



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



Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 9th November 2023

Parish Details:

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Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 9:30am—4:00pm

Wednesday-Friday: 9:30am—2:30pm

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: stalbens.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: [Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31](#) Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6](#) Gospel: [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17](#) Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28](#) Gospel: [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

REFLECTION

MAKING IT WORK - TOGETHER

"Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best." [Henry Van Dyke]

That quote is another take on the message in today's Gospel – various people have various talents, and all are called to use them, says Jesus. And elsewhere he would say that a very good way of using our talents is to build up life around us.

There are so many opportunities for that, of course – in our families, our workplace, our neighbourhood, our school, our society, our world, our Parish. The talents the Gospel speaks of mostly won't appear on shows like 'Australian Idol', 'X Factor' and 'Australia's Got Talent', 'The Voice'. Each of us has perhaps unexpected talents that we can apply to our call to make the Gospel of Jesus real.

The talents the Gospel admires and encourages are those that could be called 'life talents' – some of which are listed in another part of Jesus' teaching, the Beatitudes: the ability to make peace, to comfort others, to notice the needy and do something for them, to be compassionate, to be hopeful, to be thankful,

Our Parish community always needs to keep developing these 'life talents', of course – for we want to live the life of Jesus Christ. And when we speak of 'Parish community', we are speaking of the people who make up our Parish – you and me!

And aren't we so fortunate that so many of our Parishioners participate in Ministries for the good of our community, putting their talents at the service of others!



"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater."

Matthew 25:23

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Fady Wasif, Elizabeth Woodward, John Scanlon, Vern Ryan, Emanuel Cutajar, Sherly Hetheron, Marlene Allen & Shirish Panda

Anniversaries: Joseph Xuereb, Salvina & John Borg, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Joe Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Antonia Demecoli, Robert & Albin Pereira, Peter & Benedicta Fernandes & Family, Pero Kilsanin, Aaron D'souza, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho, Paul Aquilina, Guzepe, Rozana, Dolan & Carmelo Falzon, Lureta, Gorg, Fredi & Anglu Camilleri, Iris & Stan Bate, Trish Birt, Iris Browne, Eusebio & Josephine Darmanin, Saviour & Nazarena Anastasi, Peter Muscat, Fr. Joshua Muscat, Peter & Grace Muscat, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Tony Calleja

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



Order of Malta Australia
In collaboration with
Mercy Palliative Care



Mercy Health
Care first

VOLUNTEERING TO HELP PALLIATIVE CARE

At this weekend's Masses (18-19 November) a speaker from the Order of Malta will speak to us about their involvement with Mercy Palliative Care. They are looking

for Parishioners to assist in their ministry. A meeting of interested Parishioners will then be held at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 in Sacred Heart church to learn about the **Order of Malta-Mercy Palliative Care volunteering program**. **Jim Creamer, Mercy Volunteer Coordinator**, will discuss the range of roles, training and supervision that is available. Learn more about how to help the sick with respite support, accompaniment, biography and legacy activities, Communion to the sick and bereavement support. All welcome. To help with preparation for the meeting, please contact the Parish Office and let Lauren know that you will be at the meeting.



The next two weekends Holy land olive wood religious artifacts will be on display for sale. **18/19 November at Emmaus Church and the following weekend of 25/26 November at Sacred heart Church**. These items are hand made by the Christian Palestinian of Bethlehem to support their livelihood and exciting in the region due to the ongoing struggle in the area. Crosses, Rosaries and Christmas ornaments will be available to purchase if you wish to treat your loved ones this Christmas to a truly holy Christmas.



There will be no morning Masses in Sacred Heart Church this coming week Monday 20th to Saturday 25th November to allow for work on some maintenance issues.



Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal**. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza, scan the QR code or call 1800 024 413

Our Parish is joining with **Resurrection Parish Kings Park** who will welcome into their preparation programmes young Parishioners who are at government and other schools. Contact our Parish Office for details for these preparation programmes for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation in 2024.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ministry - Meetings & Training for New Ministers

Parish Advisory Group - Wed 29th Nov 7pm

Finance Committee - Tue Dec 5th, 7pm

All meetings at Sacred Heart St. Albans Presbytery

Steps for New Special Communion Ministers to apply for Working with Children Checks (WWCC):

Visit this webpage on your computer: <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

In the first step - Verify at the Post office (the online verification rarely works!)

Make sure to put down that you are a volunteer (its free of Charge)

Organisations details - Sacred Heart Emmaus Parish - 4 Winifred Street, St Albans VIC 3021

phone: 0393662146

Occupational Fields is number 64 "Religious organisation"

Once you have filled all this in, you will receive an email to them to the email address you included.

You will receive an email that states your check has been received, and it has a "barcode" that you take to your local post office along with your Photo Identification to finalise the check. Once you do this (within 14 days go to the post office) you will get a further email to say your WWCC has passed. Then they will post a card also but this can take a few weeks. Don't Forget to provide a copy to your ministry leader or the parish office.

It is also a requirement of the Archdiocese to complete online training at:

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

and sign the Parish Code of conduct - copies of this are in the Sacristy or contact the Parish office.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Quotes

To lack courage shows want of confidence in God, and weak faith. Mary MacKillop. 14th. Dec. 1890.