



Sacred Heart / Emmaus Parish

St Albans / Sydenham Western Plains Deanery
Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney



2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B - 25th February 2024

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Monday & Tuesday: 9:30am - 4:00pm

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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: [Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18](#) Second Reading: [Romans 8:31-34](#) Gospel: [Mark 9:2-10](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Exodus 20:1-17](#) Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 1:22-25](#) Gospel: [John 2:13-25](#)

REFLECTION

LENT - the journey has begun

The story of the 'transfiguration' of Jesus comes in various forms each year on the Second Sunday of Lent. It's a complex story with elements of suffering, glory, ominous foreboding, grateful memory, challenge, prayer, confusion, the enduring commitment of God, ... That mixture makes it such a good story for Lent – after all, all those elements are in our lives and in our lives of faith which Lent invites us to review and be renewed in.

One writer reflects: 'The journeys of our lives have mountain steepness when the climb tires us and the summit seems so far off – like trying to understand those we love, trying to create some sort of better world, trying to live up to the call of God.'

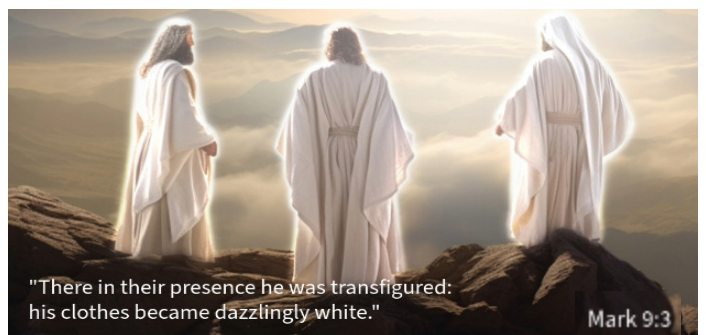
And we glimpse glory along the way, too – like the joy of understandings shared, small triumphs of justice and compassion, the feeling of the strength of God shared with us in prayer, the warmth and uplift of someone's love for us.

God is with us through all of these journeys, caring for us in all troubles, offering us the Word of life, naming each of us as beloved daughter, beloved son.

Through the Season of Lent may we listen to God's Word, the Word of comfort in trouble, of challenge in our routine, of joy in our blessings, of God's faithfulness to us always.

Mountaintops and hillsides appear quite often in the span of the Scriptures. For Jesus they are places for prayer, for preaching, for death, for ascension, and – in today's gospel – for transformation. That last one is what Lent call us all to!

The real question is whether the 'brighter future' is really always so distant. What if, on the contrary, it has been here for a long time already, and only our own blindness and weakness have prevented us from seeing it around us and within us, and kept us from developing it? (Vaclav Havel, later President of Czechoslovakia, The Power of the Powerless, 1978)



"There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white."

Mark 9:3

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Janice Piagentini, Alice Falzon

Anniversaries: Mark Farrugia, Joseph Xuereb, Salvina & John Borg, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Joe Grech, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Tony Calleja, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Tessie Farrugia, Paul Aquilina, Frank & Bernadina Siracusa, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Grace & Peter Muscat, Tony Spiteri, Leli Bujega, Catarina, Costan & Paul Schembri, Charlie Camilleri, Carmelo Falzon, Lurata, Gorg, Freddie & Anglue Camilleri, Daniella Zahra, Frederick Fernando Castillo, Guadalupe Fajardo, Pero Kilsanin, Antonia Demecoli, Giuseppe Pribaz, Peter Tran & Maria Nguyen, Aaron D'souza, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho, Mikolina Azzopardi, Mary Pulis, Joseph Grech

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations.**

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling **1800 024 413.**



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: What would you like to see in our Parish Newsletter? Please pass any feedback by putting a note/envelope in one of the 'Return Boxes' in the Church foyers or mailbox anonymously.

REMINDER: Mass Offering/Intention for the Dead - Please submit these not later than 12 noon on Thursday! Thank you. Any received after this will be included in the following week.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING WITH ST JOHNS
We intend to have volunteers trained in first aid and resuscitation at every Mass in both our Churches. The defibrillators have arrived and will be installed in the coming weeks.
If you're interested in becoming trained for this Ministry, please fill in the clipboard with your details in the Church foyer or contact the Parish office.
Feel free to contact the office if you have any questions, suggestions, etc.

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

LENT PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION SERVICES

EMMAUS Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm

SACRED HEART: Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm *with the opportunity for one-on-one Sacrament.*

PALM SUNDAY 23 - 24th March

SACRED HEART: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am (Polish), 10:30am

EMMAUS: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 9:00am

Procession of Palms commences at the front of the Churches.

HOLY THURSDAY 28th of March

EMMAUS: 7pm

SACRED HEART: 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29th of March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 11am on 'the oval' at **SACRED HEART**

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION

EMMAUS: 3pm

SACRED HEART: 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March

BLESSING OF FOOD - SACRED HEART: 10am

EASTER VIGIL 30th March

EMMAUS: 7pm

SACRED HEART: 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March

EMMAUS: 9am

SACRED HEART: 7:30am, 9am (Polish), 10:30am

VINNIES KEILOR DOWNS CONFERENCE

Our Parish helped 53 Families in need over the festive season, thanks to your generous Donations



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Quotes

"What can I say or desire but His glory and His will." - Mary MacKillop 18th.March 1874