



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



Third Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A

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

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: Is 8:23 – 9:3	Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17	Gospel: Mt 4:12-23
Next Week: First Reading: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13	Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31	Gospel: Mt 5:1-12

REFLECTION

A NEW YEAR CONTINUES TO OPEN BEFORE US

There are signs that the year is about to open properly. The call of the Gospel is for us to enter it with a clear sense of being disciples of Christ, with a mission to be lived out. Ours is the same as the mission of Jesus – to bring lightness of being and liveliness of spirit, such important blessings as this summer also brings anxiety, risk and suffering into our nation.

A "Creed for Australia":

We believe that this ancient land, with its unique creatures, is a precious gift from a loving God, whose mercy is on all his works.

We believe in God's care for the people who treasured this land through unnumbered generations across 40,000 years; in the One who grieves in their suffering and rejoices in every noble aspiration.

We believe in God's compassion for the patchwork of refugees who for two hundred and thirty years have come to this continent looking for a place to call their home.

We believe in God's steadfast love for this nation and all its children; that God is creating a new people from many races, colours, and gifts, to fulfil a high destiny.

We believe that the best way forward is the way revealed by Christ - of faith, hope, and love; where no needy person is neglected, and no bidding of the Spirit is ignored.

Bruce Prewer, Australian Accents

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Fr. Tao Xuan Pham, Cardinal George Pell, John Desira, Olga Curic, Yvonne Caruana, Jamie Portelli, Shirley Lilian Blake, Joseph Darmanin, Maryann Xuereb, Emmanuel Grech, Helmut Blum, Frank Piacentini,

ANNIVERSARIES: John Colerio, Joe Giacotto, Cathy Gatt, Jennifer Tallent, Cecila & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Emmanuela & John Spiteri, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Emmanuela Spiteri, Oswald Soares, Robert & Albin Pereira, Peter & Grace Muscat, Fr. Joshua, Leli Bujega, Carmenu Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Charlie, Mario & Joe Muscat, Mapipa Petro, Ana Bilic, Jure Bilic, Joan Baptist, Muriel Hoffstetter, Aaron D'Souza, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin, Angela Xuereb, Paul Aquilina

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

Our 1st Parish Bulletin of the New Year! Holidays aren't over for some, but we are back in the Presbytery office; albeit the carpark is quiet baron!

SACRAMENTS: There will be no sacraments in the month of January, the next Baptism's will be on the 5th of February 2022.

NUMBERS AT CHRISTMAS MASSES:

At Christmas our churches gathered great numbers of people in, with lusty singing of those Christmas carols we only get a chance to sing at that time.

The attendances are as follows:

SACRED HEART: 5pm- 500, 7pm - 275, Midnight- 280, 7.30am- 50, 10.30am - 350

EMMAUS: 6pm- 479, 8pm- 210, 10pm- 102, 9am- 212



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! A heart felt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Parish. Whatever capacity that may be - your efforts are very much appreciated. You are a gift to our community.

Keep a look out, as the Parish will be re-building the Ministry teams soon.

Ministry' expresses that it is 'we the people' who give life to our Parish.

'Ministry' is our involvement together in the mission of the Church – "to carry forward the work of Christ".

To renew your participation in Ministry, or to commence your participation in Ministry, go to the 'Application Forms' page on our Parish website <http://pol.org.au/stalbanssydenham> or contact the Presbytery office.

Your participation in Ministry gives life to the gospel of Jesus – being lived in action!

Anniversaries for Bulletin

Parishioners wishing to place death anniversary Masses in the Bulletin, (Saturday evening or Sunday Masses) are asked to write the name clearly on the relevant church envelope along with the date and Mass time and then hand them in at Mass or at the Parish Office no later than 12.00pm on Wednesday BEFORE the names are to go into the Bulletin. Thankyou!

Opt In / Out

There will be those who are receiving this type of email from the Parish for the first time. Our Parish Office has combined all the email addresses of Parishioners we have previously had in several different folders, following the recent census and we will now be sending a similar 'Weekly Parish Letter' – often with attachments – to everyone on this new list.

If you do not wish to receive the weekly Parish Bulletin simply reply to this email with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line: StAlbans@cam.org.au



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

With fondest love, and praying God to bless you all, and grant you a truly happy New Year.
Mary MacKillop. 2 Jan. 1882