



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 3rd July, 2022**

**PARISH DETAILS**

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**Monday— Wednesday:** 9:30am—4:00pm  
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**Sacred Heart Mass Times:**

Tuesday—Friday 7.30am  
 Saturday 9.00am  
 Sunday Saturday 5:00pm  
 Sunday 7:30am,10:30am  
 Polish 9.00am  
 Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5.00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sacred Heart English Saturday 10.30am  
 Maltese every 4th Saturday 4.00pm

**Emmaus Mass Times**

Sunday Saturday 6:30pm  
 Sunday 9:00am

**Baptism:** Eight weeks notice is required

**Marriage:** Six months noticed required

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](mailto: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](mailto:stalbans.csc@cam.org.au) or 0413 841 936

**Mass Count May 2022**

At all Saturday night/Sunday Masses in May, the Archdiocese called again for figures of the number of people at Masses in the Parishes. This Mass Count has happened for many years. It is more complex than usual this year – the figures can't be compared with the past two years when we were in various forms of COVID lockdown, with – a times severe – restrictions on coming to church. The figures for our Parish this year showed that across those four weekends the numbers at Mass were:

Sacred Heart: 671, 550, 655 798 (English); 80. 84, 80 75 (Polish); Emmaus: 281, 265, 215, 249.

A complication for Emmaus was that during May we had extra Masses on some weekends for the Sacrament of Confirmation (1385) and for First Communion (744).

These numbers are about half the number who were counted at Masses in May in Pre-COVID 2019.

Worth thinking through, eh?

**READINGS**

This week:	First Reading: Is 66:10-14	Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18	Gospel: Lk 10:1-12. 17-20
Next week:	First Reading: Dt 30:10-14	Second Reading: Col 1:15-20	Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

**REFLECTION**

**CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES - THAT'S ALL OF US!**

The first thing that is striking about this gospel passage is the fact that there are 72 disciples whom Jesus sends out on mission. We can have an image of Jesus strolling around Galilee with just a small group of followers: this passage today makes it clear that a significant number of people were engaged in his ministry. And the gospel writer has not just made an error in naming 72 rather than the Twelve because just one chapter earlier the Twelve were sent out. This sending out to mission is a significant element of the gospel of Luke. Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple in last week's gospel, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple.

The image in the gospel of labourers in the harvest is often applied to the work of priests and other religious vocations. However apt that may be, when we read it in the context of the whole passage we can see that this sending out of the 72 was a general challenge to live out the call to discipleship: for all of us to live in the world in ways that bring about the kingdom.

Another theme that is significant in the gospel of Luke is the message of 'hospitality' – and it comes into this weekend's reading, too. Jesus teaches on this frequently and tries to convey a message that the hospitality of God is available to all. This is the basis for Jesus' going out to those who have been rejected by others, his compassion for those in need, his forgiveness of sin which draws people back into the household of the Lord.

Disciples of Jesus are similarly hospitable to others!



## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Josip Zimic, Steven Malina, Wladyslaw Pichner, Giuseppe Pribaz (Joe), Norma Anna Girardi, Laurie Xuereb

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael & Josephine Piacentni, Aaron D'Souza, Pero Klisanin, Mary Price, Ludovico Martinez, Carnouale Nazzareno, Pina Galante, Maureen Thomas, Philomena Lazaro, Gwen Fraser & Gladwin Fraser, Dritoi Tatonaj, Pam, James & Micheal Rozario, James Spink, Vincent Johnson, Edith Fernandez, Terrance Coates, Nazzareno De. Gabriele, Lucy, Jane, Salvatore, Joyee Cassar, Michael & Mary-Ann Bordieri, Vessa Milovav, Luca, Ivo Luba Jajcevic, Frank Mifsud, Vince Vella & George Sultana, Mansut Psaila, John Colerio & Maria Psaila, Peter Muscut, Fr. Joshua Joe, Mario, Charlie Muscut, Charles Camilleri, Loreta Brown, Joan Le Toille

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

### RCIA

**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, 19 July 2022, at 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. If you or anyone you know, would like to take this journey to share in the Sacraments of the Church and join in full communion with the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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### CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNERS: QUATREFOILS RESTAURANT

Catholic Regional College, Sydenham -

380 Sydenham Road, Sydenham 3037: enter via Gate 10 on Pecks Road

Tuesday 19 July, Wednesday 20 July, Tuesday 26 July, Thursday 28 July; 6:00pm arrival; \$40pp—3 course Christmas Feast. For bookings Email: [Quatrefoils@crcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:Quatrefoils@crcc.vic.edu.au)

### FURTHER RECENT CHANGES TO COVID-SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR CHURCHES

Following last week's announcements about restrictions related to COVID-safe practices, the Archbishop has issued – on **23<sup>rd</sup> June** - a new 'easing' of regulations in relation to practices in churches. They come in immediately. The official statement says:

**LITURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS: "HOLY COMMUNION MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FAITHFUL UNDER BOTH SPECIES (I.E., THE SACRED HOST AND PRECIOUS BLOOD).**

**SANITISING HANDS BEFORE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION IS STILL RECOMMENDED.**

**WHERE THERE IS PHYSICAL TOUCH AS PART OF A RITE OF THE CHURCH (FOR EXAMPLE, BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK OR DYING) THE USE OF COTTON BUDS IS NO LONGER MANDATED, BUT HANDS SHOULD BE SANITISED WELL BEFORE AND AFTER THE RITE.**

**HOLY WATER STOUPS MAY BE FILLED, BUT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN THAT THE WATER IS CHANGED REGULARLY (AT A MINIMUM OF ONCE A WEEK).**

**THE USE OF HYMN BOOKS AND OTHER WORSHIP AIDS ARE PERMITTED AS PART OF THE LITURGY, AND COLLECTION PLATES MAY BE RETURNED."**

An implication is that we may resume 'shaking hands' at the Sign of Peace.

**These options will be re-introduced in our churches on this weekend (2-3 July).**

It is of essential importance that each person chooses the option with which they feel comfortable.

It is essential to continue to consider and be careful for the health of one another. If you feel unwell with a condition that could spread to others, do not come to church.

THANK YOU to everyone for assisting our community to get to this stage of re-emerging as a 'community together' when we gather for Mass!

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

God is stronger than the world which opposes God's teachings.

Mary MacKillop 28th. June 1874.