



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR C
13TH MARCH, 2022**

DETAILS

PARISH
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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
 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.

**COVID regulations have been eased
further for churches:**

Masks are not obligatory.
*(The exception for masks is for those who
are 'ministers of Holy Communion' at
Mass, and the Priests – masks are
required for that ministry).*
 QR or manual check-in is no longer required.
 Indication of vaccination status is not
required.

WELCOME IN, EVERYONE!

[Please see details of Lent schedule on
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**See Page 2 of this Newsletter for ways
to view Mass on TV, online and via
YouTube**

READINGS

This week: First Reading:	Gen 15:5-12. 17-18	Second Reading: Phil 3:17 – 4:1	Gospel: Lk 9:28-36
Next Week: First Reading:	Ex 3:1-8. 13-15	Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12	Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

REFLECTION

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH ...

There is that saying that 'Life is not meant to be easy, my child, but take courage, for it can be delightful.' [George Bernard Shaw]. Even though the journey of Lent may be demanding in some aspects, it is a journey in faith: we become more aware that there is always the presence of Christ – who gives new life to all. This is the proclamation as today's Lenten gospel gives us the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

It's a complex story with elements of suffering, glory, ominous foreboding, grateful memory, challenge, prayer, confusion, commitment of God, Perhaps that mixture makes it a good story for Lent – after all, all those elements are in our lives and in our lives of faith - which Lent invites us to review and renew. As one writer reflects:

Our journeys have mountain steepness when the climb tires us and the summit seems so far off – like trying to understand those we love, trying to create some sort of better world, trying to live up to the call of God.

And we glimpse glory along the way, too – like the joy of understanding shared, small triumphs of justice and compassion, the feeling of the strength of God shared with us in prayer.

God is with us through all of these stages of the journey of life, caring for us in all troubles, offering us the Word of life, naming each of us as beloved daughter, beloved son. Through the Season of Lent may we listen to God's Word, the word of comfort in trouble, of challenge in our routine, of faithfulness to God's love and mercy to us always.

With this Transfiguration story in mind, Lent's message this week might be: 'be changed into something new yourself this Lent!'

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

"Value your crosses as the most precious presents from a good and loving God". - Mary MacKillop 26th February 1890
 (Check out Mary MacKillop noticeboard outside on the verandah)

LENT

Lent Prayer and Reconciliation

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



Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart Church	7.15pm	Every Friday during Lent
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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: Leanne Vella; Claire Galea; John Balzan; Fr Kevin Mogg; Sibil Correya; Martinus Zeegers; Van Hy Tran; Maria Utri; Tony Hudson; Bill Saliba.

ANNIVERSARIES: Vincent Cutajar & Antonia Demicoli; Aaron D'Souza; 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; Sunil Aranha; Michael & Jane Saliba & Mary Barbuto; Aaron Savio D'Souza, Oswald Soares, Robert & Albin Pereira; Rita Aquilina; Rosy D'Costa; John Coleiro & Antonia Zafe; Paul, Maria & Stalis D'Rosario, Benjamin & Anastasia Gomes; Wayne Rebeiro, Eugene Xavier & Daphne Curtis; Russell & Dwight Johnson; Paul Aquilina, Charlie Portelli; Charlie Camilleri & Leli Bugeja; Fr Joshua Peter, Joe, Mario & Charlie Muscat; John Coleiro; Tony, Joseph Kelina & Seguna Family, Joseph, Josephine & Bonnici family; Rita Bugeja; Paul, Frances & Maria Portelli & Angie Azzopardi; Stanko Duvnjak; Patrick Smith; Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Maree Attard; 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.**

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.



Project Compassion



As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Stations of the Cross: every Friday at 7.15pm in Sacred Heart church.



DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 2nd April 2022, 10:00am -11.45am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information: A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>
Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

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.