



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



Pentecost Sunday - Year A - 28th May 2023

Parish Details:

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Office Hours:

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: 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: [Acts 2:1-11](#) Second Reading: [1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13](#) Gospel: [Jn 20:19-23](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Ex 34:4-6, 8-9](#) Second Reading: [2 Cor 13:11-13](#) Gospel: [Jn 3:16-18](#)

REFLECTION

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME TO US!

As a prayer in last weekend's Ascension Mass said, 'Christ has now moved beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope'. Now the age of the Holy Spirit comes upon us, and with that, the age of the Church. This is the gift of Pentecost: with the Holy Spirit as life in our lives, guide for our steps, boldness for our hearts, commitment for our actions, we can live up to the potential God sees in us – those who share in the presence of Christ and who carry forward His mission. "The Holy Spirit is dynamic, unpredictable, immediate, creative, empowering and life-giving." (Elizabeth Johnson)

*A cold day by the beach – far too windy for my comfort.
But the seagulls don't seem to mind the wind – in fact they seem to enjoy it!*

*I watch them flying about:
they go with the wind, they soar into the sky carried by it, it helps them cut fast through the weather.*

All the time they are using the wind, availing of its life, its power.

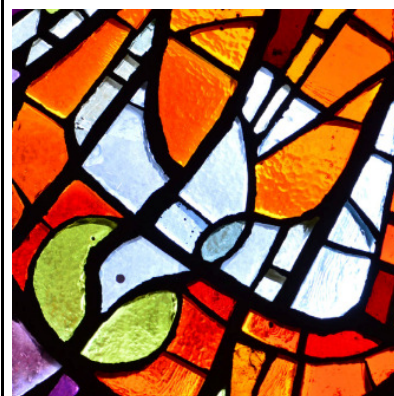
And I reflect on how we, the disciples of Jesus Christ, can be buffeted around in our lives.

Lord, help us to see and feel 'the wind of your Spirit', who will enable us to keep in the hard times and to rejoice in the easy times,

so that we handle everything that happens to us in a way that bears us along the way of your Kingdom

"These Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows. They save orphans from those who would hurt them. If one of them is poor and there isn't enough food to go around, they fast for several days to give that person the food that is needed. ... We are dealing with a new kind of person here. **There is something divine in them.**"

[Aristides, defending Christians before Emperor Hadrian, c.123CE]



"Peace
be with
you."

John 20:20

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Maria Francesca Castellano, Antun Jankovic

ANNIVERSARIES: Mick & Charlie Cardona & Family, Paul & Maria Vella & Family, Antonia Meilak, Maria Galea, Sandra Briffa, Carmelo & Mary Axiak, Emmanuel Grech & Frank Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Theresa Pace, Andrew, Doris, Joseph & Vincent Mifsud, Neil Snooks, Teresa & Bill Saliba, Joe Grech, Joanne Martin, Anthony Tanti, Nina Tanti, David Sacco, Clarrie James, Charles Spiteri, Laura Denino, Anthony Oscar Xavier, Fr. Joshua, Peter & Grace Muscat, Leli Bugeja, Carmenu Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Elivio Panozzo, Giuseppe Pribaz, Antonia Demecoli, Aaron D'Souza, Paul Aquilina, Pero Kilsanin, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Cena Said, Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto, Alice Keith, Bruce Keith, David Keith.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



Two new homes have been opened in our Parish at 73 The Regency, Hillside by St John of God Healthcare (the governing organisation), St John of God Marillac (the Specialist Disability Accommodation Provider) and St John of God Accord (the provider of care within these homes).

The new building represents desire we all possess – the desire for a place call our home: these buildings will be that for six people.

Within these homes our clients will be able to live independent and rich lives. We have purposefully chosen to equip these homes with smart technology, as we know it improves independence and enhances the quality of life of those who will live there.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH ! !

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.

- TUESDAY 6th June - RCIA, 7:30pm @ Emmaus Church
- THURSDAY 8th June - Music Ministry, 7:00pm @ Emmaus Church
- FRIDAY 9th June - Communion to Aged Care & Private Homes 10:30am @ Sacred Heart St. Albans Presbytery
- TUESDAY 20th June - Baptism Team, 7:00pm @ Sacred Heart St. Albans Presbytery

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".

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:

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EMAIL: StAlbans.Office@cam.org.au



Bulletin via Email

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

Parish Mass Count

The Parish Mass Count will continue over the 4 weekends this month being **6 - 7 May, 13-14 May, 20- 21 May and 27-28 May.**

The Archdiocese takes a count of the number of people at Mass in all parishes. Thank you to those who are looking after that for us this year.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"Near the Sacred Heart we are strong and without fear." - Mary MacKillop 21st February. 1870