



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR C
20TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

DETAILS

PARISH
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Parish Secretary/Admin/Finance:
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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
 Sunday 7.30am, 10.30am
 Sunday Polish 9.00am
 Sunday 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
 Maltese every 4th Saturday 4.00pm

Baptism: Eight weeks notice is required.

Marriage: 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 2 of this newsletter for full details

Please see details of Lent schedule on Page 4 of this Newsletter

**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:	Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23	Second Reading:	1 Cor 15:45-49	Gospel:	Lk 6:27-38
Next Week: First Reading:	Sir 27:4-7	Second Reading:	1 Cor 15:54-58	Gospel:	Lk 6:39-45

REFLECTION

Ah, forgiveness ... it's not so easy!

The compassion of God is a constant theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke (which shapes our Sunday readings throughout this year). Throughout this gospel, the compassion and mercy of God are emphasised, with a large number of Jesus' actions and parables relating to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion in action.

One expression of this in the gospel is Jesus' readiness to forgive, to bring God's forgiveness into people's lives. It's not always so easy for us – followers of Jesus – to act like this, is it?

We have all forgiven children. Often. Out of tenderness because they seemed so upset at having caused pain; out of weariness because it seemed simpler to give in; out of intelligence, too, to allow a second chance; out of love, love that has faith in and gives hope to another. Between adults forgiveness is more difficult: 'Who started it? 'Who will take the first step?' 'How many times should I forgive?' 'It'll just look like I'm giving in.'

We are called the 'children of God'. God forgives us: the Eucharist is such a sign of that -where we are given the life of Christ again and again.

We are the people of God - called and graced to do the things of God: including forgiveness.

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

"Judge not, leaving that most painful duty to those appointed for it". - Mary MacKillop 26th April 1873
(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 weekend 8th/9th January 2022 is:

SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES:

Sacred Heart Church	Saturday	5.00pm	
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: Bill Saliba; Carmen McFerran; Manuel Joe da Costa Rodrigues; Laurence Camenzuli; Zdzislaw Joe Sujecki; Robert Rosic; Alec D'Souza.

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Okema, Augustine Oriada; Ferdinand Debono; Lydia & David Turnbull; Roland Patrao; George Muscat & Family, Frank & Josephine Caruana, Maria Solon, Maria Gabor; Leli Cassar; 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; Aaron D'Souza; Paul & Grace Mifsud, Vincent, Marinton & Joseph Magrin, Mark McInerney, Peter Bridgman & Wenzu Camenzuli; Rita Aquilina; Michael & Jane Saliba & Mary Barbuto; Julia Alcantara; Auslem Netto; Paul & Maria Rozario, Benjamin, Anastasia & Rebecca Gomes; Julie Aloysius; Paul Aquilina, John Coleiro, Mansut Psaila &, Joe Giacotto; Charlie Camilleri, Leli Bugeja; Teresa Andriade; 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; Aaron D'Souza; Janja Duvnjak & Family; Burjore Anthony Patel; Ted Smith; Stephen Grabovac; Jan & Stefania Pribila; Stefania & Flora Skuranec; Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, John Fenech; Pero Klisanin.

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;**



Volunteer Opportunity assisting Refugee Students

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513

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!

Catholic Regional College—Caroline Springs Enrolments

Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs is now accepting enrolment applications for Year 7 in 2024. Applications close Friday 19 August 2022. Application forms can be downloaded from our website.

Bookings are now open for guided College tours. Please keep in mind, tickets are limited so bookings are essential. We also offer a Virtual tour from our website, if you wish to explore our facilities virtually.

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.

LENT

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule 2nd March 2022

Sacred Heart Church	7.30am	Parish Mass
Sacred Heart Church	6.00pm	Polish Mass
Sacred Heart Church	7.00pm	Parish Mass
Emmaus Church	7.00pm	Parish Mass

Lent Prayer and Reconciliation

Wednesday 6th April Emmaus Church	7.30pm
Thursday 7 th April Sacred Heart Church	7.30pm



Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart Church	7.15pm	Every Friday during Lent <u>except 4th March</u>
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