



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR C
6TH 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
 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: 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 2 of this newsletter for full details

**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:	Is 6:1-8	Second Reading:	1 Cor 15:1-11	Gospel:	Lk 5:1-11
Next Week: First Reading:	Jer 17:5.8	Second Reading:	1 Cor 15:12, 16-20	Gospel:	Lk 6:17. 20-26

REFLECTION

WHO, ME???

It is as though the Word of God recognises that in these weeks we are organizing all our involvements and settling into the routines that will guide us through the year. This Word would have us include in that overall picture of our lives the recognition that we are all called to be disciples of Christ, called to carry forward the work of Christ in all that we do. This is to inform all our other involvements, and is not to get swamped amongst them!

I heard the Lord say, 'Whom shall I call?'

Not me!

I'm too young. I'm too old. I'm over-committed already; I wouldn't know where to start; I'm not worthy.

I heard the Lord say, 'Who will be our messenger?'

Not me!

I'm too young. I'm too old. I'm over-committed already; I wouldn't know where to start; I'm not worthy.

I heard the Lord say, 'Who will tell the Good News?'

Not me!

I'm too young. I'm too old. I'm over-committed already; I wouldn't know where to start; I'm not worthy.

I heard the Lord say, 'Follow me!'

Not me!

I'm too young. I'm too old. I'm over-committed already; I wouldn't know where to start; I'm not worthy.

We hear your words, O Lord, and we're so often full of excuses. We hear you ... and quickly block our ears: for what you ask is too hard: - you ask us to come out from where we are, from our comfortable conformity, our regular routines, our tidy theories ... into something new, along unfamiliar paths, bearing new responsibilities, making new commitments.

What you ask is too hard: for you call us into the possibility of having to change ... our ways, our ideas, our directions, our priorities - even ourselves!

Forgive us; and give us the courage to excuse ourselves no more ... and to heed your call.

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

"With God's aid we shall get on and gain fresh strength and energy for the work" - Mary MacKillop 27th.May1867
(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: Aaron D'Souza; Pat Love; Robert Rosic; Alfred Portelli; Alec D'Souza; Pero Klisanin; Joseph Bonello; Sergio Uran; Barbara Williams; David Hilderbrand; Dominic Cannorto; Marlene Ellul; Teresa Bongiorno; Aubrey Roberts; Martin Dernan; Fr Noel Mackay; Muriel Hoffstetter; Nina Wiatr; Ollie Scudder.

ANNIVERSARIES: Nina Tanti; Joelle Meyepa; 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; Freddy David; Rita Aquilina; Annie Perera; Michael & Jane Saliba & Mary Barbuto; Peter & Clara Parnis; Ester Lopez; Pual Aquilina, Nickolina, Nicholas Bonello, Pauline & Joseph Aquilina; John Coleiro, Joe Giacotto Tommy Zarafe; Charlie Camilleri & Golu Piscopo; 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; Emmanuel & Jesse Mifsud; Burjore Anthony Patel; Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, John Fenech, Randolph & Nicole Tucker.

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.**

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. **Please give generously.** You can donate using the envelopes available or online at 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!

HELP FOR AN UNHAPPY HOME

Is someone's drinking causing you sleepless nights, frustration, confusion or anxiety? Al-Anon Family Groups (for adults) and Alateen (for teenagers) may be of help to you. (Note: Alateen meetings are currently held online).

Learn about the disease of alcoholism by attending a confidential meeting in your community.

Further information: www.al-anon.org.au

Helpline: 1300 252 666

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.