



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



**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C - 20th November 2022**

**Parish Details:**

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**Office Hours:**

**Monday— Wednesday:** 9:30am—4:00pm

**Thursday & 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

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](mailto: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](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:	Sam 5:1-3	Second Reading:	Col 1:12-20	Gospel:	Lk: 23:35-43
Next week: First Reading:	Is 2:1-5	Second Reading:	Rom 13:11-14	Gospel:	Mt 24:37-44

**REFLECTION**

**'BUILDING THE KINGDOM !'**

This week, another liturgical year of our Church comes to a close. Throughout it, of course, Jesus has been our focus – reaching into the lives of those in need, into the lives of those who have been rejected by others, the one who gathers together the People of God, the one who brings the life and love of God to us, the one who raises us again and again through forgiveness and encouragement – finally to eternal life. This dynamic presence of Christ's is in today's feast in which we hail him as the one who brings about the Kingdom of God. The best description of the saints, their 'identity card' Pope Francis says, is found in the beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which begins, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit.' As Christian saints have done throughout the ages, Christ's followers today are called 'to confront the troubles and anxieties of our age with the spirit and love of Jesus', he says: in this we will be 'building the Kingdom' with Jesus Christ the King. New situations require new energy and a new commitment, he said, offering a new list of beatitudes for modern Christians to include with the original list:

- Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.
- Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.
- Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.
- Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.
- Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
- Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

'All these are messengers of God's mercy and tenderness,' Pope Francis said.  
We, now, carry forward these works of Christ the King, empowered by his Holy Spirit.

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Joe Grech, Rafal Mrzyglod, Vivienne Grech, Mary Minogue, Christine Lebon, Bernardo Franco

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Leli, Carmelo, Mary, Grace & Joseph Pulis, Tony & Jane Dalli, Nuni Sim & Penglay Family, Vlado Dodlek & Stephanie Panic, Buttigieg Family, Ivan Brincat, Ciantar Family, Carmen Farrugia, Lino Rapinett, Luqa Lily Borg, Leli Bugeja, Charlie Camilleri, Paula & Joe Muscut, Fr. Peter Joshua Muscut Mary Schembri, Mary, Salvina, Anthony, Gianni & George Mifsud, Rita Galea, Angela Xuereb, Josephine P. Sinforso, John Colario, Cathano & Antonia, Aaron D'Souza, Pero Kilsanin Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Paul Aquilina, Peter & Clara Parnis, Annie & Aloysius Perera

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



### A NOTE OF THANKS

The new round of Thanksgiving contributions commences this weekend. During this week our administration people have been sorting out a few 'wrinkles' that showed up when the mail was received, and have been liaising with the banks to log in the Debit Card/Credit card contributions. Again, the Parish thanks all for your participation in this review and renewal.



### 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.

### Christ the King – a bit of history:

Today's feast of Christ the King was introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1925. This took place in a world that had suffered through the First World War and was unknowingly heading towards the Second World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and an even more dramatic growth in dictators who were rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond any earthly leader.

### Shepherds and Criminals

The gospel of Luke that we have been listening to throughout the year is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In Luke, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the overall arrangement of Luke's gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus. So much of his ministry in between has been for those who are dismissed by others.

### A kingdom of inclusion

In today's gospel story, Jesus assures 'the repentant thief' that 'today you will be with me in paradise'. It is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsiders and undervalued throughout his ministry in Luke's gospel. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome for all.

### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"Never lose courage under your sufferings." Mary MacKillop 1st. Sept. 1873