



5th Sunday of Lent, Year B - 17th March 2024

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(The parish office is closed on Wednesdays, weekends and public holidays)

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 Church 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 Church 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: [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

Second Reading: [Hebrews 5:7-9](#)

Gospel: [John 12:20-33](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Isaiah 50:4-7](#)

Second Reading: [Philippians 2:6-11](#)

Gospel: [Mark 14:1 – 15:47](#)

REFLECTION

LENT IS ALMOST OVER!

Some words from the late Archbishop of Westminster in London:

LENT is a time during which we have looked forward to the celebrations of Holy Week, that is, to the joy of Easter, the triumph of Christ our Lord over death and over sin. That is our great joy – that is the foundation of all our hope.

There is also another looking forward, which is part of Christian living and one to which we turn our attention in particular during Lent, and it is the looking forward to heaven, to the time when we shall be totally, wholly with God.

So, a 'turning to God' is such a significant part of this Lenten journey we have been sharing for almost forty days now. How important it is in travelling through Lent that there should be resolutions of a very positive nature. Turning away from what separates us from God. The most dangerous thing is pride: I will not serve; I make myself the centre of my life; I want my way; I want things to go the way I think they ought to. The second great sin is unkindness – lack of charity, lack of love.

There is a third thing that separates us from God, which you might find surprising – grumbling. I learnt this from the Rule of St Benedict, which is constantly telling monks that they must not be grumblers. This is very shrewd. There is nothing worse than living with people who grumble; there is nothing more corrosive than grumbling; nothing more unsettling than grumbling.

Let our Lent conclude with our determination to turn to God, knowing that to turn to God is to receive an outpouring of God's own love. from 'A Turning to God', Cardinal Basil Hume

During this final week of Lent, we have the customary 'Service of Prayer and Reconciliation': that formal opportunity to name our need for the forgiveness and grace of God, to hear that gift proclaimed for us, and to plan our 'new way': the Prayer Service will be followed by the opportunity for the First Rite of the Sacrament of Penance [i.e. 'individual confession'].

Wednesday 20th March 7.30pm at Emmaus;

Thursday 21st March 7.30pm at Sacred Heart

The First Rite of the Sacrament of Penance

continues to be offered on Saturdays at 10.30am

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Mervyn Anthony Dique, Robert Brennan

Anniversaries: Aaron D'souza, Philomena Ohol, Patrick Joseph Stahlmann, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho, Joseph Grech, Philomena Ohol, Frank Jeselnik, Mark Farrugia, Joseph Xuereb, Salvina & John Borg, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Joe Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Tony Calleja, Joseph Grech, Paul Aquilina, Frank & Bernadina Siracusa, Elizabeth Tiga, Rodyberto Alejandro, Nimpha Luna, Connie Azzopardi, Daniella Zahra, Rita Joseph Muscat, Leli Bujega, Charlie Camilleri & Carmelo Falzon, Tereza, Michael, Sam Cutajar, Christopher Leet, Peter, Carmel, Joe, Mario & Fr. Joshua Muscat, Pero Kilsanin, Antonia Demecoli, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Emanuel & John Fenech, Patrick Smith, Guy D'Cunha, Thomas & D'Cunha Families

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



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Palms for Palm Sunday: please bring branches for people to hold to the garage at Sacred Heart during the week of 18-21st March. Thank you.

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

LENT PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION SERVICES

EMMAUS Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm

SACRED HEART: Thursday 21ST March at 7.30pm *with the opportunity for one-on-one Sacrament.*

PALM SUNDAY 23 - 24th March

SACRED HEART: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am (Polish), 10:30am

EMMAUS: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 9:00am

Procession of Palms commences at the front of the Churches.

HOLY THURSDAY 28th of March

EMMAUS: 7pm

SACRED HEART: 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29th of March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 11am on 'the oval' at SACRED HEART

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION

EMMAUS: 3pm

SACRED HEART: 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March

BLESSING OF FOOD - SACRED HEART: 10am

EASTER VIGIL 30th March

EMMAUS: 7pm

SACRED HEART: 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March

EMMAUS: 9am

SACRED HEART: 7:30am, 9am (Polish), 10:30am

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Quotes

Let self be forgotten, let God's holy will be done.

Mary MacKillop 16th. Feb. 1875

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COLLEGE TOUR DATES

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Thursday 16 May - 9:30am
Thursday 13 June - 4:00pm
Tuesday 15 October - 11:00am

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