



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR B
14TH NOVEMBER, 2021

DETAILS

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 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 (Must be booked online)
 Sunday Polish 9.00am
 Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5.00pm

Emmaus Church
 Saturday 6.30pm (Must be booked online)
 Sunday 9.00am (Must be booked online)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sacred Heart English Saturday 10.30am

Baptism: Baptisms have resumed, (limited numbers present). Eight weeks notice is required.

Marriage: Weddings have resumed with restricted numbers. Four months noticed required.

Appointments: Please call the Parish Office on 93662146 if you wish to speak to the Priest.

Sacred Heart and Emmaus churches are opened in limited ways for Masses indoors

See page 2 of this newsletter for 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: Dn 12:1-3 Second Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18 Gospel: Mk 13:24-32
 Next Week: First Reading: Dn 7:13-14 Second Reading: Rv 1:5-8 Gospel: Jn 18:33-37

REFLECTION

Hmmmm ... what happens next?

At this time each year the Readings wonder about ‘the end’ and what it might be like. Here is writer Billy Farrelly’s version:

I have a theory: I think that Judas Iscariot may well be in heaven. I am not prepared to stick my neck out and speculate about Hitler or Pol Pot or any one of a dozen others. But I would take a punt on Judas.

Would you be embarrassed if you met Judas? I wouldn’t. I’d be relieved. It would affirm what you and I already know: God’s mercy is infinite- and so it can reach you and me.

It’s so easy to judge, isn’t it? I try not to judge, and not to act or form opinions loosely, but I know there are times I slip – and sometimes very seriously. If I become aware quickly I can make amends and forgive myself; but I wonder: how often do I err and remain ignorant? Then I have to rely on the infinite mercy of God.

But let’s get back to Judas. On second thoughts, let me digress a moment longer. Did you ever believe in Limbo? I guess I was quite young when I first learnt about Limbo but it simply made no sense to me. Why would God create a place where He Himself was essentially excluded? Why would He punish a child or an adult – His own creation – who never had the opportunity to learn about Him here on Earth? So I never believed in Limbo. My teachers were wrong. Decades later the Church made it clear – trust in the infinite love of God. [*In 1992 the official Catechism of the Catholic Church omitted mention of Limbo; then Pope Benedict definitely excluded it: it was never formally part of Church doctrine!*]

The point I am making is that we often get things wrong. Judas got it wrong. He let greed overwhelm him, the way I have allowed selfishness and self-pity to overwhelm me sometimes. Jesus taught often about God’s forgiveness. Will that change at ‘the end’? I don’t think so!

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

“Do have courage. We must all willingly and with constancy suffer all that God sends for our good”.— Mary MacKillop 15th January 1872
 (Check out Mary MacKillop noticeboard outside on the verandah)

PARISH UPDATE

Schedule of Masses for Sacred Heart and Emmaus churches

During the current 'COVID-safe' restrictions, the 'density limit' applies to our churches, allowing us to have **75** people at each 'fully vaccinated status' Mass, and **30** people at the extra 'unknown vaccination status' Mass at 6.30pm at Sacred Heart.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Bookings are **not required** for these weekday morning Masses

Sacred Heart church	Tuesday	7.30am	Full Vaccination Required
Sacred Heart church	Wednesday	7.30am	Full Vaccination Required
Sacred Heart church	Thursday	7.30am	Full Vaccination Required
Sacred Heart church	Friday	7.30am	Full Vaccination Required
Sacred Heart church	Saturday	9.00am	Full Vaccination Required

SUNDAY MASSES:

Bookings are **essential for Sunday Masses**

Sacred Heart Church	Saturday	5.00pm	Full Vaccination Required
Sacred Heart Church	Saturday	6.30pm	Unknown Vaccination status
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	7.30am	Full Vaccination Required
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	10.30am	Full Vaccination Required

Emmaus Church	Saturday	6.30pm	Full Vaccination Required
Emmaus Church	Sunday	9.00am	Full Vaccination Required

Bookings for Saturday evening and Sunday Masses at **Sacred Heart** open at Sunday midnight through Trybooking for a first-come-first-serve basis: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMKXC>
Bookings close at 12.00 noon on Saturdays

Booking for Saturday evening and Sunday Masses at **Emmaus** open at Sunday midnight through Trybooking for a first-come-first-serve basis: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNWQR>
Bookings close at 12.00 noon on Saturdays.

Arrangements are being made for those who do not have access to online booking.

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: Isis Smith; Frances Barbara; Daphne Duncan, Sue Finlayson; Angela Susec; Felicia Gerreyn; Monsignor Willie O'Neill; Egizia Kaucic; Lyndon Vaughan; Marie Hudson; Craig Gratton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michelle Fraser; Brendan Nugent & family, McCusker family, Carrigan family; Frank & Michael Cassar, Maria Camilleri, Mary Rose & Andrew Farrugia, Tony Farrugia; Carmello Cassar; Stanley & Bonjour families; Mizzi family, Said & Camilleri Families; 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; Rose and Joseph Gauci; Carasala & Lazaramma Arulah, Joe Arulah, Joel Baracho; Trevor Rodgers, Michelle Fraser; Theresa Jeffries; John, Alice, Joseph, Victor, Vargrian & Dorothy D'Souza, Robert & Albin Pereira, Celine Carvalho, Alice D'Souza, Thomas Soares; John Val; Annie Perera; Pearl, Thomas & Clifford Sladen, Alfred, Sheila & Ricardo Sladen, Joyce, Malcolm & Tyrone Pope; Alistair D'Monte, Ashley Basnet, Rex & Mary Vieyra, Joyce & Eugene D'Rozario, Joyce & Merlyn Hendricks; Peter & Clara Parnis; Esther Lopez; John Coleiro, Joe Falzon, Joe Giacotto; Mrs Euphryzenia Toby; Teresa Andrade; Loretta Camilleri; Fr Joshua Peter, Joe, Mario & Charlie Muscat; Tony, Joseph Kelina & Seguna Family, Joseph, Josephine & Bonnici family; Rita Bugeja; Isis Smith; Eric & Helen Symss.

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.**



IS IT GETTING TOO MUCH? CATHOLIC CARE MAY HELP TO SUPPORT YOU

Many families and individuals are dealing with the effects the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our community.

Some have lost jobs and are in financial crisis. Others are experiencing increased anxiety and depression due to social isolation. Meanwhile, couples and families may continue to face relationship issues from prolonged lockdown. CatholicCare Victoria is here to help.

Visit: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/159/covid-19-updates> or contact the head office directly on (03) 5337 8999 where you can be referred to the relevant branch or team.

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!

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.