



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



First Sunday of Advent Year A - 27th November 2022

Parish Details:

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Office Hours:

Monday— Wednesday: 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

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 2:1-5

Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14

Gospel: Mt 24:37-44

Next week: First Reading: Is 11:1-10

Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9

Gospel: Mt 3:1-12

REFLECTION

WAITING

Those Advent Calendars were always difficult and awkward when I was a kid: you had to wait until the next day until you were allowed to open the next 'door' on the calendar – no cheating!

In the Church's season of Advent, 'waiting' is the operative word. Older people know that the most important things can't be hurried – growing a baby or a garden, writing a song, nurturing a friendship, developing trust, starting a grassroots movement, building a healthy marriage.

In Advent, Christians wait with expectation for the commemoration of the birth of the One they believe was somehow God in utterly human form. But this is not all we wait for.

In Advent, part of the deal is waiting for what has historically been known as 'the second coming of Christ'. What that means is something we call 'the fulfilment of the Kingdom or the Reign of God'. This is a time when we believe that God will bring all things to some sort of culmination – that injustice will be righted, that "God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more".

Just believing in this is no substitute for acting to bring about justice and mercy in the world, drawing on the infinite resources of the God of love. Christians are called to pray and to work for the end of warfare and violence and pollution; all the time knowing we may never fully achieve this – and longing for a time when the big love that is God will bring us all home.

In Advent we prepare to celebrate God's becoming human. And we wait and pray for the time when all will be set right and that in the meantime, we come to know the presence of Christ in our lives

now. *[Claire Boyd-McCrae]*

For an online Advent Calendar, try www.smmp.com/Advent/Advent.htm

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Joe Grech, Vivienne Grech, Mary Minogue, John Brendan Greaney

ANNIVERSARIES:

Angela Xuereb, Leli, Carmelo, Mary, Joseph & Grace Pulis, Tony & Jane Dalli, Richard Xerri, Cecilia & Frank Cordina. Joseph Maria Orsini, Trevor Rogers, Peter & Rosy Rodrigues, Edwin & Joseph Baracho, Michael & Mary Baracho, Dominic & Connie Baracho, Michael & Nascimento Monterio, Flory Monteiro, Joaquin Menezes, Lumena Monteiso, Angela & Darius Gonsalves, Olinda Paschal, Veronica Vegas, Hilary Goveas John Bosco Periera, Peter & Clara Parnis, Annie & Aloysius Perera, Charlie Camilleri, Leli Bugeja, Carmen Farrugia, Ninu & Gorgia Zammit, Tony Spiteri, Eusebio & Josephine Darmanin, Saviour & Nazerena Anasastio, John Carmelo, Maria Coler, Fr. Joshua Peter Muscat, Maria & Sam Amora, Paul Maria D'Rozario, Benjamin Anastasia Gomes, Paul Aquilina, Joseph Anthony Pereira, Aaron D'Souza, Kathleen D'Silua, Tony & Stella Zamith, Doris Asha, Joe Grech, Mark Farrugia, Michael & Josephine Piacentini Pero Kilsanin

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



A NOTE OF THANKS

The new round of Thanksgiving contributions commenced on the 20th of November. During this week our administration people have been sorting out a few 'wrinkles' that showed up when the mail was received, and have been liaising with the banks to log in the Debit Card/Credit card contributions. Again, the Parish thanks all for your participation in this review and renewal.



FLOOD APPEAL – SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. Visit: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>
3. Making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated.



ADVENT PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION

EMMAUS: Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm

SACRED HEART: Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART:

Christmas Eve: 5.00pm
7.00pm
12am midnight (11.30pm Christmas carols)

Christmas Day: 7.30am
9.00am (*Polish*)
10.30am

EMMAUS:

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm
8.00pm
10.00pm

Christmas Day: 9.00am



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"Who am I to stand in God's way." Mary MacKillop 2nd. June. 1867.