



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT —YEAR C
28TH NOVEMBER, 2021**

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 6.30pm (must be booked online)
 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, (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.

**COVID-SAFE RESTRICTIONS
HAVE BEEN EASED**

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 33:14-16 Second Reading: 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2 Gospel: Lk 21:25-28. 34-36
 Next Week: First Reading: Bar 5:1-9 Second Reading: Phil 1:3-6. 8-1 Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

REFLECTION

ADVENT IS ABOUT WAITING



Those Advent Calendars were always difficult and awkward when I was a kid – you had to wait until the next day until you were allowed to open the next ‘door’ on the calendar!

In the Church season of Advent, ‘waiting’ is the operative word. Older people know that the most important things can’t be hurried – growing a baby or a garden, knitting a jumper, writing a symphony, nurturing a friendship, developing trust, starting a grassroots movement, building a healthy marriage.

In Advent, Christians wait with expectation for the commemoration of the birth of the One they believe was somehow God in utterly human form. But this is not all we wait for.

In Advent, part of the deal is waiting for what has historically been known as ‘the second coming of Christ’ – what that means is something we call ‘the coming of the Kingdom or the Reign of God’. This is a time when we believe that God will bring all things to some sort of culmination – that injustice will be righted, that “God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more”.

Just believing in this is no substitute for acting to bring about justice and mercy in the world, drawing on the infinite resources of the God of love. Christians are called to pray and to work for the end of warfare and violence and pollution; all the time knowing we may never fully achieve this – and longing for a time when the big love that is God will bring us all home. Amongst this we wait expectantly to see more signs of the presence and action of Christ amongst us now.

One of the creeds of the earliest Christians was “Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.” In Advent we prepare to celebrate God’s becoming human. And we wait and pray for the time when all will be set right and that in the meantime, to quote St Francis of Assisi, God might make us “instruments of God’s peace”.

[Claire Boyd-McCrae]

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

“God is watching over you”. - Mary MacKillop.—4th. July 1876
(Check out Mary MacKillop noticeboard outside on the verandah)

PARISH UPDATE

COVID-SAFE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN EASED

COVID restrictions now allow our churches to be open for Mass, “with no capacity limits or density limits”, everyone to be ‘fully vaccinated’. Bookings are no longer required.

As well, there is an extra Mass with those of ‘unknown vaccination status’, limited to **50** participants, at Sacred Heart at **6.30pm** on Saturdays. Bookings are required at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMKXC>

Everyone is to record their presence (by QR or manually).

“Masks are required indoors only in limited settings”. Our churches are not listed as a ‘limited setting’.

See below for information for accessing Mass on TV and online.

The schedule for our Masses this weekend (27/28 November) is:

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	9.00am POLISH	Full Vaccination Required
Sacred Heart Church	Sunday	10.30am	Full Vaccination Required

Bookings required

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

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: Umberto Martinuzzo; Joanne McSwain; Anna Bigiglio; Fr Christopher Seton; Joe Vassallo; Joanne McSwain; Odette Smith; Isis Smith; Frances Barbara; Sue Finlayson; Angela Susec; Felicia Gerreyn; Egizia Kaucic.

ANNIVERSARIES: Josephine Abela; George Borg; 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; Gladys Gonzalez; Rosy Rodrigues, Angelina Dias; Sebastine, Tony, Estafania & John Baracho; Jane Andrade & Francine Francis; 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; Vesha Milovac; John Colorieo, Joe Giaccotto & Joe Falzon; Gela, Fidel & Joe Gauci; Charles Camilleri, Golu Piscopo; Paul & Maria D'Rozario, Benjamin & Anastasia Gomes; Rita Galea & Josephine Abela; Leli Bugeja; Joshine Darmin, Joe Falzon & Joe Giacotto; Joyce Cassar, Maryanne & Michael Bordieri; Reno, Salvatore, Lucy & Jane DeGabriele; Fr Joshua Peter, Joe, Mario & Charlie Muscat; Tony, Joseph Kelina & Seguna Family, Joseph, Josephine & Bonnici family; Rita Bugeja; Miriam Caruana (Delia); Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, John Fenech, Salvu & Martina Micallef & Family, John, Vincenza, Carmelo, Paul, Joe & Tony Fenech & Family; Tony Arceri, Pasquale Arceri, Domenico & Josephine Leone; Ferdinana Debono; George Borg.

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.**

Holy Land Olive Wood Articles for Sale

Sales of Holy Land articles to assist Catholic families that belong to the Parish of our Lady of Fatima, Shepherd Field, Palestine and support their struggling Parish in the Holy Land. Display at **Sacred Heart Masses next weekend 4/5 December, 2021. Emmaus display will be on 11/12 December, 2021**

Novena & Rosary Prayer Group will commence every **Wednesday at 6.45pm at Emmaus Church**—Gatherings in the church require "full vaccination" for all participants. All Welcome.

PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION during ADVENT: Invitation to all to step aside from busy Christmas preparations and spend a little time in **ADVENT PRAYER** together followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Rite), recalling the promise of God to be with us always: **7.30pm Wednesday 15th December at Emmaus; and 7.30pm Thursday 16th December at Sacred Heart.**

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.