



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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 7th August 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

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

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

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

READINGS

This week: First Reading: Wis 18:6-9

Second Reading: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Lk 12:32-48

Next week: First Reading: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Heb 12:1-4

Gospel: Lk 12:49-53

REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO A CALL

The phone rang as I was locking up the house before going to Saturday night Mass. It was the bishop wanting to know if I would go to a country town, 400 kilometers away to train people in leading Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

The parish had recently lost their priest, with no replacement available in the diocese. I assured the bishop that I would go. This was a call something like Mary MacKillop had envisaged for the Sisters of Saint Joseph long ago.

Never see a need without doing something about it.

Many times, Mary MacKillop responded promptly to calls from God's people who lacked the necessities of life be they physical or spiritual.

If she didn't go herself, she would send sisters to fill the need. Her extraordinary resourcefulness and kindness found no limits.

On occasion when orphans were placed with foster families, Mary travelled to check that they were happy and well cared for. Her sisters sometimes lived in places where Mass was not offered very often, if at all. They would lead the people in prayer on Sunday mornings.

Mary wrote to the sisters in 1888:

Do what you can with the means at your disposal and leave all the rest calmly to God. 1888

The Congregation that Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods founded in 1866 evolved as time went by. Women flocked to this group when they could see the amazing difference the sisters made in ordinary people's lives.

The women took heart from Mary's example of tender, generous and patient love and went where no one else was available to go. At times it meant a trip through the night on a train armed with a packet of sandwiches that Mary provided. Or it could be a visit from Mary herself to a school where a little boy with no shoes shivered in the snowy winter's cold. Her kindness to an old man begging for food at the door of the convent she was visiting meant she herself was hungry with a further trip on board a Cobb & Co coach awaiting her.

Mary found various ways to encourage the sisters for their lives were not easy. In 1871 she wrote:

Let us study the Heart of God and in doing so, we shall learn many beautiful lessons of patience and love.

Mary's example continued to encourage the sisters long after she died. I remember as a child in the 1950s standing outside a country church with two other children, to receive instruction for first Communion from a Sister of Saint Joseph.

With the bishop's phone call, it was my turn to respond to the needs of rural people. I felt the presence of God's Spirit animating me as it must have done for Mary as she went out of her way to bring spiritual solace and education to isolated people. Her example was the encouragement I needed to fill this need.

*Diane Phillips rsj
Queensland Region*

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Annabella Salazar, Fidela Villaflores, Mary Antonina Azzopardi, Kent Finlayson, Mona Xavier, Vivien D'Souza, Wayne Fraser, Prudence Fraser, Denzil Hookens, Paul Lek Nov, Angelo Cassar

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Aaron D'Souza, Pero Klisanin, Charlie Dingli, Carmel & Conecta Cohen, Rod Bonnici, Anglea Xuereb, Paul Aquilina, John Fenech, Anjelko Vukovic, Domenico Giordano, Mary Barbuto, Michael & Jane Saliba, Guisepe Guerra, Raffaele Guerra, Vitto Guerra, Cecil, Phoebe & Cyres Excompare, Teresa Draper, Leslie & Florence Legacy, Epifanio Luna, Vinko Pavlovic, Joe Gatt, Joseph Camilleri, Zoe Camilleri, Joe Montaut, Douglas Goodall, Gerald D'Souza, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Sunny Borg, Frank & Cecilia Orsini, Nazarena Anastasi, Leli Bugeja, Charles Camilleri, John Coleiro, Joe Giaceato, Mina Apap, Maria & Anthony Mericga, Fr. Peter Joshua, Esther Lopez, Teresa Andrade, Maria Portelli, Angela Azzopardi, Paul Portelli, Frances Portelli, Angelo Cassar

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 7, 2024—Caroline Springs

Families in the Hillside-Plumpton, part of our Parish may apply to CRC Caroline Springs for enrolment for Year 7, 2024 is now open. All parents of current Year 5 students who are zoned to CRC Caroline Springs have until 19 August 2022 to submit their applications for enrolment for Year 7 in 2024. This is the final date of acceptance for applications. Parents who have children attending the College and have siblings in Year 5 will still need to complete an enrolment form. You can download the application form from our College website.

<https://www.crccs.vic.edu.au/enrolment-1/enrolment-procedures>

ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 7, 2024—St Albans

Families in the St Albans part of our Parish may apply to CRC St Albans for enrolment for Year 7, 2024 now open. Parents of current Year 5 students who are zoned to CRC St Albans have until 19 August 2022 to submit their applications for enrolment for Year 7 in 2024. This is the final date of acceptance for applications. Parents who have children attending the College and have siblings in Year 5 will still need to complete an enrolment form. You can download the application form from our College website.

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.

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

BUNNINGS BBQ

Come and Support The Fair Committee at a Bunnings BBQ on
Saturday 13th August,
9.00 - [4.00pm.at](https://www.bunnings.com.au) Taylors Lakes Bunnings



CATHOLIC CARE DONATIONS—THANKYOU

Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish thanks all Parishioners for your support throughout the year. The Parish will make a donation to CatholicCare on your behalf. CatholicCare is the mission in action for our community across Victoria. This mission strives to empower communities, build strength and resilience, and work to help everyone reach their full potential. Through your donations, the Parish can continue to fund this program and help CatholicCare accomplish its goals. CatholicCare also offers counselling and mental health programs, affordable housing, specialised support for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, refugee and asylum seeker help, employment and crisis help, homelessness and advocacy support, and a variety of courses helping to strengthen relationships and wellbeing. Once again, we thank all Parishioners for your support and encouragement.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Have patience with yourselves when you see you have failed and patience with others when they seem to have done so.
Mary MacKillop 16th. Feb. 1874 (Check out Mary MacKillop noticeboard outside on the veranda)