



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 26th JUNE, 2022

PARISH DETAILS

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Monday— Wednesday: 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:

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

If you would like to receive the weekly 'Parish Update' emailed to you, please send your email address to the Parish: stalbans@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: stalbans.csc@cam.org.au or 0413 841 936

Mass Count May 2022

At all Saturday night/Sunday Masses in May, the Archdiocese called again for figures of the number of people at Masses in the Parishes. This Mass Count has happened for many years. It is more complex than usual this year – the figures can't be compared with the past two years when we were in various forms of COVID lockdown, with – a times severe – restrictions on coming to church. The figures for our Parish this year showed that across those four weekends the numbers at Mass were:

Sacred Heart: 671, 550, 655 798 (English); 80. 84, 80 75 (Polish); Emmaus: 281, 265, 215, 249.

A complication for Emmaus was that during May we had extra Masses on some weekends for the Sacrament of Confirmation (1385) and for First Communion (744).

These numbers are about half the number who were counted at Masses in May in Pre-COVID 2019.

Worth thinking through, eh?

READINGS

This week: First Reading: 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

Second Reading: Gal 5:1. 13-18

Gospel: Lk 9:51-62

Next week: First Reading: Is 66:10-14

Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18

Gospel: Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

REFLECTION

FOLLOWING CHRIST – BEING A DISCIPLE

The Word of God speaks of discipleship today. It is a following of Christ that would have us be a presence of the life of Christ in the world around us. This is 'discipleship'. Some reflections on 'being disciples' from various sources:

The form that discipleship takes is conditioned by the historic times in which one lives, as well as by the context of an individual's life, but the underlying principle remains the same: each of us is called by love to love; called out of our narrow individualism and our small private world, to allow ourselves to be "turned around" by the allurements of God, and to live for him, as Jesus did. To become a disciple means a decisive and irrevocable turning to both God and neighbor. What follows from there is a journey which ... never ends in this life, a journey of continually discovering new dimensions of loving God and neighbor.

It's hard to remember that Jesus did not come to make us safe, but rather to make us disciples, citizens of God's new age, a kingdom of surprise.

What does it profit you to give God one thing if he asks of you something different? Consider what it is God wants, and then do it. You will as a result better satisfy your heart than with that toward which you yourself are inclined.

'Evangelism' is not selling Jesus, but showing Jesus; evangelism is not mere telling about Christ, but about being Christ.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Julia Ivic , Josip Zimic, Carman Sant, Wladyslaw Pichner, Steven Malina

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael & Josephine Piacentni, Charles Mizzi, Anthony Refalo, Aaron D'Souza, Martin & Carmeline Pinheiro, Jacint & Pascience Cabral, Mary Legay, Harold Heffernan, Daphne & Francis Guest, Joe & Paula Muscut, Fr. Joshua Peter Muscut, Silvia Pace, John ElluLesley keys, Saviour Anastasi, John, Carmelo & Maria Colerio, Maria Joseph Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Sunny Borg, Thi Loan & Rugng, Annie Perera, Pero Klisanin

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 will commence on Tuesday, 19 July 2022, at 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. 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.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNERS: QUATREFOILS RESTAURANT

Catholic Regional College, Sydenham -

380 Sydenham Road, Sydenham 3037: enter via Gate 10 on Pecks Road

Tuesday 19 July , Wednesday 20 July , Tuesday 26 July , Thursday 28 July ; 6:00pm arrival ; \$40pp—3 course Christmas Feast. For bookings Email: Quatrefoils@crcc.vic.edu.au

Feast of the Sacred Heart ... and Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Sisters

The feast of the Sacred Heart (24 June) is intimately connected to God's compassionate love for us, shown in Jesus. Mary MacKillop believed that God's compassionate love symbolised by the Sacred Heart would become a reality for her sisters and the people with whom they shared their lives. The complete name of the community of Sisters she founded is 'Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart of Jesus'.

This compassionate love speaks of the nearness and love of God in our lives, inviting us to live this love in our daily encounters. It is an involved love, that is up-close and personal and in the words of Scripture reading for this feast, a love that 'seeks out the lost, heals the broken-hearted and honours the dignity of every person'.

"The God of compassion has shown me a loving face; now I am to be that reflection in return. All of life is part of me and I am part of all of life. All people are my brothers and sisters. In each one I recognise the face of the Divine Presence looking back at me." (Joyce Rupp, *The Cup of our Life*.)

From this belief, we are called to action. At this time of the year here in Australia, the St Vincent de Paul Society holds its annual Winter Appeal. In the process, we hear stories of those struggling through lack of resources, unemployment, homelessness and illness, and like Jesus, our hearts are moved with compassion.

Our response calls us to be messengers of God's love reaching out without judgement to the needs of people that confront each day. Each one's response - whether that be small or large - impacts the whole. It may mean being a supportive neighbour, contributing to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, providing clothing or shelter, holding in prayer those seeking a compassionate response, or What matters is to be kind to each other with all the goodness that is in us, founded on the love of God for all, expressed in the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

CHRISMATIC HEALING MASS

Join us for Mass, Healing ,Adoration, Praise & Worship. Experience the healing touch of Jesus at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 1st July 7:00pm—9:00pm with Rev Fr. Aurelio Fragapane. Everyone is welcome to the Mass.

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Don't you remember? "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air their nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head?" I always loved that, but now more than ever.

Mary Mackillop 26th. Sept. 1871.

(Check out Mary Mackillop noticeboard outside on the veranda)