



## The Ascension of the Lord - Year A - 21st May 2023

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**Office Hours:**

**Monday & Tuesday:** 9:30am—4:00pm

**Wednesday-Friday:** 9:30am—2:30pm

**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

**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

**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

<b>This Week:</b>	<b>First Reading:</b> <a href="#">Acts 1:1-11</a>	<b>Second Reading:</b> <a href="#">Eph 1:17-23</a>	<b>Gospel:</b> <a href="#">Mt 28:16-20</a>
<b>Next Week:</b>	<b>First Reading:</b> <a href="#">Acts 2:1-11</a>	<b>Second Reading:</b> <a href="#">1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13</a>	<b>Gospel:</b> <a href="#">Jn 20:19-23</a>

### REFLECTION

## *MAY THEY BE ONE!*

Having rejoiced in the Resurrection of Jesus over the past six weeks of the Easter Season, the time comes now for attention to pass to the Holy Spirit and the Church. The Ascension of Jesus announces this change, heralding the birth of that community who will carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit – the Church. (We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit next weekend on the feast of Pentecost.) The week from Ascension to Pentecost is known as the **‘Week of Prayer for Christian Unity’**. All Christian communities have at their core the life, death, resurrection and sending of the Holy Spirit of Jesus – and yet we are separated from one another. We may be more respectful of one another than was often the case in former days, yet what an aberration from the way Jesus prayed – “that they may be one.

Pope Francis urges the Christian traditions to renew our acquaintance with one another, and find further ways of further respect, cooperation and understanding.

*You call us O God to be Your people  
 through our common Baptism.  
 Journeying together with You and with  
 one another  
 we proclaim, through our words and  
 actions,  
 Your love and concern for all people.  
 We pray that we will continue to work  
 together  
 for peace, unity, reconciliation and justice  
 as witnesses of the risen Christ, inspired  
 by the Holy Spirit.  
 May we all be ready in our various  
 traditions to respond to your call to further  
 service  
 as we, through your grace, recommit  
 ourselves to strive for unity and truth.  
 We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen*

# WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Fr. Bob Maguire, Maria Francesca Castellano

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tessie Farrugia, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Giuseppe Portelli, Clarrie James, Fred Borg, Collin Clance, Joyce Borg, David Sacco, Tony Borg, Clifton Coates, Spiradiona Buttigieg, Marianna Ciantar, Christopher Lee Cutajar, Michael, Sam & Teresa Cutajar, Carmenu Falzon, Leli Bugeja, Charles Camilleri, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Maria Merceica, Gajtana Zerafa, John Colero, Joe Giacotto, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Cena Said, Aaron D'Souza, Louis Magnan Paul Aquilina, Pero Kilsanin, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Antonia Demecoli.

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



commodation Provider) and St John of God Accord (the provider of care within these homes.

The new building represents desire we all possess – the desire for a place call our home: these buildings will be that for six people.

Within these homes our clients will be able to live independent and rich lives. We have purposefully chosen to equip these homes with smart technology, as we know it improves independence and enhances the quality of life of those who will live there.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !!**

Two new homes have been opened in our Parish at 73 The Regency, Hillside by St John of God Healthcare (the governing organisation), St John of God Marillac (the Specialist Disability Ac-

### Ministry Members

### The Safeguarding Event is next week!

To finalise your Ministry Training, the Safe Guarding Committee have arranged a session **Wednesday 24th May @ 7pm**, with tea and coffee from 6:30pm. It is important you make yourself available for this event. The Archdiocese directs all Ministers to conduct this training 3 yearly for any role undertaken in the Parish. You must bring your Working With Children Check. (WWCC) to obtain a certificate. The event is at CRC St. Albans Hall in Winifred Street. Once again we appreciate the lengths Ministers go to be a part of the Parish Ministries.



*Catholic Regional College Sydneyham*

### 2023 FAMILY TOURS WITH THE PRINCIPAL

*A tour of the College will provide a view of the incredible facilities we have on offer for every student every pathway.*

Register for a tour:

[crccs.vic.edu.au](https://crccs.vic.edu.au)

Join Our Community Book A tour

<https://crccs.vic.edu.au/join-our-community/book-a-tour/>

**Tuesday 9 May and Wednesday 14 June 10:30am**

*Every Student Every Pathway*

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

Matthew 28:18



### Bulletin via Email

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)

### Parish Mass Count

The Parish Mass Count will continue over the 4 weekends this month being **6 - 7 May, 13-14 May, 20- 21 May and 27-28 May.**

The Archdiocese takes a count of the number of people at Mass in all parishes. Thank you to those who are looking after that for us this year.



### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

“God wants us by every means in our power to bring others to life”. - Mary MacKillop 1899