



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



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 27th August 2023

Parish Details:

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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: stalbens.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 22:19-23	Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36	Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20
Next Week: First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9	Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2	Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

REFLECTION

WHO DO I SAY I AM?

From the stories of Peter in the storm-tossed boat who called out to Jesus ‘Lord, save me!’ (a few weeks ago), and the pagan woman who persisted in her cry of need to Him (last week), today’s Gospel asks **us** the question about Christ: ‘who do you say I am?’

“Yes, **you**: who do **you** say that I am?”
*Hmmm ... I know what the Church teaching says, I know what other people say. What will I say? In **my** heart? In my heart of hearts? Hmmm...*

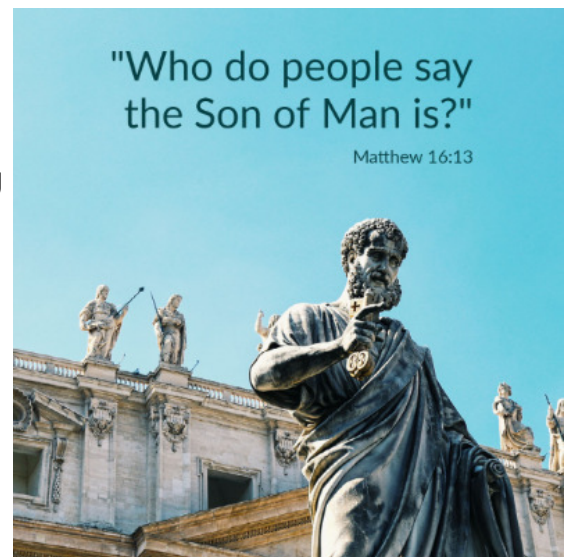
Lord, it’s a hard question! Help me to answer. Give me this day grace to know the depth of your riches and your wisdom and your Godly knowledge and your love. Grace me to say with Peter in wonder and awe, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

In today’s Gospel reading Jesus re-names Peter as ‘Rock’, acknowledging his statement of faith as sure, solid. When we are named as ‘Christian’ in our Baptism, we are being named as a person whose world-view is shaped by our knowledge and experience of Jesus.

When we share the Meal of Eucharist we are becoming ‘more Christ’. This knowledge and experience will develop as we grow and our experience of life expands, until finally we share the life of Christ fully and forever.

Today’s question ‘Who do you say I am?’ is an opportunity to reflect on the stage of faith we have

come to so far, and to keep on exploring our sense of Jesus being real in our lives now.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Salvino "Sam" Bonnici, Galina Mifsud, Graeme Whittingslow, Agata Bonfa, Daniela Zarafa,
ANNIVERSARIES: Silvo & Janina Simic, Mary Agius Benac, Sam & Maria Tabone, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Joe Grech, Tony Borg, Clarrie James, Claire, Joeanne Martin, Fred Borg, David Sacco, George Jones, Dell Shannon, Peter Cook, Collin Clance, Dave Yong, Gus Westen, John Borg, Frank & Peter Mifsud, Miguel Deleon, Giuseppe Del Casale, Paul & Grace Mifsud, Rosina Del Borrello, Domenico Schivello, Maria Schiavello, Paul Reubens, Guy D'Cunha, Paul Aquilina, Peter Muscat, Grace Muscat, Fr. Joshua, Graeme Whittingslow, Charlie Camilleri, Carmelo Falzon, Leli Bugeja, Tony Spiteri, Jessie & Jonnie Ellul, Maria Noi-Pham & Dominico Hung Hoang, Sammy, Giorgina, Leli & Mary Mifsud, Charles Bezzina, Salvatore & Rosaria Ignaccolo, Paul Frances & Maria Portelli, Frank Appa, John Coleiro, Joe Giaccotto, Aaron D'Souza, Marianne Zammit, Ebony Wright, Pero Kilsanin, Giuseppe Pribaz, Sammy, Giorgina, Leli & Mary Mifsud, Charles Bezzina, Daphne & Francis Guest, Mary & Vito D'Cruz, Antonia Demicoli

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY The last weekend in August each year is **Social Justice Sunday**, with an accompanying Statement from our Bishops. This year's Statement is: his year's statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. "One of the objectives of this Statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises," the Bishops say. "We want to hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society."

Access the Statement at: <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION



Caring for those who cared

NEXT WEEKEND, the first Sunday of September and Fathers day, there will be a *special* collection at Masses for retired Priests of the Archdiocese. These Priests do not have the direct support of Parishes anymore or access to Superannuation when they retire at age 75 or earlier due to ill-health. Their support now comes from the Priests Retirement Foundation – which is made of of our contributions next weekend.

To donate, please pick up an envelope from one of our Churches or donate online <https://melbournecatholic.org/foundation> Donations can also be made by mail (cheque or money order), made payable to "Priests Retirement Foundation". Please send to PO Box 615, East Melbourne VIC 8002. Donations are 100% tax-deductible. Your generosity is highly appreciated by those who have "served", Thank you

The Parish office will be closed Wednesday 30th August. Staff will be at an Archdiocese Forum



Ministry Update's

The presentations by Ann and Tony at Masses brought a great response to our need to strengthen Ministry at Our Parish Aged Care homes. Like all, this Ministry is needed so that we can "carry forward the life of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit". Jesus cared for the sick, and told his disciples, his Church, to do the same. Your participation is right at the heart of his Gospel call.

Meeting's at Sacred Heart Presbytery:

- Parish Advisory Group - Wednesday 6th September 7pm
 - Ministry to the residents in the 4 Aged Care/Nursing Homes in our Parish - Friday 8th September 10am
 - Bereavement Group - Thursday 14th September 7pm
- Please email Lauren at the Parish Office to indicate whether you will/will not be joining us: stalbans@cam.org.au



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Unearth the divine with "SaintScape," a cutting-edge new website app.

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<https://majellan.media/saintscape/>
How to use SaintScape

Start by entering the name of the Saint you want to Research For example: Type in 'Mary' in the space under "Enter Name" and then click on submit. A detailed response will be received after a few seconds. You can copy the text generated or download it and save on your computer.



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
for more information

RSVP required by the 28th of August 2023



IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE YOU THERE

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

With God on our side, what need we fear. Mary MacKillop 15th. Sept. 1890