



# Sacred Heart / Emmaus Parish

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



## Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B - 5th May 2024

### Parish Office Details:

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### Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 9am - 5:00pm

Thursday & Friday: 9am - 4:30pm

(The Parish office is closed on Wednesdays, weekends and public holidays)

### 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

### Sacred Heart Church Mass Times:

#### Weekdays:

Tuesday - Friday 7.30am

Saturday 9.00am

#### Weekend:

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 10:30am

Polish 9.00am

Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5:00pm

### Emmaus Church Mass Times:

Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

**Website:** <http://pol.org.au/stalbanssydenham/Home.aspx>

### 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

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the traditional owners of the land where we gather. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.*

### READINGS

**This Week:** First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48](#) Second Reading: [1 John 4:7-10](#) Gospel: [John 15:9-17](#)

**Next Week:** First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11](#) Second Reading: [Ephesians 1:17-23](#) Gospel: [Mark 16:15-20](#)

### REFLECTION

## *Here it is again: "Love One Another"*

As we prepare to pass on from the Easter Season this weekend's Gospel Reading has Jesus, again, drawing us into that basic and essential way of life that he has preached about a number of times – and has lived in his own life.

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met.

However there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another *as I have loved you*. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall.

Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

There is a wonderful line from the musical, *Les Miserables*, when the hero, Valjean, is told, 'To love another person is to see the face of God.' As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!



## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Recent Deaths:** Stanislaw Pawlowski

**Anniversaries:** Mark Farrugia, Joseph Xuereb, Salvina & John Borg, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Joe Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Joseph Grech, John Borg, Daphne Jessup, Pero Kilsanin, Paul Aquilina, Frank & Bernadina Siracusa, Daniella Zahra, Angie Azzopardi, Paul & Frances Portelli, Alfred Colerio, John Colerio, Nina Pace, Carmenu Falzon & Leli Bugeja, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Eusebio Darmanin, Nazarena & Saviour Anastasi, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Grace & Peter Muscat, Sheila, Noel & Joseph D'Cruz, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Emanuel & John Fenech, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Aaron D'souza, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho, Joseph & Maria Camilleri, Charlie Aquilina, Edith Aquilina,

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



Through our Parishioners ongoing support throughout the year, the Church will be making a Donation to CatholicCare of **\$5000** this May!

Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact, and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)

**Anniversaries for Mass:** Parishioners wishing to place death anniversary Masses in the Bulletin, (Saturday evening or Sunday Masses) are asked to write the name clearly on the relevant church envelope along with the date and Mass time and then hand them in at Mass or at the Parish Office no later than 12.00pm on the Thursday BEFORE the names are to go into the Bulletin. Any received after this will be included in the following week.

### Bunnings BBQ

The Fair Committee invite all Parishioners to visit our Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 4th May at Taylors Lakes from 9:00am ~ 4:00pm.

All proceeds to our 3 Parish Primary Schools.

If any parishioners would like to help please ring 0425 728 315



### Ministry Meetings for the Registered Team Members @ The Presbytery

- ◇ Finance meeting 21st May, 7pm
- ◇ PAG meetings 5th June, 7pm

*Ministry is needed so that we can "carry forward the life of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit".*

### Parish Mass Count

The Parish Mass Count will commence this weekend and go over the four weekends in May being **4-5 May, 11-12 May, 18-19 May and 25-26 May.**

The Archdiocese takes a count of the number of people at Mass in all Parishes yearly. Four weekends have been chosen to allow for those Parish Masses occurring in an infrequent pattern such as Masses said in languages other than English. Thank you to those who are looking after that for us this year.



## Have you thought? Love

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## St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Sunday May 5th. Always remember to love one another. Mary MacKillop 12th. July 1881