



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



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 29th October 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: [Exodus 22:20-26](#) Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 1:5-10](#) Gospel: [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Malachi 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10](#) Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13](#) Gospel: [Matthew 23:1-12](#)

REFLECTION

NEW TEACHING FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Vatican released on 4th October the new Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, 'Laudate Deum', on the climate crisis. It is a document intended to follow up on the Pope's 2015 encyclical, 'Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home'.

An Apostolic Exhortation is a teaching document from the Pope, which aims to exhort (encourage) a particular virtue or activity.

'Laudate Deum' was released on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, "Laudate Deum" holds a special place in Pope Francis' papacy, drawing inspiration from the saint known for his love of creation and care for the marginalised. This release date is meaningful as it aligns St Francis' life and vision with the urgent need to address today's ecological and social challenges.

The title 'Laudate Deum' translates to "Praise God," a powerful reminder of the importance of stewardship and the responsible use of power in relation to God's creation. It emphasises the Pope's urgent call to tackle the climate crisis, recognising that time is running out and irreversible damage has been done.

While individual actions are crucial, Pope Francis underscores the necessity of political change on a global scale. He emphasises the importance of taking action now and the importance of upcoming events like COP28 in driving meaningful change.

Despite the seriousness of the challenges we face, Pope Francis encourages hope, reminding us that despair only exacerbates the impacts of climate change, especially on the most vulnerable among us.

This message is so relevant in our world today, as we witness the effects of climate change and the urgent need for action. Coming from the Pope, the teaching calls us as Catholics to be stewards of our common home, echoing the message of 'Laudate Deum' in our actions and advocacy. It also speaks to 'all people of good will'.

The document is available at: [Laudate Deum https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html)

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind."



Matthew 22:37



The next round of ThanksGiving envelopes will be posted out early November in anticipation for their start date of 19th November.



The Parish Office will be Closed Melbourne Cup Weekend Mon 6th - Wed 8th November.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Josipa Lisnic, Anna D'Agata

ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Xuereb, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Joe Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Antonia Demecoli, Daniella Zahra, Mary Jane Cefai, Joseph Cefai, Amelie Grech, Joseph Grech, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Joanne Martin, Jerry Springer, Collin Clance, Clarrie James, Charles Bronson, Aaron D'Souza, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho, Charlotte Daxa, Orita Tatgjonaj, Guy D'Cunha, Charlotte Daxa, Georga, Sammy & Zaren Mifsud, Cybil, Anthony & Wayne Rebeiro, Alfred, Benny & Sheila Excompare, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Maria & Anthony Mercieca, Leli Bugeja, Carmelo Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Josset Vella, Golu Piscopo, Carmelo Camilleri, Paul Aquilina, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin, Maureen, Clarence, Therese, Mark, Sam & Cathy Farrugia, Angela Xuereb.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

Annual 'Keilor Cemetery November All Souls Mass': Saturday 4th November, 11.00am at Ultima Function Centre (Ely Court)

Annual 'Altona Cemetery November All Souls Mass': Sunday 5th November, 2pm at Altona Memorial Park (Dohertys Rd Altona)

Extra Mass times for Our Parish

All Saints Day: Polish Mass at Sacred Heart at 9am on Wednesday 1st November
As well as that, we will have the usual 7.30am Mass at Sacred Heart.

All Souls Day: On Thursday 2nd November we will have the usual 7.30am Mass at Sacred Heart.
There will also be a 7.00pm Mass at Emmaus.

In November we pray for the holy souls, those who have gone before us in faith. Throughout November, we shall have the Book of Remembrance available before all masses in the Church foyers. You are invited to record the names of deceased family members and friends for whom you wish to have Masses offered throughout November. Special envelopes are available to make an offering and those on the ThanksGiving mailout would have received one in July.



Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza, scan this QR code or phone 1800 024 413



Do not be daunted
by the enormity
of the world's grief.
Do justly, now.
Love mercy, now.
Walk humbly, now.
You are not obligated
to complete the work,
but neither are you free
to abandon it.

- the Talmud

Ministry - Meetings & Training for New Ministers

Baptism Team - Wednesday 8th November, 7pm at Sacred Heart

Bereavement Team - Thursday November 9th, 7pm at Sacred Heart

Ministry Leaders - Tuesday November 14th, 7pm at Sacred Heart

Parish Advisory Committee - Wednesday November 1st, 7pm,
Thursday November 16th, 7pm & Wednesday 29th November 7pm all at Sacred Heart

Finance Committee - Tuesday December 5th, 7pm at Sacred Heart

Steps for New Special Communion Ministers to apply for Working with Children Checks (WWCC):

Visit this webpage on your computer: <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

In the first step - Verify at the Post office (the online verification rarely works!)

Make sure to put down that you are a volunteer (its free of Charge)

Organisations details - Sacred Heart Emmaus Parish - 4 Winifred Street, St Albans VIC 3021
phone: 0393662146

Occupational Fields is number 64 "Religious organisation"

Once you have filled all this in, you will receive an email to them to the email address you included.

You will receive an email that states your check has been received, and it has a "barcode" that you take to your local post office along with your Photo Identification to finalise the check. Once you do this (within 14 days go to the post office) you will get a further email to say your WWCC has passed. Then they will post a card also but this can take a few weeks. Don't Forget to provide a copy to your ministry leader or the parish office.

It is also a requirement of the Archdiocese to complete online training at:

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

and sign the Parish Code of conduct - copies of this are in the Sacristy or contact the Parish office.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Quotes

"It is by love that God has always led me, by love that god reproves me, by love that God lets me see love in all. Mary Mackillop 15th. July 1873.