



**Sacred Heart / Emmaus Parish  
St Albans/Sydenham Western Plains Deanery**



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR C  
3rd APRIL, 2022**

**DETAILS**

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

**Mass Times:**

**Sacred Heart**  
Tuesday—Friday 7.30am  
Saturday 9.00am, 5.00pm  
Sunday 7.30am, 10.30am  
Sunday Polish 9.00am  
Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5.00pm

**Emmaus Church**

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:** Please call the Parish Office on 93662146 if you wish to speak to the Priest.

**HOLY WEEK—EASTER AT  
SACRED HEART AND EMMAUS**

**See Page 4 for times of ceremonies**

**Please see details of Lent schedule on  
Page 3 of this Newsletter**

**See Page 2 of this Newsletter for ways  
to view Mass on TV, online and via  
YouTube**

**READINGS**

This week: First Reading:	Is 43:16-21	Second Reading:	Phil 3:8-14	Gospel:	Jn 8:1-11
Next Week: First Reading:	Is 50:4-7	Second Reading:	Phil 2:6-11	Gospel:	Lk:22:14-23:56

**REFLECTION**

**Our sin ... and God's love**

What is God's approach to us when we sin? The answer was in last week's story about the Forgiving Father and the two sons, and how he welcomed both sons, different as they were from each other. That is repeated in today's Gospel as Jesus intervenes and gives another chance at life to the woman in the story. This is what forgiveness does - it gives us another chance at life: and God does that for us! A further question is 'are we willing to do that for others?'

"We may not be able to forgive ourselves, others may not forgive us, history may not forgive us. But God does – and not conditionally!" [ *Vincent MacNamara in The Truth in Love* ]

The preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I [expresses it this way:

*It is truly right and just that we should always give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.:*

*For you do not cease to spur us on to possess a more abundant life.*

*Being rich in mercy, you constantly offer pardon and call on sinners to trust in your forgiveness alone.*

*Never did you turn away from us, and, though time and again we have broken your covenant, you have bound the human family to yourself through Jesus your Son, our Redeemer, with a new bond of love so tight that it can never be undone.*

God is God of mercy and forgiveness, who gives Godself to us in Jesus: THANKS BE TO GOD!!

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

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)

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

"Goodbye forever to old scores". - Mary MacKillop 1st April 1890  
(Check out Mary MacKillop noticeboard outside on the verandah)

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Anton Pokla; Cvetko Kaucic; Angelo Restaino; Rhona McGillen

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Frank & Josephine Caruana; Lewis & Nancy Muscat;

Angela Xeureb; Leli, Carmelo, Mary, Joseph & Grace Pulis; Tony & Jane Dalli, Rose Pulis. Richard Xerri; Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg; Zoe & Joseph Camilleri, Arthur & Lina Mattocks; Mary Agius Benac; Silvo & Janina Simcic, Anthony Agius; Sam & Mary Tabone, Pauline Bajada.

Aaron D'Souza;

Estafania Baracho, Ursula Aruliah, & Carasale & Lazaar Amma; Michael & Jane Saliba & Mary Barbuto; Rita Aquilina. Charlie Camilleri; Leli Bugeja; Vesna Milovac; Demetria Solomon; Loretta, George, Angelo, Freddie Camilleri; Luca, Ivo Luba Jajcevic; Mansuit & Mary Psaila; Carmelo Zerafa; Mary Zeguna; Vincent Caruana; Anthony & Carmen Camilleri; Eugene Xavier, Noel & Raymond Guest; Gregory, Eric & Charity Salisbury; John, Camello & Maria Coleiro; Paul Aquilina, Charlie Portelli; Charlie Camilleri & Leli Bugeja; Tommy Zerafa, Joe Giacotto; Fr Joshua Peter, Joe, Mario & Charlie Muscat; John Coleiro; Tony, Joseph Kelina & Seguna Family, Joseph, Josephine & Bonnici family; Rita Bugeja; Paul, Frances & Maria Portelli & Angie Azzopardi; Rhona McGillen; Aaron D'Souza; Pat & Merlyn Stahlmann; Cvita Huljev; Burjore Anthony Patel; Frederick & Iris Philbert; Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith; Thomas & Elizabeth Meyn; George Grazio Borg & the Tanh family; Maria Mai Trinh; Joseph & Maria Orsini, Elizabeth Micallef; Cecilia & Frank Cordina, John Fenech, Victor & Maree Attard; Pero Klisanin.

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

### **\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE\*** **THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS**

Thank you to all who are continuing to support our Parish's financial commitments: the bills keep coming in!

For Parishioners who contribute to the Parish with Envelopes, there is a new way for you to continue your contribution directly:

- Payments can be made online using a computer
- Payments require a Credit Card or Debit Card with VISA or MASTERCARD

All these contributions will go directly into our Parish account. To get started:

- go to our Parish website:  
<http://pol.org.au/stalbanssydenham/Home.aspx>
- click on the link **THANKSGIVING SACRED HEART/EMMAUS** on the left of the home page
- select the amount you want to contribute to keep up your regular contribution
- in the "Comment" section, enter your name and envelope number

We continue to thank our Debit/Credit card contributors who are so important to our Parish.

- **OR You can also deliver your Thanksgiving Envelopes to the letterbox at Sacred Heart church—it's secure and cleared frequently.**

### **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](http://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

### **Project Compassion**



From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



**Stations of the Cross:** every Friday at 7.15pm in Sacred Heart church.

### **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](http://www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au)

You can also email [echalmers@crcstalbens.com.au](mailto:echalmers@crcstalbens.com.au) or contact us on 9366 2544.



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### **CHILD SAFETY 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.*

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## Lent Prayer and Reconciliation

Wednesday 6th April Emmaus Church	7.30pm
Thursday 7th April Sacred Heart Church	7.30pm



## Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart Church	7.15pm	Every Friday during Lent
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### Options/Alternatives to view Mass

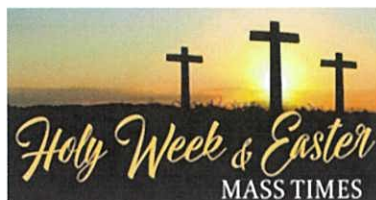
**Mass for You at Home, (MFYAH)**, which up till now had been produced in the studios of Channel Ten, now has a new base in the Diocese of Wollongong (NSW). The Mass is celebrated in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Wollongong. It shows at 6.00am Sundays on Channel Ten and is repeated multiple times a day on Foxtel's Aurora channel.

Importantly for those who have become used to Mass being 'streamed', this Sunday Mass is also available on demand on Channel Ten's platform [www.tenplay.com.au/mfyah](http://www.tenplay.com.au/mfyah).

The Mass is also available on Wollongong's YouTube channel which can be accessed on [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au) as well as the Diocesan website, [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au). There are also links to it on the Diocesan Facebook page and the MFYA Facebook page.

Channel 31 (usually found at '44' on digital TV's) 11.00am Sundays from St Patrick's Cathedral or **online at:** <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> at 1.00pm on weekdays, and at 11.00am on Sundays

**online at:** <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> (continuous daily from Lavender Bay Parish, Sydney)



## SACRED HEART / EMMAUS 2022

### Sacred Heart

	DATE	TIME
<b>Maltese – Reconciliation - TBC</b>	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>11.00am – 12.00pm</b>
<b>Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper</b>	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Stations of the Cross – Sacred Heart Grounds</b>	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion &amp; Death</b>	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>
<b>Easter Saturday – Blessing of the Food – Polish</b>	<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.30am, 10.30am, Polish Mass: 9.00am</b>
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.00am Polish Mass: 10.30am</b>

### Emmaus

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<b>Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper</b>	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
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