



Sacred Heart / Emmaus Parish
St Albans/Sydenham Western Plains Deanery
Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 24th July, 2022

PARISH DETAILS

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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

If you would like to receive the weekly 'Parish Update' emailed to you, please send your email address to the

Parish: stalbens@cam.org.au

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: stalbens.csc@cam.org.au or 0413 841 936

Scared Heart Mass Times:

Tuesday—Friday 7.30am
 Saturday 9.00am
 Sunday Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 7:30am,10:30am
 Polish 9.00am

Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5.00pm

Emmaus Mass Times

Sunday Saturday 6:30pm
 Sunday 9:00am

READINGS

This week: First Reading: Gen 18:20-32

Second Reading: Col 2:12-14

Gospel: Lk 11:1-13

Next week: First Reading: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

Second Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Lk 12:13-21

Grandparents: "A Treasure To Cherish"

The second World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday July 24, just before the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus, two days later.

Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'In old age they will still bear fruit' (Psalm 92:15) to emphasise how grandparents and the elderly are of value and a gift for society and Church communities. He said their task was to 'keep memories alive and transmit the faith to younger generations', adding they were a significant component of the Catholic laity and 'companions on the journey'.

In his message Pope Francis said old age was no time to "give up and lower the sails", but a season of "enduring fruitfulness".

"Our world is passing through a time of trial and testing; beginning with the sudden, violent outbreak of the pandemic, and then by a war that is harming peace and development on a global scale. Nor is it a coincidence that war is returning to Europe at a time when the generation that experienced it in the last century is dying out.

"These great crises risk anaesthetising us to the reality of other 'epidemics' and other widespread forms of violence that menace the human family and our common home.

"We grandparents and elderly people have a responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need.

"The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has 'filled with days'."

"Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day," he said.

To read Pope Francis' message go to: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Graziella Garofalo, Lawrence Grasso, John Calleja, Mary Ellen Gauci, Joseph Xuereb, Therese Chetcuti
ANNIVERSARIES: Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Aaron D'Souza, Pero Klisanin, Charlie Dingli, Carmel & Coneccta Cohen, Rod Bonnici, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Sunny Borg, Cecelia & Frank Cordina, Peter & Clara Parnis, Trevor Rodgers, Madalena, Philip & all the Souls, Mary Saguna, John Colorio & Joe Giaccotto, Iris & Stan Bate, Kathleen, Patrick, Noel & Raymond Guest, Ana Kralj, Guisepe Guerra, Rafaelle Guerra & Vito Guerra, Fr Joshua Peter & Grace Muscut, Stjepan Panic & Vlado Dodlek, Fo Heang Lee, Sam Loos & Ilene Joseph, John Polotzek, Emanuel & Jessie Mifsud, Joe Gatt, John Calleja, Vince & Giovanna Gatt, Norman Gatt, Iro, Jessie & Charlie Vella

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which those who are part of other faith traditions, and those whose Baptism into the Catholic Church has not been developed come into full communion with the Catholic Church. This process culminates in the liturgies of Easter in the following year after the process began. A new RCIA group journey in our Parish has commenced on 19 July 2022, and registrations are open. If you or anyone you know, would like to take this journey to share in the Sacraments of the Church and join in full communion with the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

REFLECTION

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"

After several weeks of Jesus' teaching the characteristics that will show up in the lives of his disciples, they now ask him to teach them to pray. Is this at the heart of it? That if we are to be disciples of Christ – and that is what we are all called and blessed to be – then we will come to know the life of Christ through our prayer, and will pray for the life of his kingdom to develop amongst us?

PRAYING FOR SOMEONE

When, as a young writer, I used to visit an older man, Harry, in his home, I was always struck by the ever-increasing number of small cameo photographs on the top of his massive roll-top desk.

The people in the framed photo-graphs on the top of his desk were people Harry was praying for. To pray for others is to take on burdens. Prayer is inviting God into what rests on our hearts and minds, and it is about offering help for others.

Harry was a burden-carrier. As others came to know of Harry's pray life, he welcomed requests that came to him by letter, telephone, word of mouth and even from the broken and bereft who would knock on his door. Sometimes, when others were too ill, distracted, distressed or troubled to pray, Harry's intercessions were a source of enormous comfort. To intercede on behalf of others to God is one of the great privileges of faith. When someone asks us to pray, it is a plea for help and at times a cry for guidance. There is no doubt that prayer is the means for us to converse with God. Being asked to pray for someone is to be invited into that person's life. We may be told things and entrusted with things to carry to God – it is a great privilege. (Christopher Bantick)

RECENT CHANGES TO COVID-SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR CHURCHES

As of Midday 20 July 2022 VICTORIA

- **COVID-19 Diagnosis** - It is an essential requirement to isolate for seven days following a COVID-19 diagnosis. Individuals must notify their workplace, in addition to informing their social contacts. Workplaces, however, are not required to individually identify and notify each potentially exposed worker/contact.

- **Face Coverings** - The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period (from July 2022 onwards).

Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. However, parishioners should be encouraged (via signage and bulletin reminders) to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings for the distribution of communion. Face coverings should also be worn when visiting parishioners.

Face coverings are still required in sensitive settings such as hospitals and care facilities, and must be worn on public transport, taxis, ride shares, and planes – but will no longer be required at airports.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

I trust that you keep up your spirits, and your trust and confidence in the goodness of God.

Mary MacKillop 30th. Oct. 1880

(Check out Mary Mackillop noticeboard outside on the veranda)