



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



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 1st October 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 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: [Ezekiel 18:25-28](#)

Second Reading: [Philippians 2:1-11](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 21:28-32](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Is 5:1-7](#)

Second Reading: [Phil 4:6-9](#)

Gospel: [Mt 21:33-43](#)

REFLECTION

What sort of Supporter are you?

In the last several weeks the Word of God has invited us to reflect on the ways we relate to others around us - offering various strategies for consideration, always looking to God's way as the model, taught to us be Jesus. Today's Word asks us to check our integrity and the consistency between our words and actions. It's been an AFL season of surprises, and it's been a tight Finals struggle, hasn't it? Once your own team hasn't made 'the Eight', or has made it that far and is then knocked out in the early Finals, you can change your mind several times about who is going to take off the Grand Final, and give them your support.

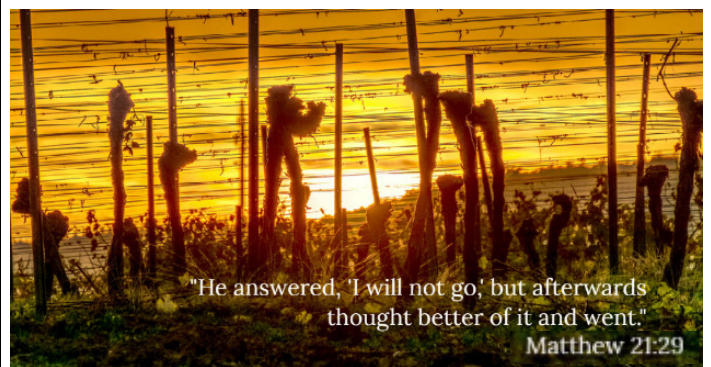
However you never give up on your own team, do you? Players can change clubs, coaches can come and go and surface at a different club, even coaching their new team against their previous one. But supporters really don't have that option - you stick with your club through it all!

Today's Gospel story tries to sort through this in our attitude to Jesus and his mission. If we have committed to the way of the Gospel, then stick with that come what may, whatever situation you're in.

However, if you have been a bit half-hearted about it, you can change your mind and 'get on board' - come on, there's room for you, we'll have you - it's never too late, as last weekend's Gospel taught! That was the Gospel story of the workers who came late to the vineyard, do you remember?

Conversion is depicted as a change of mind, a change of heart in this weekend's parable of two sons and their father. At first one son refused to work, then he changed his mind, thought better of it.

When you say 'yes' to living out our Christian Faith, then do it! If you've been a bit slack about it, there's still time - get on board!



"He answered, 'I will not go,' but afterwards thought better of it and went."

Matthew 21:29

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARIES: Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Joe Grech, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Tessie Farrugia, Antonia Demecoli, George Muscat, Luise & Nancy Muscat, Frank & Josephine Caruana, Emanuel & Diana Caruana, Carmen Camilleri, John Camilleri, David Sacco, Tony Borg, Clarrie James, Joyce Borg, Joeanne Martin, Jerry Springer, Mary Jane Cefai, Joseph Cefai, Charlie, Joe & Mario Muscat, Peter & Grace Muscat, Lourdes Pedro, Fabian Pedro, Carmelo Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Josset Vella, Fernando Castillo, Pino Grego, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho Domatilda De Lambert, Mervyn De Lambert, Mary Pereira, Cyril Pereira, Fernando Castillo, Zofia Michalowski, Joe Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin, Aaron D'Souza, Paul Aquilina, Angela Xuereb, Vincent Schembri, Sammy, Georgia & Zaren Mifsud

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



Bishop's Visitation Timetable

Our regional Bishop, Martin Ashe, will be with us over three days – 6-7-8 October – to become familiar with our Parish. Part of that is his meeting with and listening to Parishioners. As well as his meeting with the Parish Priest, our Parish staff, Ministry leaders, our Parish Advisory Group, Principals of our Schools and Colleges, there are opportunities for Parishioners to talk with the Bishop:

Saturday 7th October: 9.45 - 10.45am: all Parishioners are invited to a discussion about Parish life - in Sacred Heart Church, St Albans.

Saturday 7th October: 7:15pm -

after the 6.30 Mass at Emmaus Church, Sydenham.

Sunday 8th October: 11:30am - after the 10.30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

The Bishop will be the Celebrant for all Masses that weekend. A fruitful outcome of the Bishop's Visitation will be achieved through his hearing from as many Parishioners as possible: please join in!

(If you have not received the Briefing Paper that has been prepared for the Visitation, contact the Parish Office and ask for one.)

You will notice in the Church Foyer some posters regarding pre-planning and pre-paid funerals

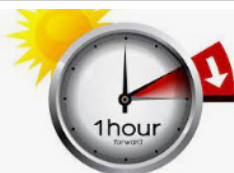
Many people today are discovering the advantages of a prearranged funeral which include:

- Helping ease the burden on family members when the time comes
 - Making sure your funeral wishes are known and recorded
 - Helping protect a full pension entitlement
 - Fixing the funeral price forever, if prepaid



DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am on the first Sunday in October when clocks are put forward one hour—Time to enjoy that extra hour of Day light!



Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals - Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au



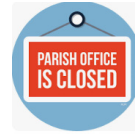
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Morocco Earthquake and Libya Floods

www.caritas.org.au

AFL GRAND FINAL

Parish office closed **FRIDAY 29th** September & **MONDAY 2nd** October



Ministry Meetings

-**RCIA Team meeting:** Tue 3rd October 7:30PM
Location: Emmaus Church

- **Parish Advisory Group:** Thurs 12th October 7pm
Location: Sacred Heart Presbytery Office



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: Armando 0400 255 172 or armandobianco748@gmail.com Michelina 0428 818 906 or 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

Ministry is needed so that we can "carry forward the life of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit".

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Never let any reasoning come between you and obedience - Mary MacKillop 9th August, 1881