



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR C
30TH JANUARY, 2022**

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
 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:	Jer 1:4-5. 17-19	Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13	Gospel: Lk 4:21-30
Next Week: First Reading:	Is 6:1-8	Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11	Gospel: Lk 5:1-11

REFLECTION

JESUS IS FOR EVERYONE: this will be repeated often throughout this year as we have the gospel of Luke opened for us. The point is made clearly in today's reading. Some thought that they were the favourites or chosen or privileged ones of God: they couldn't accept that Jesus was for the whole world, not just for them: so they hustled him out of the town after they had heard his preaching.

God is for everyone at every time of life –
 for the child in helplessness and in security,
 for the adolescent in confusion and in exuberance,
 for the young adult in searching for lasting love and direction in life,
 for the mid-adult in disappointment and in the joy of having it work out at times,
 for the elderly in illness and in serenity:
 God is our God at all times and in all circumstances.

And God is in all places within ourselves:
 our zones of body, mind and soul.
 In that lonely place God is friend,
 in that guilty place God is forgiveness,
 in that shameful place God is affirmation for new beginning,
 in that joyful place God is happiness of spirit,
 in that needy place God is understanding and compassion,
 in that struggling place God is encouragement.

God is big enough to be for everyone;
 God is vulnerable enough to be for everyone.

And for this some wanted to get rid of Jesus who was God's very presence amongst them!

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

"Keep up your courage, we do not live here forever" Mary Mackillop 27th November, 1877
 (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; Sergio Uran; Barbara Williams; David Hilderbrand; Dominic Cannorto; Marlene Ellul; Teresa Bongiorno; Aubrey Roberts; Martin Dernan; Fr Noel Mackay; Muriel Hoffstetter; Glynis Nujandar; Nina Wiatr; Connie Aquilina; Ollie Scudder.

ANNIVERSARIES: Francis Patrao; Carmelina Said, Forta Mizzi & Maria Camilleri; Trevor Bonjour; Gerald D'Souza; 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; Rita Aquilina; Annie Perera; Michael & Jane Saliba & Mary Barbuto; Peter & Clara Parnis; John Coleiro, Joe Giacotto Mansud Psaila; Paul & Maria D'Rozario, Benjamin, Anastasia & Cecilia Gomes; 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; Joseph Fenech; Philomena Ohol; Norman, Vincent & Giovanni Gatt, Emmanuel & Jesse Mifsud; Peter Nhu; Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, John Fenech, Eulalia & Alexander Martinez, Demetria Saloman; Randolph & Nicole Tucker; Sykvester; 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.**

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!

MALTESE CONFESSIONS EVERY 4TH SATURDAY AT 4.00PM AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

Maltese Confessions will return to Sacred Heart Church this weekend **Saturday 29th January at 4.00pm.** Maltese Confessions will take place every 4th Saturday of the month at 4.00pm at Sacred Heart as was the case prior to COVID lockdowns etc.

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.