



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 25th June 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 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: [Jer 20:10-13](#) Second Reading: [Rom 5:12-15](#) Gospel: [Matt 10:26-33](#)
Next Week: First Reading: [2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16](#) Second Reading: [Rom 6:3-4. 8-11](#) Gospel: [Mt 10:37-42](#)

REFLECTION

Do Not Be Afraid

This one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible: "Do Not Be Afraid!". In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Its setting is always the reminder that "I am with you always".

The message 'Do not be afraid' is as much for the original community the gospel was written for as it was for the apostles. And it comes to us as the reminder that God is part of who we are and we are part of the life of God. God's committed, abundant love for us all is offered as strength and guidance for us.

This is no cause for a naïve, she'll-be-right-mate optimism. Our world and our personal lives can give us cause to worry, doubt, be anxious. Jesus experienced this during his life amongst us – and persisted in being faithful to the way and teaching of the Father.

Yes, there are pain, failure and fear in our world – they come from influences outside ourselves, and sometimes through the choices we make ourselves.

And there are joy, happiness and togetherness – these, too, come from influences outside ourselves, and sometimes through the choices we make ourselves..

There is, too, the presence, strength, reassurance, guidance, companionship, wisdom of God Father-Son-Spirit. And there is the reassurance and encouragement of others who love us and care about us. And there is the faith and hope of those we participate with in our Church. 'Onwards, onwards!'



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Teodoro Raco

ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony Micallef, Tessie Farrugia, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Steve Hines, Maria Attard, Michael & Teresa Farrugia, Fredi, Ginevra Agius, Lureta, Gorg & Freddi Camilleri, Carmenu Falzon, Leli Bugeja, Charlie Camilleri, Mary Anastasi, Felix Caruana, Paul Aquilino, Maria & Anthony Mercieca, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Gus West, Joyce Borg, Sam Stell, David Sacco, Clarrie James, Joanna Martin, Giuseppe Pribaz, Pero Kilsanin, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Paul Aquilina, Aaron D'Souza, Angela Xuereb, Joe Xuereb, Cena Said, Antonia Demecoli.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

Catholic Mission - 2023 Propagation of the Faith Appeal

Tuberculosis, malnutrition, and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

Catholic Mission will 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 this reality.



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.

This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.

Ministry Updates

We are now in a position for our Ministry Groups to begin to regather. Please see below dates and times of some upcoming meetings. If you are a part of the Ministry it would be great if you can attend and confirm this with the Parish office by RSVPing to: stalbans@cam.org.au
This will be an opportunity for us to greet one another face-to-face in the context of each Ministry, to do a refresher on the significance of our Ministry, to check our procedures, and to plan our activity for the rest of this year.

- Workshop meeting for 'Those whose Ministry enables Sunday Mass':
- TUESDAY 27th June, 7pm at Emmaus
- WEDNESDAY 28th June, 7pm at Sacred Heart
- RCIA team meeting TUESDAY 11th July, 7:30pm at Emmaus

As the teaching of our Church says, the point of our Ministry in the Church is "to carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit".

We would just like to thank our Parishioners for their generous donations to the Project Compassion Appeal.

The total collected and donated by Sacred Heart & Emmaus Parish is \$3384.40



Bulletin via Email If you would like to receive the weekly 'Parish Update', please send your email address to the Parish: stalbans@cam.org.au

COME AND SEE:

One aspect of Parish life is the RCIA process – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

It is a process for those who are considering that they might become part of the Catholic Church – from another religion, from no religion, or from years of inactivity after having been baptised as Catholic.

The group usually meets fortnightly on Tuesdays, at 7:30 pm in Emmaus Church, Sydenham. RCIA journey 2023 commences on 11 July 2023.

Please contact the parish office for further information and registration.

The contact details for the Parish Office are as follows:

TEL: 03 9366 2146

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Enrolment for Year 7, 2025

Enrolment applications are now open to Year 5 students who will be starting Year 7 in 2025. Applications close Friday, 18 August 2023.

You can find our online Enrolment application on our website. <https://www.crccs.vic.edu.au/enrolment-1/enrolment-procedures>

Please note that parents/carers who already have children attending the College and who have a sibling in Year 5 will still need to complete an online enrolment.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Care and complexities form part of my life, but I am learning to look upon them as I think God wishes, and so I am happy. Mary MacKillop. 20th June 1898.