



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



**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 3rd September 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](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: [Jeremiah 20:7-9](#) Second Reading: [Romans 12:1-2](#) Gospel: [Matthew 16:21-27](#)  
**Next Week:** First Reading: [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#) Second Reading: [Romans 13:8-10](#) Gospel: [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

**REFLECTION**

*What I have learned about children*

*... and me, their father*

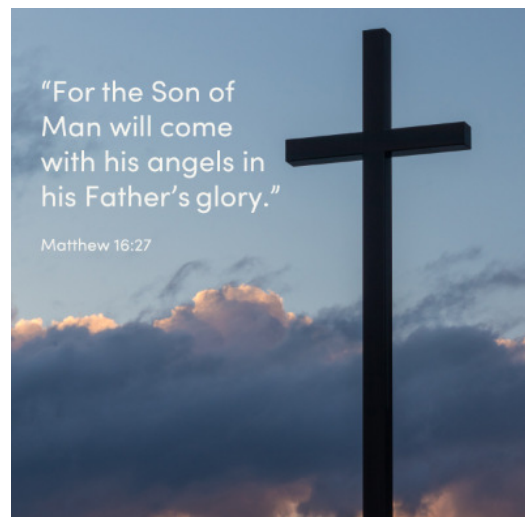
My wife and I have three children [it is a 'we' business, isn't it?]. Our children are engines of incalculable joy and agonising despair. Their hearts are enormous and sensitive beyond calculation. They can be cruel at times, especially when they move in herds, bringing woe unto the silent one, the one who looks funny, the one who speaks awkwardly, the fat one, for he will never get the ball, she will never be asked to jump rope, he will not be invited to the party, she will weep with confusion and rage, he will lash out with sharp small fists.

Yet they are also endlessly kind, kind by nature, and among them there is often an artless democracy, a linking of arms against the vast puzzle of life. They search for rules and rank, for what is allowed and what is forbidden, and poke the rules to see which bends, for they wish to know their place in the world, how far they can go, who they are. Mud and jelly stick to them. They eat no green things.

When they weep they weep utterly from the marrows of their lonely bones.

They are new creatures hourly, and what you think you know of them is already lost in the race of life. Their hearts are dense books no one can read.

To father them is not a brief noun that's celebrated on one day in the year, but an endless action that exhausts, enrages, edifies, elevates, educates; I am a thinner and greyer man than I was; and closer to joy. They make me wonder, they delight me. To love them is to taste the furious love the Maker has for what He made, and fathers still, and always will. God bless our children! God bless their fathers!  
*[Brian Doyle is the editor of Portland Magazine.]*



## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Agata Bonfa, Daniela Zarafa

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Joe Grech, Tony Borg, Frank & Peter Mifsud, Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto, Gavan Aitken, Paul & Maria D'Rozario, Benjamin & Anastasia Gomes, Joyce Borg, Jerry Springer, Clarrie James, Phillip Westend, Anthony Tanti, Nina Tanti, Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto, Paul Aquilina, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Pisani Family, Carmelo Falzon, Leli Bugeja, Charlie Camilleri, Joe Giaccotto, John Borg, Cikka Crichiola, Charlie & Willy Zammit, Keith & Betty Williams, Epifano Luna & Ernesta Luna, Aaron D'Souza, Elivio Panozzo, Medilinda Sanding Basa, Conchita Ronquillo, Fo Heang Li, Michael Vella & Emmanuel Coleiro, Pero Kilsanin, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, John Borg, Maria Noi-Pham, Mark Farrugia, Maureen Fernando, Clavena Fernando, Shiro Pevis, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Charlie Portelli, Antonia Demecoli, Vincent Cutajar, Cassandra Alexander, Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith, Thomas & Elizabeth Meyn, Clifton Coates, Andrew Gomes, Paul Frances & Maria Portelli, Joe Giacotto, John Colerio, Virginia Apap

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



The annual 'Fathers' Day' collection for the care of retired Priests and those on sick leave comes around this weekend. There are special envelopes within the set of Thanksgiving Envelopes. More envelopes are in the foyers and on the seats in our churches. Happy Fathers' Day – to all fathers and to all families in our Parish You can also donate online <https://melbournecatholic.org/foundation> Donations can also be made by mail (cheque or mon-

ey order), made payable to "Priests Retirement Foundation". Please send to PO Box 615, East Melbourne VIC 8002. Donations are 100% tax-deductible. Your generosity is highly appreciated by those who have "served", Thank you



St John of God Marillac is a Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) provider for people with intellectual disability. We have recently built two SDA homes at The Regency, Hillside. These two new homes have been built to a fully accessible –improved liveability standard and are equipped with smart technology that will improve independence in our client's lives and enhance the quality of those who will live there. We are a Catholic organisation governed by St John of God Health Care. The Regency is a representative of our organisation's commitment to continuing the healing mission of Jesus. Our vision at St John of God Healthcare is to recognise care that provides healing, hope and a greater sense of dignity especially to those most in need, which is ultimately exactly what we have achieved in these new homes. We are offering tours of the new homes for people with an intellectual disability, their families or support coordinators.



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Please call Shannon on 0457 839 977 to book your tour. Visit [www.marillac.sjog.org.au](http://www.marillac.sjog.org.au)

### Ministry Update's

The presentations by Ann and Tony at Masses brought a great response to our need to strengthen Ministry at Our Parish Aged Care homes. Like all, this Ministry is needed so that we can "carry forward the life of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit". Jesus cared for the sick, and told his disciples, his Church, to do the same. Your participation is right at the heart of his Gospel call.

#### Meeting's at Sacred Heart Presbytery:

- Parish Advisory Group - Wednesday 6th September 7pm
- Ministry to the residents in the 4 Aged Care/Nursing Homes in our Parish - Friday 8th September 10am
- Bereavement Group - Thursday 14th September 7pm

Please email Lauren at the Parish Office to indicate whether you will/will not be joining us: [stalbins@cam.org.au](mailto:stalbins@cam.org.au)

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**  
3 - 9 September 2023

**WHERE WE START MATTERS**

**National Child Protection Week: 3-9 September**

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child-abuse prevention in our communities. In 2023, the overarching message that

'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Where we start matters':



**30 YEAR SCHOOL**

**REUNION**

**Catholic Regional College, Sydenham**

**CLASS OF 1993**

**Students and teachers of the Class of 1993 at**

**Catholic Regional College, Sydenham**  
(including North Keilor, St. Albans and Melton campuses from 1988 - 1991)

**are invited to attend our 30 Year School Reunion on 28th October 2023 in Melbourne**

Email [crcsydenhamclassof93@gmail.com](mailto:crcsydenhamclassof93@gmail.com) for more information

RSVP required by the 28th of August 2023



**IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE YOU THERE**

### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

If you knew the peace and calm, the almost joyful passionate love for God's will, you would not trouble about having to convey your disappointment to me. Mary MacKillop 2 Feb. 1871