



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



Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 15th October 2023

Parish Details:

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Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 9:30am—4:00pm

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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: 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: [Isaiah 25:6-10](#) Second Reading: [Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20](#) Gospel: [Matthew 22:1-14](#)
Next Week: First Reading: [Isaiah 45:1.4-6](#) Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5](#) Gospel: [Matthew 22:15-21](#)

REFLECTION

'CATHOLIC' MEANS HERE COMES EVERYBODY. (James Joyce, *Finnegan's Wake*)

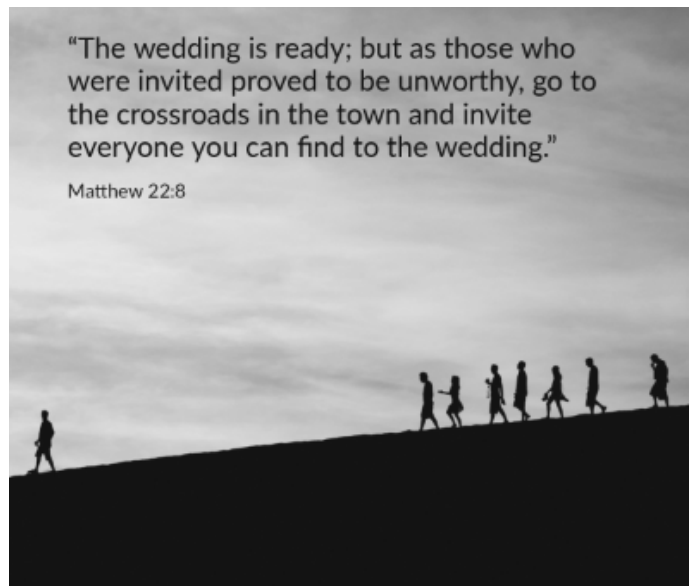
From the past few weeks' acknowledgement of the difficulty and tension that arise from holding to a vision of what is good, right, and faithful, the Word of God now announces the breadth of God's invitation to life – 'to the good and bad alike', as it will say.
How can this be? Thankfully God's love is never withdrawn from us; and, once again, it seems that 'God's ways are not always our ways' as we heard a few weeks ago!
It is a teaching about being open and inclusive in our attitudes, words and actions. The image used is of 'the Banquet'. Our Eucharist is our experience of this 'Banquet of the Kingdom' – oh, may no one ever feel that they are not welcome to Eucharist!

*Your people, O God, stand on all the street corners of the whole earth: across countries, across religious traditions, with a vast mixture of experience, actions, hopes, values. And you invite us all to come to your feast.
Keep us open to your love for us.*

*You believe in our goodness – for we are part of your creation.
May we believe in your belief in us!
And help us to be gracious and generous in our regard for others – to whom you also offer places at our table.*

"The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding."

Matthew 22:8



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Joseph Micallef, Irene Joniec, Charlie Vella

ANNIVERSARIES: Pero Kilsanin, Paul Aquilina, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Aaron D'Souza, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho, Joe Xuereb, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Joe Grech, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Tessie Farrugia, Antonia Demecoli, Mary Jane Cefai, Joseph Cefai, Amelie Grech, Frances, Joseph & Angelo Barbara, Joseph, Rita & George Cini, Valentine Scicluna, Vincent Bonello, Daniella Zahra, Gary Colman, David Sacco, Joanna Martin, Clarrie James, Daniel Pollock, John Coleman, Paul Galea, Ivor Johnson, Carmenu Falzon & Jossset Vella, Charlie Camilleri, Lureta, Gorg, Fredi, Anglu Camilleri, Fr Joshua, Peter Muscat, Joe & Paula Muscat, Philomena Lazaro, Sri Nurwati Agustina, Maya Adriana, Joseph Grech, Trevor Rodgers & Teresa Jeffreys, Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith, Thomas & Elizabeth Meyn

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Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In the smallest villages around the world ... even there, you will find local missionaries who live to serve their communities. Missionaries who, led by the Holy Spirit, walk with those in most need. Missionaries like Sr Carolina.

Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address the health and well-being of this community.

We hope you will take the opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the **appeal envelope**, going **online** at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or **scanning the QR code**. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

A Prayer for Peace

O God of life, each time we gather in Eucharist we hear your Son's greeting 'Peace be with you'.

In our world where conflicts bring death rather than life, we for peace. May violence, conflicts, and injustice come to an end.

Lord of life, bless our world with a new spirit of reconciliation, understanding, and harmony among nations, cultures, and religions.



Fair Committee

Come and meet the Fair Committee and buy a sausage

Saturday 14th October
Bunnings BBQ at Taylors Lakes
9:00am - 4:00pm

All money raised goes to our 3 primary schools in the Parish



Vinnies Conference Ministers needed



The society of St Vincent De Paul (Vinnies) is a worldwide Catholic organization that tries to live the Gospel by providing practical support to those in our community that are struggling. The Keilor Downs conference is based at St Mary Mackillop Church, we service the local area including Keilor Downs, Taylors lakes & Sydenham.

We are looking for Volunteers to join us in this rewarding Ministry. For Further information please contact:

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armandobianco748@gmail.com or
Micheline 0428 818 906, mrruberto@bigpond.com

For material assistance contact 1800 305 330
To learn more about the St Vincent De Paul Society Victoria go to: www.vinnies.org.au



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from your Parish. At CatholicCare Victoria we offer counselling and mental health programs, affordable housing, specialised supports for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, refugee and asylum seeker support, homelessness and advocacy support, and a variety of courses helping to strengthen relationships and wellbeing. The compassionate generosity of your parish community with help the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you for standing with us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Quotes

"Saints are not representatives of the past; rather they form part of the present and future of the Church and society." Pope Benedict XVI. 19th. Dec 2009. (Mary to become canonised.)