



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



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 31st July, 2022**

**PARISH DETAILS**

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**Office Hours:**  
**Monday— Wednesday:** 9:30am—4:00pm  
**Thursday & 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

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](mailto: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](mailto:stalbans.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: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23	Second Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11	Gospel: Lk 12:13-21
Next week: First Reading: Wis 18:6-9	Second Reading: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	Gospel: Lk 12:32-48

**REFLECTION**

**Do you have enough?**

One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others. Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

The point for ourselves is not to be closed off to others who are struggling when we could share a little of what we have with them. There's another Gospel story of the poor widow who shares her penny with others. It's about an attitude of "we're in this together – let's look out for one another!"



## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Graziella Garofalo, Lawrence Grasso, John Calleja, Mary Ellen Gauci, Joseph Xuereb, Therese Chetcuti, Emanuel Pisani, Mario DeGabriel, Carmen Farrugia, Maria (In Vietnam), Paul Aquilina

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Aaron D'Souza, Pero Klisanin, Charlie Dingli, Carmel & Coneccta Cohen, Rod Bonnici, Maria Trung, Maria Nuong, Thomas Chung, Benedetta Brown, Tom O'Connor, Oric Barbara & Oric Roza, Anglea Azzopardi, Paul Portelli, Frances Portelli, Frank Cassar, Christen Cassar, , Fr. Joshua Peter Muscut, Tony Zarafa, John Coloreio, Joe Giaccotto, Louey Karl Bos, Frank & Cecilia Cordina, Sunny Borg, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Anglea Xuereb

## 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.

### ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 7, 2024

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>

### 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.

### Humanity Has Moral Obligation To Fight Climate Change: Pope

The care of the environment and the fight against climate change is not a lofty goal for humanity but a moral imperative, Pope Francis said yesterday.

The worsening climate crisis can no longer be ignored, and it is up to all human beings, who were entrusted by God as “stewards of his gift of his creation” to act, the Pope said in a message to participants at a Vatican conference on climate change.

“Care for our common home, even apart from considerations of the effects of climate change, is not simply a utilitarian endeavor but a moral obligation for all men and women as children of God,” the Pope said. “With this in mind, each of us must ask: ‘What kind of world do we want for ourselves and for those who will come after us?’”

The conference aimed to “bring researchers, policymakers and faith leaders together to understand the scientific and societal challenges of climate change and develop solutions for enabling resilient people and resilient ecosystems.”

In his message, the Pope said climate change has reached a state of emergency that not only reshapes “industrial and agricultural systems” but also negatively affects “the global human family, especially the poor and those living on the economic peripheries of our world”. 14th July 2022

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Remember, we are but travelers here.

Mary MacKillop 1867

(Check out Mary Mackillop noticeboard outside on the veranda)