



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



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR B
31ST OCTOBER, 2021

DETAILS

PARISH
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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:	Dt 6:2-6	Second Reading:	Heb 7:23-28	Gospel:	Mk 12:28-34
Next Week:	First Reading:	1 Kgs 17:10-16	Second Reading:	Heb 9:24-28	Gospel:	Mk 12:38-44

REFLECTION

SAINTS ALIVE - NOW! (All Saints' Day is on Monday.)

There are many hidden saints, men, women, fathers and mothers of families, sick people, priests who every day put into practice the love of Jesus; and this give us hope. That was the message of Pope Francis recently.

The true Christian puts the Word of God into practice; it is not enough to say that you have faith. Commenting on the parable of the house built on rock or on sand, Pope Francis said we should not be “Christians in appearance,” made-up Christians, because when the rain comes, the make-up runs off. It is not enough to have the words and the prayers, if we do not follow God’s will – and do it. “So many ‘apparent Christians’ collapse at the first temptation,” he said, because “there is no substance there,” they have built on sand. On the other hand, there are many saints among the People of God – “not necessarily canonised saints, but saints” – who “put the love of Jesus into practice.” They build their houses on the rock, which is Christ:

“Let us consider the smallest... the sick who offer their sufferings for the Church, for others. Let us consider so many of the elderly who are alone, who pray and make offerings. Let us consider single people who live their work and social involvements with commitment and joy. Let us consider so many mothers and fathers of families, who, with so much effort, raise their families, educate their children, carry on their daily work, bear their problems, but always with hope in Jesus, who do not strut about, but do what they can.”

They are “the saints of daily life,” the Pope said:

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
 “Entreat God to make us all that we should be”. - Mary MacKillop 1873
 (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: Daminh Hoang; Lyndon Vaughan; Marie Hudson; Craig Gratton; Maria Virag; Charlie (Carmelo) Agius; Josef Podboj; Rafko Krizman.

ANNIVERSARIES: Emilda Coates; Paul Aquilina; Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Victor Attard, Elizabeth Micallef; Doris, Andrew, Vincent & Joseph Mifsud, Teresa Saliba & Neil Snooks; 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; Gloria, Ivan, Derek and Jack Gonsalves, Gwen Fraser; Michael & Jane Saliba & Mary Barbuto; 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; Fr Joshua Peter, Joe, Mario & Charlie Muscat; Tony, Joseph Kelina & Seguna Family, Joseph, Josephine & Bonnici family; Rita Bugeja; Antonia Demicoli.

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.