



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR C
16TH JANUARY, 2022**

DETAILS

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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

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 62:1-5 Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11 Gospel: Jn 2:1-11
 Next Week: First Reading: Neh 8:2-6. 8-10 Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30 Gospel: Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

REFLECTION

‘ORDINARY TIME’ not so ordinary!

The colour of our Church turns to ‘green’ today as we move into the liturgical season known as ‘Ordinary Time’ –for six weeks until the Season of Lent begins. In today’s Gospel Reading Jesus and Mary declare God’s care for our wellbeing while they are guests at that wedding at Cana. As Ordinary Time opens and we move on from the Christmas Season, the love and commitment of God for us stay with us in the ‘ordinary’ events of our lives.

Today’s gospel ends: ‘He let his glory *be seen*.’ Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to fall apart for the couple. The wine is running out. Disruption and disappointment are looming. A hero is needed to save the situation.

Jesus and Mary are good candidates for hero status. But, it is the servants who are the unsung heroes. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow Jesus’ directions and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment.

The Divine Glory is not going to enter people’s lives with shows of ‘bells and whistles’. Rather, as we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster.

We could pause for a moment to pray for a trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone’s life, and His glory may be seen.

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

“I cannot forget that there is a dear good God watching over us” Mary MacKillop 3rd April 1871
 (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: Nina Wiatr; Pero Klisanin; Alex Borg; Connie Aquilina; Sofia Bienias; Ollie Scudder; Niariay John Bol.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Cassar, Andrew & Nina Farrugia, Fr Tedd Cumbo; 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; Michael & Jane Saliba & Mary Barbuto; Sebastian, Tony & John Baracho, Joe Aruliah & Yvonne Diniz; Peter & Clara Parnis; Ivan & Brincat Family, Ciantar & Buttigieg family; Esther Lopez; Maria Camilleri, John Colorio, Joe Giaccotto; Teresa Andrade; Charlie Camilleri; 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; Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, John Fenech, Salvu & Martina Micallef & Family; John Baptism Ho.

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.**

Anniversaries for Bulletin

Parishioners wishing to place death anniversary Masses in the Bulletin, (Saturday evening or Sunday Masses) are asked to write the name clearly on the relevant church envelope along with the date and Mass time and then hand them in at Mass or at the Parish Office no later than 3.00pm on Wednesday BEFORE the names are to go into the Bulletin.

Requests will not be taken by telephone.

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.