



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



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 22nd October 2023

Parish Details:

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Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 9:30am—4:00pm

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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: [Isaiah 45:1.4-6](#) Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5](#) Gospel: [Matthew 22:15-21](#)
Next Week: First Reading: [Exodus 22:20-26](#) Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 1:5-10](#) Gospel: [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

REFLECTION

BEING FAITH-FILLED CITIZENS

The Word of God turns to our social context this weekend: we are citizens of our society, and we are also disciples of Christ. This does not imply a conflict, surely – for our life of faith describes who we are in all things! The teaching of our Church recognises that “The split between the faith which many profess and their daily lives deserves to be counted among the more serious errors of our age.”

Second Vatican Council, Church in the Modern World, 43

Rather, remembering that Jesus came ‘that all may have life and have it to the full’, we are to be life-givers in all aspects of our lives. That means that we will be active to build our spiritual life in our prayer and in our celebration of the Sacraments. And then part of our spiritual life is being life-givers to those in need, too: ‘when I was hungry, thirsty, broken-hearted, lonely ... what did you do?’ – that will be the question as we prepare to enter eternal life. And there’s that oft-repeated instruction of Mary MacKillop’s: ‘Never see a need without doing something about it’.

One of the roles of governments is to be ‘life-givers’. For this they need income from taxes. One of our roles is to keep governments true to their mission. There is to be no opposition between ‘religion’ and ‘government’. Our lives of faith can offer wisdom to governments as they take decisions – hopefully for the good of all, with particular care for the poor and needy.



“Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.”

Matthew 22:21

The Parish Reception will be Closed next week on Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th of October



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Joseph Micallef, Irene Joniec, Charlie Vella, Anna D'Agata

ANNIVERSARIES: Aaron D'Souza, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho, Daniella Zahra, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Joe Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Mary Jane Cefai, Joseph Cefai, Amelie Grech, Pero Kilsanin, Paul Aquilina, Joseph Grech, Maria Noi Pham, Dominic Hung Hoang, Emmanuel & Jessie Mifs, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Albert, Charlie & Carmena Muscat, Dominc Hersey, Guzeppi Farrugia, Josset Vella, Frank Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Joe Gonsalves, Virginia Fraitas, Maria Noi Pham, Dominic Hung Hoang, Vinko Rados, Giuseppe Pribaz, Annamaria Vo, Kulginia Antonio, Emilia Coates, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE



catholic MISSION Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL 2023

Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In the smallest villages around the world ... even there, you will find local missionaries who live to serve their communities. Missionaries who, led by the Holy Spirit, walk with those in most need. Missionaries like Sr Carolina.

Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address the health and well-being of this community.

We hope you will take the opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the **appeal envelope**, **going online** at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or **scanning the QR code**. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

A Prayer for Peace

O God of life, each time we gather in Eucharist we hear your Son's greeting 'Peace be with you'.

In our world where conflicts bring death rather than life, we for peace. May violence, conflicts, and injustice come to an end.

Lord of life, bless our world with a new spirit of reconciliation, understanding, and harmony among nations, cultures, and religions.



In November we pray for the holy souls, those who have gone before us in faith.

Throughout

November, we shall have the Book of Remembrance available before all masses in the Church foyers. You are invited to record the names of deceased family members and friends for whom you wish to have Masses offered throughout November. Special envelopes are available to make an offering and those on the ThanksGiving mailout would have received one in July.



Ministry - Holy Communion to Parishioners in their homes

What a great Ministry! Sharing our Eucharist with Holy Communion for those who are unable to join us in person!

- We need more Parishioners to take on this Ministry: several Parishioners have asked if we can take Communion to them at home. If you're interested, give you name to the foyer and we will offer you information and training.
- We want to update our records of the current Ministry: please complete the clipboard in the foyer: your details; and who you take Communion to.
- We want to know of other Parishioners who would like Communion at home – contact the Parish Office



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Quotes

"Persevere faithfully in your duties to God." Mary MacKillop 4th. July 1876.