



**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 30th October 2022**

**PARISH DETAILS**

**Address:** 4 Winifred Street, St Albans 3021  
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**Office Hours:**

**Monday— Wednesday:** 9:30am—4:00pm

**Thursday & 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:**

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

**Emmaus Mass Times**

Sunday Saturday 6:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am

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

**READINGS**

This week: First Reading: Wis 11:22 – 12:2	Second Reading: 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2	Gospel : Lk 19:1-10
Next week: First Reading: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14	Second Reading: 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5	Gospel : Lk 20:27-38

**REFLECTION**

**GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER!!**

Think back to last week's gospel: the Pharisee who got God wrong [he thought he had to prove himself to God], and the Tax Collector who got God right [he acknowledged his weaknesses and sin, and trustingly called on God to forgive him].

This week's story of Zacchaeus acts out the teaching of last Sunday's parable and repeats its message. Jesus comes to Jericho, and of all the people in that village, he singles out the one most in need, the senior tax collector. Jesus gives himself to Zacchaeus, just as he now is. He imposes no conditions and simply says, "Come down, it is necessary that I stay at your house today". The necessity is caused by Zacchaeus' neediness. Jesus responds to him and offers to eat with him, the village outcast. In response to Jesus' offer, Zacchaeus changes. He recognises the utter generosity of God and makes the only appropriate response, humble gratitude and generosity in return. In the gift, its reception and the generous response Jesus recognises salvation has happened for Zacchaeus.

As part of Jesus' mission to seek out the poor and the lost (as we were told at the beginning of this Gospel of Luke early this year), he must find a home with the social and religious outcasts.

In our neediness and poverty (of spirit, of faith, of charity) may we continue to place our hope in the gracious generosity of God. Let's reflect on the words of today's Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

THANKS BE TO GOD !!!

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** John Perndorfer; Jelena Baresic; Maria Nemec; Nellie Benson; Gerard Ithier.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Miko Spehra; Joe Censina Xerri & Fredi Ginevra Agius; Frank Oveido & Charlie Camilleri; Francis Patrao; Victoria & Joe Scicluna; Malcolm & Margaret Thompson & Felecia Gerreyn; Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Eusebio Eje, Zoe & Joseph Camilleri, Arthur & Lina Mattocks; Mary Agius Benac; Silvo & Janina Simcic, Anthony Agius; Sam & Mary Tabone, Pauline Bajada; Pjeter Dojaj; Collin, Liza & Family; Ron Nicholas; Aaron D'Souza, Peter & Clara Parnis; Francis Patrao; John Perndorfer; Tony Pirotta; Joseph Xuereb; Emilda Coates; Emilia Lobo; Fr Joshua, Peter, Joe & Paula Muscat; Joe Montaut & Odell Long; John, Carmelo & Mary Colerio; Valerian Pinto; Alfred, Benneth & Sheila Excompare; Oric, Barbara, Roza-Ana; Leli Bugeja & Charlie Camilleri; Paul Galea; Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Paul Aquilina; Miko Spehra; Josephine (Jessie) Vella; Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini; Anthony & Esmie Leslie, Percy & Yvonne Jeremiah, Maude, Vivian, Denzil, Neil, Ralph, Raymond & Kenny Highland; Pero Klisanin.

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



### A NOTE OF THANKS

THANK YOU for your cooperation and participation in our review and renewal of Thanksgiving! Return completed cards as soon as possible, please. Results will be compiled and published over the next month.

## NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES

### In our Parish:

On **All Saints' Day** (Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November) there will be Masses at **Sacred Heart** at 9.00am (English), and at 6.00pm (Polish)

On **All Souls' Day** (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November) There will be Masses at 7.30am at **Sacred Heart** (English) and at 6.00pm (Polish); and at **Emmaus** at 7.00pm.

You can record names of those deceased whom you are remembering in the '**November book**' at the front of our churches next to the sanctuary. They will be included in Masses during the month.

**At KEILOR CEMETERY:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am – in the marquee next to the Mausoleum

**At ALTONA CEMETERY:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00pm in Maltese language, 4.30pm in Polish language in the chapel complex



### FLOOD APPEAL – SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. Visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

You generosity, as always, is very much appreciated.

### 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 has commenced on 19 July 2022, and registrations are open. 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.

### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Pray to be ever ready for God's will, even when it takes you by surprise.  
Mary MacKillop. 25 May 1880