



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH —YEAR C
26TH DECEMBER, 2021**

DETAILS

PARISH
Address: 4 Winifred Street, St Albans 3021
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Parish Secretary/Admin/Finance:
Chris Nash/Lorraine Stafford

Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday 9:30am—4:00pm

Mass Times:
Sacred Heart
 Tuesday—Friday 7.30am
 Saturday 9.00am, 5.00pm
 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.
Eight weeks notice is required.

Marriage: Weddings have resumed
Four months noticed required.

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

**NEW COVID-SAFE
RESTRICTIONS**

Masks are now obligatory in all indoor settings: this includes our churches
Check-in – QR code or manually is mandatory at all Masses



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

READINGS

This week: First Reading:	Sir 3:2-6. 12-14	Second Reading:	Col 3:12-21	Gospel:	Lk 2:41-52
Next Week: First Reading:	Is 60:1-6	Second Reading:	Eph 3:2-3. 5-6	Gospel:	Mt 2:1-12

REFLECTION



We are celebrating that a Saviour has been born for us – Christ, the Lord.
 The love of God for all of creation is brought alive in our midst through this birth. New hope is possible – for God is here amongst us.
 With thankful hearts, and with a spirit of love for all,
 let's pray Christmas blessings for all!

To all who have given life to our Parish during this extremely demanding year: well done! thank you!

May Christmas be a great blessing and reassurance for us seen and felt in those around us, celebrated in our prayer and worship, for

JESUS, SON OF GOD, IS WITH US !



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

"Have patience, and go on quietly with your work." Mary MacKillop 30th December 1897
 (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.

For all Masses, everyone is required to record their presence in the foyer (by QR or manually).

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

The schedule for our Masses this Sunday 26 December is:

[There are no Masses in the evening on Christmas Day](#)

SUNDAY MASSES:

Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	7.30am	
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	9.00am POLISH	
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	10.30am	

<u>Emmaus</u> Church	Sunday	9.00am	
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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://melbourncatholic.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: Doris Democoli; Niariay John Bol; Gizela Lovenjak; Mario Bellefemine; Iris Philbert; Philomena (Lila) Lazaro; Joseph Jozwik; Sofia Bienias; Colleen Duarte; Mary Rose Abela; Christine (Pashke) Nda; Umberto Martinuzzo.

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth & Massu Micallef; Norman Gatt, Vincent & Giovanna Gatt & Emmanuel & Jessie Mifsud; Andrew, Doris, Joseph & Vincent Mifsud; Theresa Saliba & Neil Snooks; 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; Jerry Aloysius; Kraljmjoana Mato, Zvoko Nevenka, Klara Sunaric, Bilobrk Jvo, Macis Cvita; Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Victor Attard, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Elizabeth Micallef & John Fenech; Paul, Maria & Catherin D'Rozario, Benjamin & Anastasia Gomes; 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 & Meryn Hendricks; Peter & Clara Parnis; John Coloreio, Joe Giacotto, Joe Falzon; Charlie Camilleri & Leli Bugeja; Elizabeth & Massu Micallef; Fr Joshua Peter, Joe, Mario & Charlie Muscat; Tony, Joseph Kelina & Seguna Family, Joseph, Josephine & Bonnici family; Rita Bugeja; Paul, Frances & Maria Portelli & Angie Azzopardi; Carmen & Joseph & family; Sam Vella & Family, Guza & Paul Tabone; Scibarras Family, Willie Family; Sydney & Joseph Willie & Brett Lazaric; Herbert Nash; Elizabeth & Massu Micallef; 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.**



Closure of the Parish Office

Our Parish Office will be closed from Friday 24th December, 2021 until Monday 3rd January, 2022. The office will reopen on Tuesday 4th January, 2022.

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!

Prayer to the Holy Family!



Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

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 There are no Masses Christmas evening
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

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