



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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 13th November 2022

PARISH DETAILS

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Monday— Wednesday: 9:30am—4:00pm
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Sacred Heart Mass Times:

Tuesday—Friday 7.30am
Saturday 9.00am
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am,10:30am
Polish 9.00am
Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5:00pm

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

Emmaus Mass Times

Sunday Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 9:00am

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

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: stalbans.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:	Mal 3:19-20	Second Reading:	2 Thess 3:7-12	Gospel:	Lk 21:5-19
Next week: First Reading:	Sam 5:1-3	Second Reading:	Col 1:12-20	Gospel:	Lk: 23:35-43

REFLECTION

'The end is coming!'

There are so many endings in our lives - as we move through our ages, our circumstances, our responsibilities, and the uncertainties of life around us. How do we hold on to faith in God when life collapses around us and even that faith seems to have gone? The Gospel reading today gives us a brief insight into the pain and struggle of the small community of early Christians for whom Luke originally wrote his Gospel, which 2000 years later has guided our Sundays for the past twelve months.

That early community had such faith and hope in Jesus ... but life did not seem to be blessed all the time either: sound familiar? God wasn't intervening to save them from conflict within their families and persecution from governments and occupying armies.

Luke recognised that such discord and trouble seem to be part of being alive, much as we would prefer it otherwise. Faith in Jesus doesn't take us out of the world. It is here – in real life – that we live our lives. It is here - in real life – that we are people of faith, part of struggling humanity.

Jesus lived at a time when the Jerusalem temple stood in all its glory. By the time Luke's Gospel is written, the magnificent Temple had been utterly destroyed by the Romans in the year 70. Many Jews saw this as the 'end of the world' and took this destruction as a sign that God was coming soon in great anger!

Luke cautions against such false ideas. The end has not yet come, and Luke's early community – and we – must learn to live in an extended time of waiting for 'the end': always living according to what we believe and know to be good and right, aware that 'God-is-with-us'.

Faith doesn't resolve the hardships of our lives. It didn't for Jesus, either – think of the crucifixion. Faith can, however, help us to keep going, knowing that there is always more to life.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Jack Fisher; Fr. Michael Long; Kerry Dobson, Emmanuel Sammut

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael & Josephine Piacentini Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Eusebio Eje, Zoe & Joseph Camilleri, Arthur & Lina Mattocks; Mary Agius Benac; Silvo & Janina Simcic, Anthony Agius; Sam & Mary Tabone, Pauline Bajada, Maragaret Borg, Aaron D'Souza, John Bosco Periera, Peter & Clara Parnis, Paul Aquilina John Borg; Luca, Ivo & Lube Jajcevic; Fr Joshua, Peter & Grace Muscat;; John Colerio, Leli Bugeja & Charlie Camilleri, Sam Aquilina; Charles Galea, FR Joshua Peter Muscut, John Colerio, Tony Perotta, Cherie Guest, Esther & Raynold Lewis, Sayah Sou, Josep Dinh & Ninh Le Tran, Pere Kasalo, Anda Milkovic, Carmelo Guzeppi, Oveido Frank & Varisto Camilleri, Guzeppi Rozana Doler Falzon, Angelo Piscopo Leli Bugeja & Charlie Camilleri; Sam Aquilina, Pero Klisanin, George Muscat, Emmanuel & Dianne Caruana, John & Carmen Camilleri, John Mallia, Emmanuel Sammut, Frank & Josephine Caruana, Louis & Nancy Muscat

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

A NOTE OF THANKS



THANK YOU for your cooperation and participation in our review and renewal of Thanksgiving! Return completed cards as soon as possible, please. Results will be compiled and published over the next month.



FLOOD APPEAL – SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. Visit: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>
3. Making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated.

6th WORLD DAY OF THE POOR November 13, 2022

No Christian is exempt from aiding the poor, Pope Francis said in his message for the 2022 World Day of the Poor.

The Pope said that the worst thing that can happen to a Christian community is to be "dazzled by the idol of wealth, which ends up chaining us to an ephemeral and bankrupt vision of life".

"Where the poor are concerned, it is not talk that matters; what matters is rolling up our sleeves and putting our faith into practice through a direct involvement, one that cannot be delegated," he said.

"No one must say that they cannot be close to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, and even ecclesial circles. None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice," he added.

The Pope underlined that it is not a question of approaching the poor with "a welfare mentality" but of ensuring that no one lacks what is necessary.

He warned Catholics against laxity and inconsistent behaviour with regard to the poor.

He said: "At times ... a kind of laxity can creep in and lead to inconsistent behaviour, including indifference about the poor. It also happens that some Christians, out of excessive attachment to money, remain mired in a poor use of their goods and wealth. These situations reveal a weak faith and feeble, myopic hope."

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"Let no obstacles deter you from proceeding with courage." Mary MacKillop 10th. March 1907