



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT —YEAR C
12TH DECEMBER, 2021**

DETAILS

PARISH
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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:	Zep 3:14-18	Second Reading:	Phil 4:4-7	Gospel:	Lk 3:10-18
Next Week: First Reading:	Mi 5:1-4	Second Reading:	Heb 10:5-10	Gospel:	Lk 1:39-45

REFLECTION

PREPARE THE WAY



John the Baptist is such an important figure in Advent that we hear a further part of his story today in addition to last week's story. He is bold, forthright, a figure of action. And yet he knows that he is a child of God, a servant of the Lord, a messenger of the coming kingdom. John is keenly aware that the presence of the Lord is the gift of God to us.

Everything we do can prepare the way for God.

For God makes his home among us, and Jesus is born to dwell within each of us.

In love and in friendship, there is the meeting-place of God and people, as in the love and the promise of Mary there was the space for God to become one of us.

In our human love we prepare the way for the love of God;

in our human forgiveness we prepare the way for the forgiveness of God;

in our human compassion we prepare the way for the compassion of God.

Our human work for the betterment of people prepares the way for the justice of God,

and our human ways of reconciliation prepare the way for the grace of reconciliation of God and his people.

In love, forgiveness and compassion we are sharing in the very life of God.

Without our cooperation there can be no justice of God, no reconciliation of God, no speaking of the word of God, for without our voice the word of God is silent.

Advent invites us to choose love, to commit our lives to prepare the way for God.

It is our faith, a faith born of love, a faith born in the everyday as Jesus was born of Mary, that the Lord is born anew each year, as it were, in the desire of God's people to live within the love of God and share this love in life.

[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

"Will you not help me to be faithful, will you not cheer me on with your kind good prayers". - Mary MacKillop 26th Feb 1872
(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 (11/12 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: Philomena (Lila) Lazaro; Joseph Jozwik; Sofia Bienias; Colleen Duarte; Peter Brennan; Mary Rose Abela; Christine (Pashke) Nda; Umberto Martinuzzo; Joanne McSwain; Anna Bigiglio.

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonia Demicoli, Alice Carmela, Bruce & David Keith; Frank & Angela Cicino; Cesare & Anthony Strolla; 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; Joel Baracho, Yvone Diniz, Ursula Arulian; Moto & Janja Peric, Stipe Visevic; Pjeter, Lisa Dojcaj & Family; John Val; Annie Perera; Pearl, Thomas & Clifford Sladen, Alfred, Sheila & Ricardo Sladen, Joyce, Malcolm & Tyrone Pope; Alistair D'Monte, Ashley Basnet, Rex & Mary Vieyra, Joyce & Eugene D'Rozario, Joyce & Merlyn Hendricks; Peter & Clara Parnis; Cecil Rozario; Nazarena & Saviour Anastasi; Josephine & Eusebio Darmanin & Charlie Camilleri; Anna Pribaz; Tony Spiteri; John Coloreio, Joe Falzon & Joe Giaccotto; Teresa Andrade; Golu Leli Bugeja; Joshine Darmin, Joyce Cassar, Maryanne & Michael Bordieri; Fr Joshua Peter, Joe, Mario & Charlie Muscat; Tony, Joseph Kelina & Seguna Family, Joseph, Josephine & Bonnici family; Rita Bugeja; Paul, Frances & Maria Portelli & Angie Azzopardi; Maria Cam; 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

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 **Emmaus display will be on next weekend 11/12 December, 2021.**

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.**

There will be **no Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the **Polish** community at Sacred Heart who wish to attend prior to Christmas.

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**.

READERS & SPECIAL MINISTERS

Readers & Special Ministers are required for Christmas, Feast of the Holy Family Masses and New Year's Day Mass. Clipboards are in the Foyer of Sacred Heart & Emmaus for you to register your interest.

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>

