



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT —YEAR C
19TH 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
 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.

**NEW COVID-SAFE
RESTRICTIONS**

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:	Mi 5:1-4	Second Reading:	Heb 10:5-10	Gospel:	Lk 1:39-45
Next Week: First Reading:	Sir 3:2-6. 12-14	Second Reading:	Col 3:12-21	Gospel:	Lk 2:41-52

REFLECTION

MARY – MOTHER AND FRIEND

Mary plays such an important role in our story of faith and the story of God. For God to be born into our midst as one of us, then one of us must agree to bear and introduce this new life into our world. In today's Readings, Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, speaks praise for God's intervention into the turn of human history. God can do great things!

A very human side of Mary – after she knew she was to be the mother of Jesus, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, an older woman who herself was expecting her first child.

She needed to talk with someone – her hopes, her fears, her anxieties, and the puzzlement of her mysterious visit from God, and what God asked her to become – the mother of Jesus. And she knew her cousin would be the same. Elizabeth, too, needed to talk over her hopes, her fears, her anxieties and the puzzlement of her mysterious visit from God.

Like we all do: there are times in life when we need to talk, and we need someone to listen.

If we're out in the cold, we need the warmth of someone else's sympathy and understanding, someone just to listen, to be there, and maybe to give a bit of advice.

And when we're very happy, feeling like dancing around the room or on the grass, we like to share that, too.

Mary and Elizabeth helped each other grow in their faith, in what God had given to them and what God was asking of them; and they helped each other trust that what the Lord promised them would be fulfilled.

There are times in life when we need more than someone to listen to us;

We need others to share their story and help us know the truth.

And we need faith.

Mary knew that God would not leave her alone when times would be rough and painful.

She knew that God had called her ... and she was open to this call with courage.

[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

"God has always helped me, and I have more than ever cause to trust in him." - Mary MacKillop 10th March 1874
(Check out Mary MacKillop noticeboard outside on the verandah)

PARISH UPDATE

NEW COVID-SAFE REGULATIONS

COVID restrictions now allow our churches to be open for Mass and all church services, “with no capacity limits or density limits”. Bookings are not required.

The distinction between ‘vaccinated’ and ‘vaccination status unknown’ has ended. Accordingly, the 6.30pm Saturday Mass this weekend (18th December) will be the final Mass at that time. It is open to all this weekend.

For all Masses, everyone is required to record their presence in the foyer (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 (18/19 December) is:

SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES:

Sacred Heart Church	Saturday	5.00pm	
Sacred Heart Church	Saturday	6.30pm	Open to all - No booking required
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	7.30am	
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	9.00am POLISH	
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	10.30am	

Emmaus Church	Saturday	6.30pm	
Emmaus Church	Sunday	9.00am	

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: Mario Bellefemine; Iris Philbert; Philomena (Lila) Lazaro; Joseph Jozwik; Sofia Bienias; Colleen Duarte; Mary Rose Abela; Christine (Pashke) Nda; Umberto Martinuzzo; Joanne McSwain; Anna Bigiglio.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Michael Camilleri, Maria, Joseph & Maria Mifsud; Dominic Pace; Carmen Catania; 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; 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; Charlie Portelli; Ester Lopez; John Coloreio, Gaytano & Antonia Zarafe; Sybil, Frederick & Shadwell Bronkhurst; Rosanna & Guzeppi & Dolor Falzon; Charlie Camilleri & Galu Piscopo; Teresa, Salvu & Michael Cutajar; Angela Pecak; Massura & Maria Psaila; 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; Herbert Nash; Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, John Fenech, Salvu & Martina Micallef & 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.**

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



There is a **Giving Tree** in the Church with a donation box, where Parishioners are invited to place their "Christmas Gift" for the needy. Cash donations only.



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.

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.



CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES 2021/22



Christmas Eve Friday 24 December	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Emmaus	5.00pm, 7.00pm, 9.00pm Midnight (Carols 11.45pm) 6.00pm 8.00pm, 10.00pm
Christmas Day Saturday 25 December	Sacred Heart Emmaus	7.30am, 10.30am, Polish 9.00am 9.00am
Feast of the Holy Family Sunday 26 December	Sacred Heart Emmaus	7.30am, 10.30am, Polish 9.00am 9.00am
New Year's Day Saturday 1 January 2022	Sacred Heart	9.00am
Feast of the Epiphany Saturday 1 January 2022	Sacred Heart Emmaus	5.00pm, 6.30pm
Sunday 2 January 2022	Sacred Heart Emmaus	7.30am, 10.30am, Polish 9.00am 9.00am

NOTES:

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

