



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT —YEAR C
5TH NOVEMBER, 2021**

DETAILS

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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 6.30pm (must be booked online)
 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

Baptism: Baptisms have resumed, (limited numbers present). Eight weeks notice is required.

Marriage: Weddings have resumed with restricted numbers. Four months noticed required.

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

**COVID-SAFE RESTRICTIONS
HAVE BEEN EASED**

See Page 2 of this newsletter for full details



See Page 4 of this newsletter for Christmas/New Year Mass Times 2021/2022

MASS is available through STREAMING and TV

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

READINGS

This week: First Reading:	Bar 5:1-9	Second Reading:	Phil 1:3-6. 8-1	Gospel:	Lk 3:1-6
Next Week: First Reading:	Zep 3:14-18	Second Reading:	Phil 4:4-7	Gospel:	Lk 3:10-18

REFLECTION

ADVENT AGAIN ?

The great Advent figure John the Baptist wants us to join his crusade for 'straighter ways' in life and for a more just world; he alerts us to a Saviour who asks for our participation in His magnificent enterprise of 'giving life to all'. He urges us in today's Advent Word to play our role by living renewed, hopeful lives that add to the quality of life and goodness in the world.



Second Sunday in Advent

Advent is a waiting for someone we know is here already! We recall in Advent that the Lord Jesus has come among us, is present all the time, and whose 'kingdom' will be fulfilled (as 'he comes again').

He is the child who is born anew, as it were, each year: for the world always needs its God and saviour. He is the life of God who is born anew, as it were, each year: for the world needs its God and Saviour. Our lives are different each year as we get older and come through new experiences. We need him in different ways at different stages of life.

And the world has different needs of God at different times.

We need 'the child of peace' to be born again in our wars and violence, the 'child of wisdom' in our search for truth and meaning, the 'child of gentleness' in a world which can be harsh and greedy. We need to know that in the birth of Jesus each year there is the everlasting promise of God to be with us.

Advent looks ahead, too, letting us see that the life of Jesus is never over, that the truth of Jesus is always spoken again and again, and that he will one day be seen in glory.

For we are people not only of Advent but also of Easter, of waiting and of resurrection.

We are people of earth and Heaven as he is the Son of Mary and the Son of God, who leads us through our life on earth to the eternal glory of Heaven.

[Communion Reflections, Donal Neary]

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

I saw that God would provide the means, would guide me on the way, and would provide a friend to do for me what I could not do myself.
- Mary McKillop to Monsignor Kirby 1873

(Check out Mary MacKillop noticeboard outside on the verandah)

PARISH UPDATE

COVID-SAFE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN EASED

COVID restrictions now allow our churches to be open for Mass, “with no capacity limits or density limits”, everyone to be ‘fully vaccinated’. Bookings are no longer required.

As well, there is an extra Mass with those of ‘unknown vaccination status’, limited to **50** participants, at Sacred Heart at 6.30pm on Saturdays. Bookings are required at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMKXC>

Everyone is to record their presence (by QR or manually).

“Masks are required indoors only in limited settings”. Our churches are not listed as a ‘limited setting’.

See below for information for accessing Mass on TV and online.

The schedule for our Masses this weekend (4/5 December) is:

SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES:

Sacred Heart Church	Saturday	5.00pm	Full Vaccination Required
Sacred Heart Church	Saturday	6.30pm	Unknown Vaccination status
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	7.30am	Full Vaccination Required
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	9.00am POLISH	Full Vaccination Required
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	10.30am	Full Vaccination Required

Bookings required

Emmaus Church	Saturday	6.30pm	Full Vaccination Required
Emmaus Church	Sunday	9.00am	Full Vaccination Required

Other 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)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Mary Rose Abela; Pashke Nda; Umberto Martinuzzo; Joanne McSwain; Anna Bigiglio; Fr Christopher Seton; Joe Vassallo; Odette Smith; Isis Smith; Frances Barbara.

ANNIVERSARIES: Douglas Lovery; Daryl D'Monte; Anna Gionbaotixita Giuse; Paul Aquilina; 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; Douglas Lovery; Anna Gionbaotixita Giuse; Paul Aquilina; 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; Cecil Rozario; Charlie Camilleri, Tony Spiteri; John Coloreio, Joe Falzone & Joe Giacotto; Golu Leli Bugeja; Joshine Darmin, Joyce Cassar, Maryanne & Michael Bordieri; Reno, Salvatore, Lucy & Jane DeGabriele; Fr Joshua Peter, Joe, Mario & Charlie Muscat; Tony, Joseph Kelina & Seguna Family, Joseph, Josephine & Bonnici family; Rita Bugeja; Miriam Caruana (Delia); Jube Bilic, Stipe Hercegovac; Maria Bao; Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, John Fenech, Salvu & Martina Micallef & Family, John, Vincenza, Carmelo, Paul, Joe & Tony Fenech & Family.

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;**
- **OR You can 'store up' you Envelopes and bring them when we're allowed to gather again.**

Holy Land Olive Wood Articles for Sale

Sales of Holy Land articles to assist Catholic families that belong to the Parish of our Lady of Fatima, Shepherd Field, Palestine and support their struggling Parish in the Holy Land. Display at **Sacred Heart Masses this weekend 4/5 December, 2021**. **Emmaus display will be on next weekend 11/12 December, 2021.**

PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION during ADVENT:

Invitation to all to step aside from busy Christmas preparations and spend a little time in **ADVENT PRAYER** together followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Rite), recalling the promise of God to be with us always: **7.30pm Wednesday 15th December at Emmaus**; and **7.30pm Thursday 16th December at Sacred Heart**.

There will be the Sacrament of Reconciliation in **Maltese** on **Saturday 18th December between 11.00am–12.00pm at Sacred Heart** for those who wish to attend prior to Christmas

Our Parish is re-building our Ministry Teams

'Ministry' expresses that it is 'we the people' who give life to our Parish.

'Ministry' is our involvement together in the mission of the Church – "to carry forward the work of Christ".

To renew your participation in Ministry, or to commence your participation in Ministry, go to the 'Application Forms' page on our Parish website:

<http://pol.org.au/stalbanssydenham>

- you will see the many Ministries of our Parish
- you will see the procedures that are required to
- 'renew' and to 'commence' involvement in Ministry.

Your participation in Ministry gives life to the gospel of Jesus – being lived in action!

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.

ADVENT PRAYER & RECONCILIATION TIMES

Wednesday 15 December	Emmaus	7.30pm
Thursday 16 December	Sacred Heart	7.30pm



CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES 2021/22



Christmas Eve Friday 24 December	Sacred Heart	5.00pm, 7.00pm, 9.00pm Limited to 50 participants (Vaccination status unknown) – Bookings required https://www.trybooking.com/BMKXC
	Sacred Heart	Midnight (Carols 11.45pm)
Christmas Day Saturday 25 December	Emmaus	6.00pm 8.00pm, 10.00pm
	Sacred Heart	7.30am, 10.30am, Polish 9.00am
Feast of the Holy Family Sunday 26 December	Emmaus	9.00am
	Sacred Heart	7.30am, 10.30am, Polish 9.00am
New Year's Day Saturday 1 January 2022	Sacred Heart	9.00am
Feast of the Epiphany Saturday 1 January 2022	Sacred Heart	5.00pm, 6.30pm (Vaccination status unknown) – Bookings required https://www.trybooking.com/BMKXC
	Emmaus	Emmaus 6.30pm
Sunday 2 January 2022	Sacred Heart	7.30am, 10.30am, Polish 9.00am
	Emmaus	9.00am

NOTES:

Check-in – QR code or manually - is required at all Masses

Evidence of full vaccination is to be shown before entering the church except at 9pm Christmas Eve at Sacred Heart which is limited to 50 participants 'of unknown vaccination status' – for which bookings are required at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMKXC>

