

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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 11th September 2022

PARISH DETAILS

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 $\textbf{Monday-- Wednesday: } 9{:}30 am{-}4{:}00pm$

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

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 or 0413 841 936

READINGS

This week:

First Reading: Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

Second Reading: 1 Tm 1:12-17

Gospel: Lk 15:1-32

Scared Heart Mass Times:

7.30am

9.00am

9:00am

Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5.00pm

Saturday 5:00pm

7:30am,10:30am

Saturday 6:30pm

Polish 9.00am

Tuesday—Friday

Emmaus Mass Times

Saturday

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Next week:

First Reading: Am 8:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Tm 2:1-8

Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

REFLECTION

WELCOME I FORGIVE !YOU

We are people of faith – that's why we gather in Eucharist each weekend. At the heart of faith is our recognition of the presence and action of God in our lives, who would have us sharing in His life more and more: and so God forgives us again and again! This re-creation of God of our lives is proclaimed in today's Word.

There is a theme of 'the hospitality of God' going throughout the Gospel of Luke. It takes the form of 'forgiveness' this weekend. Jesus 'welcomes sinners, and eats with them' it says. How else could it be? For if the kingdom of God is to be whole and complete, then reconciliation must be an integral part of the mission of Christ on behalf of God.

As one of the writers says: We may not be able to forgive ourselves, others may not forgive us, history may not forgive us. But God does — and not conditionally. It is not only if we have first shined and combed ourselves and put on our best suits and made ourselves respectable enough to appear in his presence that he does so. He does it anyway. (Vincent MacNamara, The Truth in Love)

And as another writer wonders: Jesus, tongues wagged about your eating with sinners and identifying with them. Why did you respond with this story? Are you the prodigal son, wasting your life on us, needy sinners that we are? Or is this about the prodigal Father filled with compassion, who at the first sight of our return, even though a long way off, runs to meet us, embraces us, kisses us, and kills the fatted calf for us? Prodigal Son, Prodigal Father and Prodigal Holy Spirit, we are filled with awe and wonder at the love you squander on us.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

Please note **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES** will be celebrated over the next week. Should you wish to join, details are: on Sunday, 11th September at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne. At 3.00 p.m. Rosary At 3.30 p.m. Concelebrated Mass.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Fr Michael Bogusz, Carmen Miranda

ANNIVERSARIES: Prudence Fraser, Ernesta Luna, Yolanda Strolla, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret, John Coloreo, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Charlie Dingli, Carmel & Coneccta Cohen, Rod Bonnici, John Borg, Pat Stahlmann, Aaron D'Souza, Paul Aquilina, William Jessup, Joe Gatt, Joseph Camilleri, Zoe Camilleri, Gatanu Zerafa, Pero Klisanin, Joe Giaccotto, Aaron D'Souza, Peter & Clara Parnis, Charlie Dingli, Joe Giaccotto, Anthony Debattista, Justin Heldt, Eugene Zavier, Christopher Desjardin, George Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Fr Peter and Muscat family, Joseph, Mabel & Mary Legay, Paul Aquilina, Ernesta Luna, Fo Heang Ly, Joe Giaccotto, Aaron D'Souza, Nicole, Ivy & Lawrence Randolph, Sammy Mifsud, Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith, Thomas & Elizabeth Meyn,

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks <u>Safeguarding Sunday</u>, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday.

We have our <u>Parish Safeguarding Committee</u>—Fran Thorn, Maree Connell, Lorraine Stafford. They are overseeing our compliance with Standards, and managing the Working With Children Checks and Police Checks as required in our Ministry areas.

To report concerns, there are two specialised channels: stalbans.csc@cam.org.au; mobile 0413 841 936. Copies are available in the Sacristies of our churches and the Parish Office of our Parish Statement of Commitment, Safeguarding Children & Young People Code of Conduct Declaration, Child Safeguarding Policy.

PARISH CENSUS THANK YOU

Thank you for filling in those Parish Census Cards over the past two weeks – greatly appreciated as we update our Parish records. There ae some 'blanks' in the foyers if you missed out.



FATHERS' DAY COLLECTION

Following last weekend's special collection, you can place further envelopes in the usual collection baskets. This is our donation for the support of sick and retired Priests of the Archdiocese. These Priests don't have the direct support of Parishes any longer. Their support now comes from the Priests' Retirement Foundation — which is made up of our contributions each year around "Father's Day". Further envelopes are available in the foyers for donations. Your generosity is highly appreciated by "those who have served". Thank you.

RCIA

The 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, and registrations are still 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.