owners of the land where we gather. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

READINGS

This Week: First Reading: Ex 19:2-6

Second Reading: Rom 5:6-11

Gospel: Matt 9:36-10:8

Next Week: First Reading: Jer 20:10-13

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15

Gospel: Matt 10:26-33

REFLECTION

NOT SO ORDINARY TIME

After the feast of Pentecost a few weeks ago, the Church's liturgical calendar changed from 'the Season of Easter' to 'Ordinary Time'. This may not have been immediately obvious, because the liturgical colour for Ordinary Time – green – was not used on the first two Sundays of the new Season. That is because we had two 'teaching and celebrating feasts': the first named God as "Trinity"; the second reflected on the central action of each Mass – sharing in the Meal of "The Body and Blood of Christ". For both of these our churches and Priests were dressed in white.

Now we have the 'green' on again – until the end of November when a new cycle will begin with another Advent Season (when we will dress in blue-ish purple).

The name 'Ordinary Time' is rather an unfortunate term - the word 'ordinary' commonly means something that is unexceptional or uninteresting. In 'Church speak' Ordinary Time refers to that long stretch of the year from Pentecost to the beginning of the next Advent,

during which the Sundays are numbered 'in order' with no special feasts breaking into the flow (usually). Ordinary Time Sundays are shaped by an 'orderly' reading of the gospel – this year that is from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Since last Advent, we have told the whole story of Jesus amongst us in highlight form – from his birth into our midst at Christmas through to his death, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Spirit. Now the Sundays of Ordinary Time guide us into exploring His life and teaching, and challenge us really to live out our faith in this Christ.



"The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few."

Matthew 9:37

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Theodoro Raco, Henry Doherty, Steve Mckenna, Tom Portelli

ANNIVERSARIES: Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Tessie Farrugia, Carmelina Said, Anthony Refalo, Charles Mizzi, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Joseph Grech, Pjeter, Lize & Collin Dajcaj, Joe Aruliah, Joel Baracho, Sebastine Baracho, John Colerio, Carmelo & Nadia Colerio, Paul & Frances Portelli, Angie Azzopardi, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Joe, Mario & Charlie Muscat, Catarina Costantino, Tony Spiteri, Paul Schembri, Carmelo Falzon, Leli Bugeja, Charlie Camilleri, Josephine Darmanin, Flo Southgate, Paul & Frances Portelli, Julie Azzopardi, Paul & Maria D'Rozario, Benjamin & Anastasia Gomes, Bruna Iaria, Josephine Darmanin, Flo Southgate, Domenico Creto, Nicola Paciullo, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Cena Said, Antonia Demecoli, Aaron D'Souza, Pero Kilsanin, Paul Aquilina, Charles Sampath & Opheila Charles

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

The raw data from the MASS COUNT has been forwarded to the Archdiocese for their 'number-crunching'. This exercise is carried out in all Parishes across Australia on the weekends of May each year. For our Parish, the Count looks like this:

Sacred Heart: Average for each mass TIME- 5pm 190 (range of 16—220); 7:30am 123 (range of 101-150); 10:30am 260 (range of 226 - 290); 9.00am Polish Mass 77.75 weekly; Slovene Mass 45 per month. Weekend totals: May 6/7 - 642; May 13/14 - 746; May 20/21 - 639; May 27/28 - 621
Average 573 per weekend for English Masses; Average 662 per weekend for all Masses.

Emmaus: (variation has been allowed for visitors at the four sessions of the Sacrament of Confirmation over this period)

Average for each Mass TIME- 6:30pm 120.5 (range of 107-127); 9am - 182 (range of 157-218)
Weekend totals (not including Confirmation ceremonies): May 6/7 - 291; May 13/14 - 340; May 20/21 - 286; May 27/28 - 283.
Average 302 per weekend for Masses (not including Confirmation Masses)

Ministry Updates

We are now in a position for our Ministry Groups to begin to regather. Please see below dates and times of some upcoming meetings. If you are a part of the Ministry it would be great if you can attend and confirm this with the Parish office by RSVPing to: stalbans@cam.org.au

This will be an opportunity for us to greet one another face-to-face in the context of each Ministry, to do a refresher on the significance of our Ministry, to check our procedures, and to plan our activity for the rest of this year.

-TUESDAY 20th June - Baptism Team, 7:00pm @ Sacred Heart St. Albans Presbytery

Workshop meeting for 'Those whose Ministry enables Sunday Mass':

-TUESDAY 27th June, 7pm at Emmaus

-WEDNESDAY 28th June, 7pm at Sacred Heart

As the teaching of our Church says, the point of our Ministry in the Church is "to carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit".

Bulletin via Email If you would like to receive the weekly 'Parish Update', please send your email address to the Parish: stalbans@cam.org.au

COME AND SEE:

One aspect of Parish life is the RCIA process – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

It is a process for those who are considering that they might become part of the Catholic Church – from another religion, from no religion, or from years of inactivity after having been baptised as Catholic.

The group usually meets fortnightly on Tuesdays, at 7:30 pm in Emmaus Church, Sydenham. RCIA journey 2023 commences on 11 July 2023.

Please contact the parish office for further information and registration.

The contact details for the Parish Office are as follows:

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CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE
CAROLINE SPRINGS

Enrolment for Year 7, 2025

Enrolment applications are now open to Year 5 students who will be starting Year 7 in 2025. Applications close Friday, 18 August 2023.

You can find our online Enrolment application on our website. <https://www.crccs.vic.edu.au/enrolment-1/enrolment-procedures>

Please note that parents/carers who already have children attending the College and who have a sibling in Year 5 will still need to complete an online enrolment.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop The wear and tear of mind and body is bad enough, but when the spirit suffers....it is very hard. We can only hope that God will be more merciful than people. 20th June 1899