



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR C
27TH MARCH, 2022

DETAILS

PARISH

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Parish Secretary/Admin/Finance:
 Chris Nash/Lorraine Stafford

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
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See Page 3 of this Newsletter for ways
to view Mass on TV, online and via
YouTube

READINGS

This week: First Reading: Jos 5:9-12 Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21 Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Week: First Reading: Is 43:16-21 Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14 Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

REFLECTION

The Gospel of the Loving Father – WHERE ARE THE WOMEN?

The wonderful story of the ‘father with two sons’ comes in this weekend’s Word of God.

Now, where was the mother of the two sons? Was the father widowed, separated? Or was the mother simply written out of the story, in the way that many women’s roles and contributions were not included in Scripture? It is not uncommon for women to be without a name in Scripture texts, such as ‘The Widow of Nain’ or ‘The Samaritan Woman’.

This gospel story is often presented as portraying an image of God as a ‘loving father’ for each of us. The story immediately prior to this one is the parable of a woman who searches for her lost coin. Scripture scholars talk about this story being about God, whose love is so great that she searches for what she has lost that is so important to her, and rejoices when she finds it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#370) states: “In no way is God in man’s image. God is neither man nor woman. God is pure spirit in which there is no place for the difference between the sexes.” Pope John Paul I said, “God is our father; even more God is our mother.” The story of ‘The Loving Father’ challenges us to look at our own images of God, and to ensure that we draw from a wide variety of Scripture texts to provide us with a multitude of different images of God, portraying God’s unconditional love for us. For no image is complete, because God is more than we could ever imagine. The story of ‘The ‘Loving Father’ can also challenge us to critique the place of women within our own lives. Where do we not respect the place of women in our lives?

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

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: Marijia Stanojkovic; Wally Szostak; Mary Seguna; Ottilia Faganel; Emmanuel Bonnici

ANNIVERSARIES: Alphonso Mathias; Justina Eje; Leli Cassar; Leo Mobilio; Carmeline Pinheiro; Anthony D'Cunsha; Bridget Mitchell; Aidan Nash; Nica, Kata, Marko, Josip Bosnjak; Godwin Arandez; 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.

Estafania Baracho, Ursula Aruliah, & Carasale & Lazaar Amma; Michael & Jane Saliba & Mary Barbuto; Rita Aquilina; Aaron D'Souza; Lucia Ponjarac; 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, Mansut Psaila; 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.

Aaron D'Souza; Pat & Merlyn Stahlmann; Cvita Huljev; George Grazio Borg; Tanh family; Maria Mai Trinh; Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, John Fenech, 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—**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, 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

You can also email 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.

LENT

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

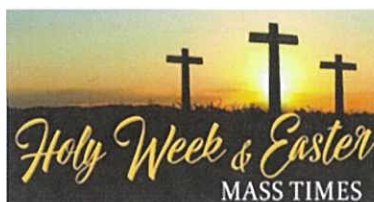
Mass for You at Home, (MFYAH), which up till now had been produced in the studios of Channel Ten, now has a new base in the Diocese of Wollongong (NSW). The Mass is celebrated in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Wollongong. It shows at 6.00am Sundays on Channel Ten and is repeated multiple times a day on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

The Mass is also available on Wollongong's YouTube channel which can be accessed on www.massforyou.com.au as well as the Diocesan website, 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
Maltese – Reconciliation - TBC	Saturday 9 th April	11.00am – 12.00pm
Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper	Thursday 14 th April	7.00pm
Stations of the Cross – Sacred Heart Grounds	Friday 15 th April	11.00am
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Death	Friday 15 th April	3.00pm
Easter Saturday – Blessing of the Food – Polish	Saturday 16 th April	10.00am
Easter Vigil	Saturday 16 th April	7.00pm
Easter Sunday	Sunday 17 th April	7.30am, 10.30am, Polish Mass: 9.00am
Easter Monday	Monday 18 th April	9.00am Polish Mass: 10.30am

Emmaus

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