



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



**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 23rd July 2023**

**Parish Details:**

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**Office Hours:**

**Monday & Tuesday:** 9:30am—4:00pm

**Wednesday-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

**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**

**This Week:** First Reading: [Wis 12:13.16-19](#) Second Reading: [Rom 8:26-27](#) Gospel: [Mt 13:24-43](#)

**Next Week:** First Reading: [1 Kings 3:5.7-12](#) Second Reading: [Romans 8:28-30](#) Gospel: [Matthew 13:44-52](#)

**REFLECTION**

*Always growing in the life of God*

Last week's First Reading reminded us that 'as the rain waters the earth and brings to life the life that is there', so the presence of God is at work amongst us, bringing us to life in the life of God. St Paul insists the 'the Spirit of God is within you', drawing us further always into the life of God – that was in the Second Reading two weeks ago. Jesus opens us to this truth in his Parables in today's Gospel: the wheat struggling with the weeds, the mustard seed growing into a shrub, the yeast making the dough to develop into a whole loaf.

The reign of God's kingdom has begun amongst us, is the Teaching: watch for signs of its growth! Be a sign of its growth yourself! These parables name that this 'reign of God' is in process towards its fulfilment.

In this week's Second Reading, Paul reassures us that the Spirit of God is with us in our weaknesses in order to be strength for us. For there are 'weeds' amongst the good seed of the Kingdom. Yes, there are so many other influences that can cut across the ways of Jesus Christ and make the going difficult at times.

These parables continue to proclaim that God is present and active in life, calling for our cooperation to spread the Way of Christ through our own lives. And they name the committed patience and tolerance of God while this development of the 'kingdom' occurs.

And as the feast of Joachim and Anne [known as the grandparents of Mary, mother of Jesus comes to us this week:

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Dusan Stevic, Doris Coliero, Frank Mladinic, Michael Fielding, Maria Brincat, Michelina Tartaglia  
**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Angela Xuereb, Joe Xuereb, Antonia Demecoli, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Aaron D'Souza, Paul Aquilina, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin, Harold Heffernan, John & Edna Vandenberg, Frank Mladinic, Giuseppe Pribaz, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Joseph Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Mary Jane Cefai, Joseph Cefai, Joe Grech, Carmen Zerafa, Rosetta Lucchini, File Dajcaj, Carmelo Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Carmen Farrugia, Fr. Joshua, Peter & Grace Muscat, John Vella, Freisleben, Ivan, Margetic Tona, Katie Meyer, Brice Gardie, Heathers Anderson, Verne Troyer, Phillip Muscat.

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

### HELP FOR AN UNHAPPY HOME

If your home is unhappy because a loved one drinks too much, **there is help and hope available!** Al-Anon Family Groups offers comfort to families who are struggling with this common problem. Al-Anon began in Australia more than 70 years ago and has assisted many. A voluntary donation is requested to help cover the cost of the room rental and refreshments. **Al-Anon Family Groups** is a Spiritual program. Members are encouraged to find their own understanding of a 'Higher Power' which many refer to as 'God'. They share their experience, strength and hope (for a better future) with each other. New members are invited to attend six meetings to help them decide if Al-Anon is for them.

#### NEW GROUP in the Sydenham area

Meetings will be held every Wednesday from 1-2:30pm at the Sydenham Neighbourhood House, Level 1. **Directions:** Opp. Watergardens station, enter venue from rear of library, using lift.

**Website:** [al-anon.org.au](http://al-anon.org.au) **Helpline:** 1300 252 666

*"It will be alright in the end. If it's not alright, it's not the end" from the Movie: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.*

## Ministry Updates

### \*\* Please finalise your Ministry Training online \*\*

We recently sent all our Ministry members who attended our Training Program on Wednesday 24th of May a certificate and updated our Parish Records.

If you were unable to attend please see below information so you may acquire this qualification online. All members of Ministry must attain this qualification to carry on with their ministry in the Parish. These are requirements made by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. To attain this qualification we ask you to:

Use this link [upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/](http://upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/)

1. You will need to enter your WWCC number or VIT number for registration.

2. Work through each section and complete all assessment materials.

3. When all is completed you will attain a certificate with your name on it.

Forward this certificate to the Parish Office so we can enter your particulars in the Parish Records. [stalbens@cam.org.au](mailto:stalbens@cam.org.au)

**We ask you to complete this activity by Friday 28th of July 2023.**

### Mercy Health Foundation

Our Parish has donated **\$3000** in which the funds are raised at the Piety Stalls in both our Churches. Thank you all for your contributions via purchases and running the stalls. Also a "heads up" that we'll be having a general special collection for Mercy Palliative Care later in the year.



## 30 YEAR SCHOOL

### REUNION

Catholic Regional College,  
Sydenham

## CLASS OF 1993

Students and teachers of the  
Class of 1993 at

Catholic Regional College, Sydenham  
(including North Keilor, St. Albans and Melton campuses  
from 1988 - 1991)

are invited to attend our  
30 Year School Reunion  
on 28th October 2023 in Melbourne

Email [crcsydenhamclassof93@gmail.com](mailto:crcsydenhamclassof93@gmail.com)  
for more information  
RSVP required by the 28th of August 2023

### PARISH MAILOUT VIA "PACEM"

Going forward if you or anyone you know would like to subscribe to the Parish newsletter, please visit our Parish Website (found on the first page of this newsletter) and click the link on the homepage.

It will then ask you to fill in your details. Once you have filled this in, the Archdiocese will email you to "confirm" your subscription. The newsletter is sent out on Thursdays/Fridays weekly.



### Fair Committee News

Bunnings BBQ Saturday 22nd  
July, Taylors Lakes  
9:00am - 4.00pm

Come and Grab a Sausage  
Support our 3 Parish Primary  
Schools



Catholic Regional  
College St Albans

### CRC St Albans Yr7 Enrolments 2025

Please see pamphlet attached to the newsletter email in regards to enrolments for students who will be in year 7 in 2025. Close off date is 18th August 2023  
Phone: 9366 2544 email: [echalmers@crcstalbens.com.au](mailto:echalmers@crcstalbens.com.au)

### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

The cause of right will triumph in the end. Mary MacKillop 26th. Sept. 1884