



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR C 1st MAY, 2022

### DETAILS

#### PARISH

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#### Admin/Finance:

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.

### STRAIGHT INTO IT AT SCHOOL!

On the first day of term this week, our Regional, Bishop Martin Ashe, visited our young Parishioners at our Cana and our Emmaus Parish Schools—in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation on 14/15 May. Give some room in your prayers for them!

The staff of Emmaus Parish School gathered after the children had gone home to explore further ways of 'getting inside' the Easter story of the Road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35). The School celebrates its feast day this Friday.

See page 3 for invitations to 'Mothers' Day' and 'Christmas in July' dinners at that fantastic restaurant at our Catholic Regional College,

### COME BACK TO MASS!!

(and also see Page 4 of this Newsletter for ways to view Mass on TV, online and via YouTube)

### READINGS

This week: First Reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41 Second Reading: Rev 5:11-14 Gospel: Jn 21:1-19  
Next Week: First Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52 Second Reading: Rev 7:9,14-17 Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

### REFLECTION

#### The Season of Easter

extends for seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. It is about renewal and developing the attitude to life that reflects our resurrection faith, and living that way. Two of the great blessings of Easter for this are *HOPE* and *HOLINESS*:

#### Hope

looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst;  
discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what cannot;  
draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of human nature;  
'lights a candle' instead of 'cursing the darkness';  
regards problems, small or large, as challenges that must be faced up to;  
cherishes no illusions, nor does it yield to cynicism;  
sets goals and is not frustrated by repeated difficulties or setbacks;  
pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit;  
puts up with modest gains;  
accepts misunderstandings as the price for serving the greater good of others;  
is a good loser because it has the divine assurance of final victory.

#### Holiness

is not something that comes from doing good: we do good because we are holy;  
is not something we acquire by avoiding evil: we avoid evil because we are holy;  
is not something that follows from prayer: we pray because we are holy;  
is not the result of kindness: we are kind because we are holy;  
is not something that blossoms when we are courageous: we are courageous because we are holy;  
is not the result of character building; we build character because we are holy;  
is not a gift we obtain after a lifetime of service: we give service because we are holy.

### 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

"Everything God blesses will prosper" - Mary MacKillop, 14th December 1890  
(Check out Mary MacKillop noticeboard outside on the verandah)

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Pauline Vella; Charles Bezzina; Fr Mick Mulcahy; Anthony Ken Lam; Maria Briffa; Mrs McCory;

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ignatius & Irene Stanley; Rodolfo Roque; Daphne Jessup; Patrick & Maggie Pinto; Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg; Patrick & Maggie Pinto; Charles Spiteri; Rita Siamos; Aaron D'Souza; Phoebe, Cecil & Cyres Excompare; Vesna Milovac; Luca, Ivo & Lube Jajcevic; Charles D'Silva; Ben Gelnay; John Kimber; Marko Mara Viduka; Charles Camilleri; Leli Bugeja; Joe Giacotto, John Colorio; Mary Seguna; Joseph & Maria Camilleri; Rosa Febbraro; Josephine Aquilina; Adina Aquilina; Aaron D'Souza; Ivan Visvic; Albert Marcella; Francisco Tiro; Jed Yuseco; Anastasia Gomes; Ivan Cavka; Carmen Acelar; Pero Klisanin; Joseph & Maria Orsini; Cecilia & Frank Cordina

## 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**



**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](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

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The next set of Thanksgiving Envelopes will be sent out during this week—for commencement on the weekend of 14-15 May.

The Parish appreciates so much the financial support that Parishioners give through the Envelopes and by Direct Debit and Credit Cards.

### **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.*

### Our 'usual' schedule of Mass Times resumes this weekend:

at SACRED HEART:

SATURDAY at 5pm

SUNDAY at 7.30am, 9.00am (Polish), 10.30am

at EMMAUS:

SATURDAY at 6.30pm

SUNDAY at 9.00am

### 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://melbourncatholic.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)

### DINNER at QUATREFOILS RESTAURANT

Catholic Regional College, Sydenham

380 Sydenham Road, Sydenham 3037

Enter via Gate 10 on Pecks Road

### MOTHERS' DAY DINNER

Thursday 5 May 2022 Time: 6:00pm arrival

3 course dinner

Cost: \$35pp with a complimentary glass of bubbles for mum.

\$15 children's menu available.

For bookings Email: [quatrefoils@crs.vic.edu.au](mailto:quatrefoils@crs.vic.edu.au)

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Tuesday 19 July • Wednesday 20 July

Tuesday 26 July • Thursday 28 July

6:00pm arrival \$40pp 3 course Christmas Feast

For bookings Email: [quatrefoils@crs.vic.edu.au](mailto:quatrefoils@crs.vic.edu.au)