



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR C
6TH MARCH, 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.

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 Page 2 of this Newsletter](#)

See Page 2 of this Newsletter for ways to view Mass on TV, online and via YouTube

READINGS

This week: First Reading:	Dt 26:4-10	Second Reading:	Rom 10:8-13	Gospel: Lk 4:1-13
Next Week: First Reading:	Gen 15:5-12. 17-18	Second Reading:	Phil 3:17 – 4:1	Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

REFLECTION

Step out of your routine; and look into that routine - are you happy with it?

The Season of Lent has begun for our Church during the past week – it calls us to five weeks of humble and honest reflection and renewal in the life of Christ, which we will celebrate anew at Easter. The Season's first Sunday invites us to 'go into the wilderness' away from our usual patterns and to begin to reflect on our lives in relation to God's love for us.

There's a chance that the call to repentance during the Season of Lent may not move us much – we might argue that it doesn't really apply to us.

For we are not bad people. We try to live decent lives, do our jobs, solve our problems, make ends meet, and deal with people fairly. Oh, we have our faults and are in no way perfect, but we are basically good people trying to make the best of it – our paths are pretty straight.

Have a closer look. Most of us usually consider ourselves 'decent' because we basically have no *major* moral failings. But like a house that is neat but left untouched for a little while, we may not notice that a fine layer of dust has settled in the nooks and crannies of our lives. The sins of good people are 'dusty' kinds of sins, rarely noticed without a closer look: complacency, smugness, gossiping, repeated procrastination, taking people for granted, self-preoccupation, chronic complaining, envy, pettiness, rudeness, ingratitude, laziness, not putting out a hand to help someone when the need and the chance are there.

Dust! Soft, fine dust – settled into the corners and cracks in our lives: not making them bad lives, not listed in the Ten commandments perhaps - but not really 'loving one another as Christ loves'. ... sinful conditions that are in need of repentance.

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

"May God be praised for all, and keep me strong". - Mary MacKillop 13th May 1895
 (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 <u>except 4th March</u>
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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: Fr Kevin Mogg; Sibil Correya; Martinus Zeegers; Van Hy Tran; Maria Utri; Tony Hudson; Bill Saliba; Carmen McFerran.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony Borg; Vincent Cutajar & Antonia Demicoli; Catalina Dionsio; Maggie Pinto; Lise Lavictoire & Herve Chawrimootoo; 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; Michael & Jane Saliba & Mary Barbuto; Oswald Soares, Robert & Albin Pereira; Rita Aquilina; Joe & Carmen Debrincat; Paul Aquilina, Antonia Zerafe, John Coleiro, Joe Giacotto, Maria Amore, Sebastiano & Mary Gatt.; Charlie Portelli; Charlie Camilleri & John & Doris Falzon; Fr Joshua Peter, Joe, Mario & Charlie Muscat; Tony, Joseph Kelina & Seguna Family, Joseph, Josephine & Bonnici family; Rita Bugeja; Paul, Frances & Maria Portelli & Angie Azzopardi; Herbert Nash; Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith, Thomas and Elizabeth Meyn; Marica Horvat, Milan, Jelka & Ivan Tominac; Maggie Pinto; 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;**

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



Project Compassion



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school

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 (except Friday 4th March)



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

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.