



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 2nd July 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: 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16 Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4. 8-11 Gospel: Mt 10:37-42
Next Week: First Reading: Zec 9:9-10 Second Reading: Rom 8:9.11-13 Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

REFLECTION

Hospitality - it matters

Even basic actions are an essential part of the way the people of the Church live our faith and build up the life of the Kingdom of God. Such basic actions of faith include hospitality, compassion and care for others.

An example in today's Reading is 'giving a cup of cold water', saying that even the most trivial act of service to another is an action of truly being a disciple.

This comes in the gospel of Matthew, which finishes with that image of everyone lined up for the final assessment, and the questions are put to us: 'When I was hungry, what did you do? When I was thirsty, what did you do? ...what did you do?' What is needed most for the homeless is shelter, for the lonely it is a visit, for the hungry it is a meal, for someone who stumbles it is helping hands, for the thirsty it is a drink – 'be practical in the way you live your faith' we are told.

'Faith without works is dead' writes James in his letter in the New Testament. 'Love one another' is repeated many times.

'Treat others in the way you want them to treat you' is advice at another place.

This is summed up in that saying that 'faith is a verb', a 'doing word'. Because we are the people of God, because we have been baptised into the life of Christ, because we are 'other Christs' in the world, we will speak, form attitudes and do things in ways that express that.

Another saying is that 'Christian life is comforting and uncomfortable': comforting in giving us the knowledge of the presence of God in our lives, uncomfortable in expecting us to live out the Christian faith we profess!

"Anyone who welcomes you
welcomes me."



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Joyce Pisani

ANNIVERSARIES: Cena Said, Antonia Demecoli, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Pino Grego, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Amelie & Sebastian Grech, Brendan Kelly, Joe Grech, Peter Paul Attard, Tessie Farrugia, Paul Aquilina, Grace & Peter Muscat, Maria Attard, Fr. Joshua, Domenico Giordano, Vinko Rados, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Paul Azzopardi, Pero Kilsanin, Angela Xuereb, Joe Xuereb, Aaron D'Souza, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Charles Sampath & Ophelia Charles, John Kim Vu, Ine Chen Pham, Maria Mai, Brendan Kelly, Santiago, Eglantina, Eyelina, Dajcaj & Sebastian.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

Catholic Mission - Propagation of the Faith Appeal 1st-2nd July 2023

Tuberculosis, malnutrition, and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. This week 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

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.

-RCIA team meeting TUESDAY 11th July, 7:30pm at Emmaus

- Linen Washing Sacred Heart— 12th July, 6pm at Sacred Heart

- Bereavement Support Group—THURSDAY 20TH July, 7pm at Sacred Heart Presbytery

We recently sent all our Ministry members who attended our Training Program on Wednesday 24th of May a certificate and updated our Parish Records. If you were unable to attend please see below information so you may acquire this qualification online. All members of Ministry must attain this qualification to carry on with their ministry in the Parish. These are requirements made by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. To attain this qualification we ask you to:

Use this link upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/

1. You will need to enter your WWCC number or VIT number for registration.
2. Work through each section and complete all assessment materials.
3. When all is completed you will attain a certificate with your name on it.

Forward this certificate to the Parish Office so we can enter your particulars in the Parish Records. stalbans@cam.org.au

We ask you to complete this activity by **Friday 28th of July 2023**.

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".

▪ The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which those who are part of other faith traditions, and those whose Baptism into the Catholic Church has not been developed, come into 'full communion with the Catholic Church'.

▪ This process culminates in the liturgies of Easter in the following year after the process began.

▪ A new RCIA group journey in our Parish will commence on **Tuesday, 11 July 2023, at 7:30 pm at Emmaus Church, Sydenham.**

▪ If you or anyone you know, would like to take this journey to share in the Sacraments of the Church (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation) and join in full communion with the Catholic Church, please contact the **Parish Office** for more information.

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**RCIA –
Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults**

**Journey 2023
commences 11 July**



CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE
CAROLINE SPRINGS

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

Let us ever remember we have been called by God and God has a right to our perfect service. Mary MacKillop 12th. Mar. 1899