



**Sacred Heart / Emmaus Parish
St Albans / Sydenham Western Plains Deanery
Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney**



Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 12th November 2023

Parish Details:

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Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 9:30am—4:00pm

Wednesday-Friday: 9:30am—2:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sacred Heart English Saturday 10.30am
Maltese every 4th Saturday 4.00pm

Baptism: Eight weeks notice is required

Marriage: Six months noticed required

Sacred Heart Mass Times:

Weekdays:

Tuesday - Friday 7.30am

Saturday 9.00am

Weekend:

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 10:30am

Polish 9.00am

Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5:00pm

Emmaus Mass Times:

Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Website: <http://pol.org.au/stalbanssydenham/Home.aspx>

SAFEGUARDING 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. To report issues and concerns, contact: stalbens.csc@cam.org.au or 0413 841 936

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the traditional owners of the land where we gather. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

READINGS

This Week: First Reading: [Wisdom 6:12-16](#)

Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31](#)

Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

REFLECTION

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11th November

We stop and in silence remember. So much loss, sacrifice and courage is represented in that silence. Respect and reverence. Grief for young lives cut off in their prime. Raw personal memories for many. And it continues today. Still there is no peace, all this sacrifice made in the cause of peace, and wars have not ceased. Serving men and women still give their lives, families are bereft. And the displaced have no home and the refugee no country. We move on with a kind of hopelessness. And we are not excused by ritual observances.

There is another reason to pause and remember. There are other special names, not written on memorials in church, chapel or shrine, or in any public record. These are people who have been obliterated by bombing. How will those who have no memorial be remembered? The thought is overwhelming except when we turn to our Scriptures and tried and tested words of faith. We are encouraged to call God 'Father', and to trust our Father as Jesus did. He spoke of the tiny sparrow, which falls to the ground mostly unnoticed. The assurance of the Lord is that not even the seemingly unimportant is outside the Father's notice and care. Even the very hairs of your head are numbered, he teaches.

If God knows and considers all of this, how much more will he notice and care for each of his children when tragedy strikes? We, who are made in his image, can surely trust him to have written all the precious names of his children in the Book of Life, the diary of the living God, the Father who forgets not, and whose loving providence covers all.

Remembrance is a reverent and thankful calling to mind of the sacrifice, the courage and selflessness of generations of the past. It, equally, is a call to not let this count for nothing, nor to ignore the lessons of history.

"Blessed are he peacemakers!"

Remembrance Day is enshrined in sacred memory. And with it comes a challenge to make the ideals of the Sermon on the Mount real for life on the plain.

Bill Pugh, The Sunday Age, 10.11.13

"At midnight there was a cry,
The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."



Matthew 25:6

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Elizabeth Woodward, John Scanlon, Vern Ryan, Emanuel Cutajar, Sherly Hetherton

Anniversaries: Joseph Grech, Shirley Hetheron, Jim Nabors, Diana Spencer, Tina Tintor, Joyce Borg, David Sacco, Clarrie James, George Muscat, Emanuel & Diana Caruana, John & Carmen Camilleri, Emanuel & Julia Sammut, Kerry Dobson, Stella & Gina Muscat, Gina Portelli, Emmanuela & John, Carme & Charlie, Dolores & Anthony Spiteri, Arthur, Mary, Carmen & Charlie Randich, Mikolina Azzopardi, Rita, John & Joel Baracho, Yvonne Diniz, Gwendoline Fraser, Patricia Yourey, John Borg, Rosemarie Luna, Annabella Salazar, Cecil, Phoebe & Cyres Excompare, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Emmanuel & Josephine Pisani, Joe Muscat, Paulu Mifsud, Carmenu Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Jossset Vella, Robert Percival Stahlmann, Annie & Aloysius Perera, Mary Schembri, Antonia Demecoli, Angela Xuereb, Joe Xuereb, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Joe Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Antonia Demecoli, Mary Jane Cefai, Joseph Cefai, Amelie Grech, Joseph Grech, Daniella Zahra, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin, John Borg, Paul Aquilina, Aaron D'souza, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



Order of Malta Australia
In collaboration with
Mercy Palliative Care



Mercy Health
Care first

VOLUNTEERING TO HELP PALLIATIVE CARE

At next weekend's Masses (18-19 November) a speaker from the Order of Malta will speak to us about their involvement with

Mercy Palliative Care. They are looking for Parishioners to assist in their ministry. A meeting of interested Parishioners will then be held at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 in Sacred Heart church to learn about the **Order of Malta-Mercy Palliative Care volunteering program**. **Jim Creamer, Mercy Volunteer Coordinator**, will discuss the range of roles, training and supervision that is available. Learn more about how to help the sick with respite support, accompaniment, biography and legacy activities, Communion to the sick and bereavement support. All welcome. To help with preparation for the meeting, please contact the Parish Office and let Lauren know that you will be at the meeting.



Caritas Australia's Gaza

Appeal An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the

ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza, scan the QR code or call 1800 024 413



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Parish is joining with **Resurrection Parish Kings Park** who will welcome into their preparation programmes young Parishioners who are at government and other schools. Contact our Parish Office for details for these preparation programmes for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation in 2024.

Ministry - Meetings & Training for New Ministers

Ministry Leaders - Tues Nov 14th, 7pm a

Parish Advisory Group - Thurs Nov 16th, 7pm & Wed 29th Nov 7pm

Finance Committee - Tue Dec 5th, 7pm

All meetings at Sacred Heart St. Albans Presbytery

Steps for New Special Communion Ministers to apply for Working with Children Checks (WWCC):

Visit this webpage on your computer: <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

In the first step - Verify at the Post office (the online verification rarely works!)

Make sure to put down that you are a volunteer (its free of Charge)

Organisations details - Sacred Heart Emmaus Parish - 4 Winifred Street, St Albans VIC 3021

phone: 0393662146

Occupational Fields is number 64 "Religious organisation"

Once you have filled all this in, you will receive an email to them to the email address you included.

You will receive an email that states your check has been received, and it has a "barcode" that you take to your local

post office along with your Photo Identification to finalise the check. Once you do this (within 14 days go to the post

office) you will get a further email to say your WWCC has passed. Then they will post a card also but this can take a few

weeks. Don't Forget to provide a copy to your ministry leader or the parish office.

It is also a requirement of the Archdiocese to complete online training at:

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

and sign the Parish Code of conduct - copies of this are in the Sacristy or contact the Parish office.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Quotes

No duty is too little to be done well. Mary MacKillop 26th. April 1873.