

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



**Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A - 30th April 2023**

**Parish Details:**

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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:**

**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](mailto: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 2:14, 36-41](#) Second Reading: [1 Pt 2:20-25](#) Gospel: [Jn 10:1-10](#)  
**Next Week:** First Reading: [Acts 6:1-7](#) Second Reading: [1 Pt 2:4-9](#) Gospel: [Jn 14:1-12](#)

**REFLECTION**

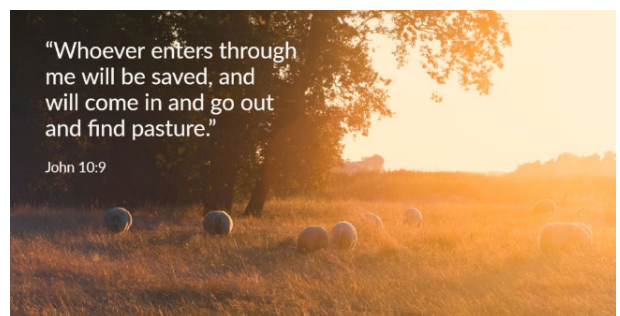
**Called to service**

All of us are called to 'carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit'. This is the basic 'vocation' that every one of us is called to in our Baptism. Whatever shapes our different lives take, that is always the basic vocation. We are all parts of the 'people of God', all parts of 'the Body of Christ'. Each of us has something of the Spirit, none of us has it all as we carry out that mission to 'carry forward the work of Christ'. Each year on this Sunday the gospel Readings give us images of Jesus as 'Good Shepherd', 'the Gate to the sheepfold', leading and enlivening the 'flock of God's people'. With these images this is annually called 'Vocations Sunday' with attention to the 'ordained Priesthood' in our Church. The Parish Priest's role is to celebrate the Sacraments, to preach the Word, to build up the community, to administer the goods of the Parish. It is a good opportunity to recall with thanksgiving those Priests who have been life givers to us and to our Parish communities! Central to that is our gathering for the Eucharist and the other Sacraments: *we need Priests!!*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd,  
protect, we pray, the flock of God's people,  
comfort it and revive its spirit,  
lead it to fresh pastures and restful waters.  
Call from our midst new pastors,  
bold in spirit,  
generous in heart,  
and clear in vision.  
Bless them with the gifts to become  
forthright messengers of hope,  
strong community leaders,  
and wise spiritual guides for your people.  
Show them the gifts you have given them,  
inspire them with the needs of the Church,  
and make them brave enough to offer  
their service for leadership in the Church.  
We trust that you will always give life to your Church –  
keep us open for the movement of Your Spirit!  
AMEN.*

"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

John 10:9



# WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Frances Attard, Fr. Bob Maguire

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Antonia Demecoli, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Joelle Meyepa, Tessie Farrugia, George Muscat, Emmanuel & Adrianna Caruana, Louis & Nancy Muscat, John & Carmen Camilleri, Frank & Josephine Caruana, Carey Dobbson, Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto, Emmanuel & John Spiteri, Robert Pereira, Albin Pereira, Sophia Soares, Oswald Soares, Carmenu Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Leli Bugeja, Wenzu, Francisca & Anthony Caruana, Cecil, Phoebe & Cyres Excompare, Maria & Anthony Mercieca, Peter Muscat, Fr. Joshua, Adina Aquilina, Mile Tadic, Tadic Femilu, Ivan Cavka, Valentine Sciciula, Vincent Bonello, Anastasia Gomes, Angela Xuereb, Pero Kilsanin, Joe Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Aaron D'Souza, Paul Aquilina.

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

### IT'S TIME TO RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOX

Caritas Australia says its **annual Lenten fundraiser Project Compassion** has been a success this year thanks to the dedication and support of more than 1700 schools and 1200 parishes across the country.

"It has been inspiring to see our supporters pull out all the stops this year. We've seen everything from classic fundraisers like Caritas K's to dance battles between teachers to raise funds. The energy and passion to raise funds for Caritas Australia has been incredible this year," said Kirsty Robertson, Caritas Australia's CEO.

"I want to thank everybody who has been a part of this year's Project Compassion – whether you've put spare change in a donation box at church, or you've set up a fundraiser at your Parish or School, you have done your part to make the world a better place. Your kindness and generosity will help us to reach some of the most marginalised and vulnerable communities to face the challenges of poverty."

"It is the passion and spirit of our supporters across Australia whose generosity of heart enables us to have our hands and feet in vulnerable communities across the world," Ms Robertson said.

"When I was at school, I remember that when I put my money in a Project Comparison box, I was doing this because I thought Caritas Australia could change the world. Now I know this to be true. I am so proud to watch the next generation helping us to build a better tomorrow."

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



*Catholic Regional  
College Sydneyham*

### 2023 FAMILY TOURS WITH THE PRINCIPAL

*A tour of the College will provide a view of the  
incredible facilities we have on offer for  
every student every pathway.*

Register for a tour:

[crcs.vic.edu.au](http://crcs.vic.edu.au)

Join Our Community  
Book A tour

[https://crcs.vic.edu.au/  
join-our-community/book-a-tour/](https://crcs.vic.edu.au/join-our-community/book-a-tour/)

Tuesday 9 May and Wednesday 14 June  
10:30am

*Every Student  
Every Pathway*



### Ministry Members Sacred Heart/ Emmaus Parish

To finalise your Ministry Training, the Safe Guarding Committee have arranged a session Wednesday 24th May @ 7pm, with tea and coffee from 6:30pm. It is important you make yourself available for this event. The Archdiocese directs all Ministers to conduct this training 3 yearly for any role undertaken in the Parish. You must bring your Working With Children Check. (WWCC) to obtain a certificate. The event is at CRC St. Albans Hall in Winifred Street.

A friendly reminder to all volunteers to ensure you have applied and provided your check to the office. If you have any problem with online application call the Parish office 9366 2146.

Once again we appreciate the lengths Ministers go to be a part of the Parish Ministries.

### Parish Mass Count

The Parish Mass Count will commence next weekend and go over four weekends 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.



### Come and Support the Fair Committee

Taylor's Lakes Bunnings  
Saturday May 6th 9.00am - 4.00pm



### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

We are all in his hands. Mary MacKillop. 13th. Sept 1870.