



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



**ASCENSION OF THE LORD —YEAR C
29th MAY, 2022**

DETAILS

PARISH
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Office Hours:
Monday— Wednesday: 9:30am—4:00pm
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Mass Times:

Sacred Heart

Tuesday—Friday 7.30am
Saturday 9.00am,
Sunday 5:00pm,
Sunday 7:30am,10:30am
Sunday Polish 9.00am
Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5.00pm

Emmaus Church

Sunday Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Baptism: Eight weeks notice is required

Marriage: Four months noticed required

Appointments: To Speak to Parish Priest please call Parish Office 93662146

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.

READINGS

This week:	First Reading: Acts 1:1-11	Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23	Gospel: Lk 24:46-53
Next week:	First Reading: Acts 2:1-11	Second Reading: Rom 8:8-17	Gospel: Jn 14:15-16,23-26

REFLECTION

ASCENSION – the absence of the present one!

The Ascension occurred in the life of Jesus when after his resurrection He moved from his face-to-face presence with those early disciples. 'What now?' those disciples could be thinking as He left them with his command to go out to all the world and be like him and spread the gospel. How could they do it without Him? His ascending is a loss for them, it could seem – for He is absent, or so it seems.

Like those disciples after the Ascension, we can have times of wondering why God seems to have disappeared. At times we can struggle finding God can be a struggle to find God in today's church and world, where violence, war, pandemics, natural disasters, scandals, abuse of power feature so boldly.

How then, can we be open to the emerging 'new' that Jesus promised when he said: *"It is better for you that I go away! You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy. If I don't go away, you will be unable to receive my Spirit. Don't cling to me, I must ascend."* (Jn 16:7,8) and *'lifting up his hands, he blessed them'*. (Lk 24:50)?

The ascension of Jesus into heaven is not only about absence. Pope Francis has it this way: "it tells us that He is living among us in a **new** way". After all, Jesus did promise to be with us always and that *'the Spirit of truth...You know him, because he abides with you and will be in you'* (Jn 15:17) will be amongst us.

What is this new way? How is Jesus blessing us now? What gifts of the Holy Spirit are you noticing in your own life and around you?

All of us need Pentecost to gift us with a new spirit and blessings to live the life we are living now, even as we may wish it were different from what it is. What do we need to let go of? Where are the signs of new life emerging for us? Spirit, come transform us!

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

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

"Great is the strength we possess in our unity." Mary Mackillop 12th August 1884
(Check out Mary Mackillop noticeboard outside on the veranda)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Annabella Salazar, Fr Eric Hodgens

ANNIVERSARIES: Minguel & Filomenda Dias, Christine Fonua, Mike & Eleanor Stalhmman, Mervin Cleur, Leli, Carmelo, Mary, Josoph, Grace Pulis, Tony & Jane Dalli, John & Loreta Xuereb & Xuereb Family, Iris & Stan Bate, Wayne Rebeiro, Antonia Demicole & Joyce Bugeja, Leli Bugeja & Charlie Camilleri, Maria Psaila, Joe Giaccotto, John Colerio, Thomas & Mabel Meyn, Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith, Frank Green & Rose Pulis, Fr. Joshua & Grace Muscat, Marie Nga, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Anthony & Claudette Xavier, Michael Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto, Pero Klisanin, Aaron D'souza

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

FLOOD APPEAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The floods in Queensland & New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland & NSW, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through:

www.vinnies.org.au—Flood Appeal—St Vincent de Paul Society—Good works (vinnies.org.au) or by calling Queensland (07) 3010 1000 or NSW (02) 9568 0262

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNERS: at 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@crccs.vic.edu.au



Project Compassion—FINAL NOTICE



TIME TO BRING YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES BACK—to any Mass you are part of over the next few weeks. You can continue to contribute by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



**40TH ANNIVERSARY
CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE, SYDENHAM**
All ALUMNI are invited to celebrate

**40TH ANNIVERSARY MASS at:
St Patrick's Cathedral on 22nd June 2022, 10:30AM**

RSVP to principalsoffice@crccs.vic.edu.au by 11 June 2022



Catholic Regional College— St Albans Enrolments

Catholic Regional College St Albans is now accepting enrolment applications for Year 7 in 2024 and limited places for Year 7, 2023

Scan the QR Code to book a school tour and enrolment information. Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au

You can also email echalmers@crcstalbens.com.au or contact us on 9366 2544.



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SAFEGAURDING 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: stalbens.csc@cam.org.au ; 0413 841 936