



Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B - 21st April 2024

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Monday & Tuesday: 9am - 5:00pm

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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: [Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12](#)

Second Reading: [1 John 3:1-2](#)

Gospel: [John 10:11-18](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31](#)

Second Reading: [1 John 3:18-24](#)

Gospel: [John 15:1-8](#)

REFLECTION

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC DAY is a deep and complex event in the Australian psyche. It carries multiple overtones:

It is a martyr's day when we commemorate the sacrifice of the fallen and honour those who gave their life in war that we might live.

It is a commemoration of the dead when we commend those who have died in war to the Lord, especially members of our own families.

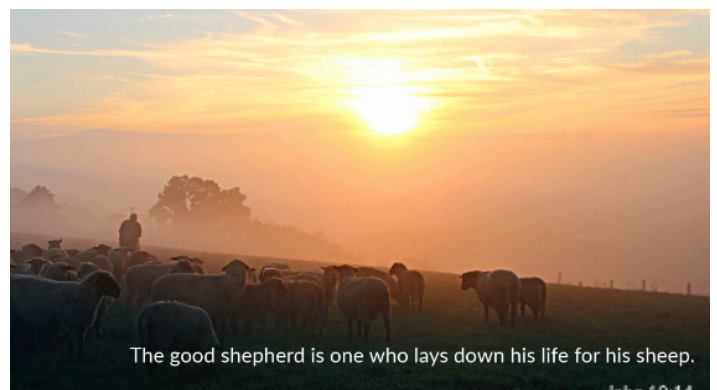
It is a prayer for peace, because all war is horrible no matter what heroism it reveals.

It is a day of national identity, an Australian 'coming of age' a decade and a half after the formation of the Commonwealth.

It is a story of victory in defeat, survival and life in the face of overwhelming odds.

Let us pray:

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. We pray that the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Mark Farrugia, Joseph Xuereb, Salvina & John Borg, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Joe Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Joseph Grech, John Borg, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Tony Calleja, Paul Aquilina, Frank & Bernadina Siracusa, Daniella Zahra, Pero Kilsanin, Antonia Demecoli, Vincent Cutajar, Pauline Vella Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Maria & Anthony Mercieca, Tony Spiteri, Paul, Catarin, Costantino Schembri, Anna Mangio, Charlie Camilleri, Carmenu Falzon, Tim Gomez, Joseph Peel, Josephine Darmanin, Sheila & Bennett Excompare, Daniella Cauchi, Epifanio Luna, Rosendo Luna, Prisca Luna, Emanuel & John Fenech, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Tim Gomez, Joseph Peel, Josephine Darmanin, Nina Desira, Aaron D'souza, Rosa Febbraro, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho, Angelina Dias & Filomena Dias, Pjeter, Lize, Kollin Dajcaj, Guy D'Cunha, Thomas D'Cunha & Family members, Claudette Xavier

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

Our Church needs Priests and other ministers.

This annual 'Good Shepherd Sunday' asks us to reflect on leadership and service in our Church.

Amidst the continuing painful acknowledgement about the grievous harm that some in the Church have inflicted and questions about the institution's action and inaction in that, we still gather 'as Church' because we value and want to express our awareness that God is part of who we are and what we can become. Amongst our convictions and needs and routines and responsibilities so many gathered recently over Holy Week and Easter: we know and want to explore the mystery of life and God's being present and active with us, for us, amongst us – through Jesus Christ.

A part of that is the importance of Eucharist. And for that we need Priests. Their core role continues to be that of 'preaching the Word, celebrating the Sacraments, building up the community'. Our Church must celebrate the Eucharist – without that we cannot truly be the Church, centred on Jesus Christ present and active amongst us and for us!

For quite some years now, the number of ordinations of Priests each year has been less than the number of Priests who become unavailable for Parish ministry through retirement, illness, or death. That pattern continues through 2024.

And so we are inviting Priests from other countries to help in keeping our numbers near to a customary 'operational' level. It's an issue.

Our Parish is so fortunate in having Parishioners involved in the pastoral and leadership life that is essential to being a good Parish: they show a clear sense of 'vocation' in the ways they involve themselves in many aspects of Parish life.



Bunnings BBQ

The Fair Committee invite all Parishioners to visit our Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 4th May at Taylors Lakes from 9:00am ~4:00pm. All proceeds to our 3 Parish Primary Schools. If any parishioners would like to help please ring 0425 728 315



Anzac Day - Public Holiday Mass Time

Mass on Anzac Day Thursday 25th April will be at **9am** in Sacred Heart Church

Ministry Meetings for the Registered Team Members

@ The Presbytery

- ◇ PAG meeting 1st May, 7pm
- ◇ Finance meeting 21st May, 7pm

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

The familiar image of Christ as 'Good Shepherd' comes into the Word of God today. Coming from another age, it still can speak of that relationship between God and us, a relationship of love and care which is personal to each of us, which forms us into a community, and that leads us forward. If only our world could learn to live with that care and respect for all! And so as ANZAC day approaches we pray for peace.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

We are all in the loving hands of a Good God. Mary Mack. (Letter to Fr, Julian Woods) 11 Oct. 1871.