



**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 16th July 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: [stalbans.csc@cam.org.au](mailto: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: [Is 55:10-11](#) Second Reading: [Rom 8:18-23](#) Gospel: [Mt 13:1-23](#)  
**Next Week:** First Reading: [Wis 12:13.16-19](#) Second Reading: [Rom 8:26-27](#) Gospel: [Mt 13:24-43](#)

**REFLECTION**

*It's on the way ... its coming!*

A series of parables begins in this weekend's Word of God, and will continue for a number of weeks. They speak of "the kingdom of heaven" in several images, all naming that the way of God is not reserved for some future time but has begun to be present and developing amongst us, and is to be fulfilled 'in the end'. There is still so much to occur before this 'reign of God' is complete – through the action of God and the participation of people of faith.

This weekend's parable is the one about the farmer sowing seed, which falls on less productive and on more productive soil. Nonetheless, 'the sower continues to sow' – God doesn't give up!

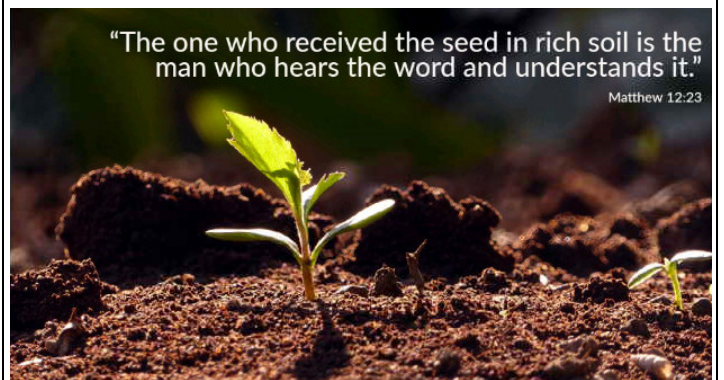
Another element is a reflection about ourselves. At different stages of our lives we can be more receptive and less receptive to the presence of God in our lives. In very general terms, aren't children aware of God, adolescents aware of God, adults aware of God, older people aware of God – in different ways? That applies to each of us through the passage of our own lives.

It's the way we are at any stage of our lives – put off some days by our mood, by things that happen around us; very aware on other days of the movement of God's Spirit in us and around us.

What Jesus suggests to his disciples – and to us – is that the 'good soil' can't always be predicted. Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to sow the word only in people who are receptive. Rather, he wants them – and us – to scatter the word everywhere and to rejoice when it does find good soil and yields a rich harvest. And we do that as we shape our lives in the Way of Jesus Christ!

"The one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it."

Matthew 12:23



## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Helena Zeegers, Margaret Cilia, Lynette Sullivan, Dusan Stevic, Doris Coliero, Teresa Nugyen, Amelie Grech, Michael Fielding, Michela Tartaglia, John Belko

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Angela Xuereb, Joe Xuereb, Antonia Demecoli, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, John & Emmanuela Spiteri, Peter Paul Attard, John Borg, Joe Gatt, Buddy Burfitt, Joseph & Zoe Camilleri, Patrick Meuricer, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Mabel D'Mello, Tessie Farrugia, Joseph Xuereb, Joseph Grech, Mary Jane Cefai, Joseph Cefai, Francesco D'Elia, Nora Flores Peres, John Michael Camilleri, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Emmanuel & Josephine Pisani, Leli Bugeja, Carmelo Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Paul Aquilina, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin, Frank Mladinic, John Borg, Aaron D'Souza, Stipe & Janja Duvnjak, Gerald D'Souza, Douglas Goodall

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

### HELP FOR AN UNHAPPY HOME

If your home is unhappy because a loved one drinks too much, **there is help and hope available!** Al-Anon Family Groups offers comfort to families who are struggling with this common problem. Al-Anon began in Australia more than 70 years ago and has assisted many. A voluntary donation is requested to help cover the cost of the room rental and refreshments. **Al-Anon Family Groups** is a Spiritual program. Members are encouraged to find their own understanding of a 'Higher Power' which many refer to as 'God'. They share their experience, strength and hope (for a better future) with each other. New members are invited to attend six meetings to help them decide if Al-Anon is for them.

#### NEW GROUP in the Sydenham area

Meetings will be held every Wednesday from 1-2:30pm at the Sydenham Neighbourhood House, Level 1. **Directions:** Opp. Watergardens station, enter venue from rear of library, using lift.

**Website:** [al-anon.org.au](http://al-anon.org.au) **Helpline:** 1300 252 666

*"It will be alright in the end. If it's not alright, it's not the end" from the Movie: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.*

## Ministry Updates

Please see below dates and times of some upcoming meetings. If you are a part of the Ministry it would be great if you can attend and confirm this with the Parish office by RSVPing to: [stalbans@cam.org.au](mailto:stalbans@cam.org.au)

- **Bereavement Support Group THURSDAY 20th July, 7pm at Sacred Heart Presbytery**
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We recently sent all our Ministry members who attended our Training Program on Wednesday 24th of May a certificate and updated our Parish Records. If you were unable to attend please see below information so you may acquire this qualification online. All members of Ministry must attain this qualification to carry on with their ministry in the Parish. These are requirements made by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. To attain this qualification we ask you to:

Use this link [upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/](http://upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/)

1. You will need to enter your WWCC number or VIT number for registration.
2. Work through each section and complete all assessment materials.
3. When all is completed you will attain a certificate with your name on it.

Forward this certificate to the Parish Office so we can enter your particulars in the Parish Records. [stalbans@cam.org.au](mailto:stalbans@cam.org.au)

We ask you to complete this activity by **Friday 28th of July 2023.**

## Fair Committee News

**Bunnings BBQ Saturday**  
22nd July, Taylors Lakes  
9:00am - 4.00pm

**Come and Grab a Sausage**  
Support our 3 Parish Primary Schools



## PARISH MAILOUT VIA "PACEM"

After a break, we had our first week trialling the new system "PACEM" to send the Parish newsletters.

Going forward if you or anyone you know would like to subscribe to the Parish newsletter, please visit our Parish Website (found on the first page of this newsletter) and click the link on the homepage.

It will then ask you to fill in your Name, Surname, email and reconfirm the email address (this is via Melbourne Catholic website). Once you have filled this in, the Archdiocese will email you to "confirm" your subscription. The newsletter is sent out on Thursdays/Fridays weekly.



**Link to subscribe:**

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000L0j6oAAD&req=subscribe>

## St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

If our intention is pure and we have love in our hearts we shall have God with us. Mary MacKillop 15th. Sept. 1890



### Enrolment for Year 7, 2025

Enrolment applications are now open to Year 5 students who will be starting Year 7 in 2025.

Applications close Friday, 18 August 2023.

You can find our online Enrolment application on our website. <https://www.crccs.vic.edu.au/enrolment-1/enrolment-procedures>

Please note that parents/carers who already have children attending the College and who have a sibling in Year 5 will still need to complete an online enrolment.