



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



The Most Holy Trinity - Year A - 4th June 2023

Parish Details:

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Monday & Tuesday: 9:30am—4:00pm

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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

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

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: [Ex 34:4-6. 8-9](#) Second Reading: [2 Cor 13:11-13](#) Gospel: [John 3:16-18](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Deut 8:2-3, 14-16](#) Second Reading: [1 Cor 10:16-17](#) Gospel: [John 6:51-58](#)

REFLECTION

GOD: FATHER-SON-SPIRIT in OUR LIVES

The experience of our early Church and of ourselves, too, is that the Creator God has come amongst us in the Son, Jesus Christ, whose Spirit inspires our own spirits with the very life of this God. The philosopher Soren Kierkegaard wrote that "Life is not a problem to be solved but a mystery to be lived." Perhaps this applies to God, too, as today we name and celebrate that God is Father-Son-Spirit. They say that St Patrick used the shamrock to wonder about this – three parts making up one, and unable to exist without the other parts. St Thomas Aquinas wrote much about God; and in the end he felt that "All I have written seems like so much straw!"

As much as we may like to sum God up, to pin God down, to give a satisfactory understanding of God, if we were able to do that – to hold God in our grasp – then we wouldn't be dealing with God anymore. For the name 'God' means that we're experiencing someone whose Being is much larger than we are. And yet we can – and want to – speak about God, because God is part of our experience and of so many people across human history.

Our experience of ourselves shows us that we are never merely ourselves: we are someone's child, parent, spouse, partner, sibling, neighbor, employee, friend, Relationship seems to be at the core of life! And so if God is God of life, then God is a relationship: whom today we name as the great Creator God who gives life to all [Father], the Saviour who draws us further into the life of God [Son], the Life that keeps the life of God alive in us inspiring us to live that life of God ourselves [Holy Spirit].

From St Catherine of Siena: 'O eternal Trinity, you are as deep a mystery as the sea: always with us, and in whom the more I seek, the more I find; and the more I find, the more I seek.'



"Whoever believes in him will not be condemned." John 3:18

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Antun Jankovic, Irena Oczkowski, Joseph Bartolo

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Camilleri, Carmen Said, Connie Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Vincenza, John, Paul, Tony, Joe & Carmenu Fenech, Salvu, Martina, Marsu, Zeppi Micallef & Family, Cecila & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Joseph Grech, Carmen Bajona, Cheslie, Kryst, Grech, Molannen, Heather, Armstrong, Bobby, Moudy, Darai, Blaze, Toni & Stella Zammit, Joe & Dores Axaq, Rita Siomos, Justin Paul Langley, Leli Bugeja, Carmenu Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Fr. Joshua Muscat, Peter Muscat, Joe & Paula Muscat, Maria Attard, Manda & Nikola Brkljacic, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Maureen Thomas, Mary Thomas & Gerald Thomas, Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith, Thomas & Mabel Meyn, Aaron D'Souza, Pero Kilsanin, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Cena Said, Antonia Demecoli, Paul Aquilina.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal 3rd - 4th June 2023

This weekend is the St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal to help end homelessness. Your donation to Vinnies provides essential support to Australians living in poverty. From food and financial support to clothing and utilities, you can take the pain out of poverty this winter.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. Visit online webpage <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-warmth>
3. Making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase.

Please give generously.



Ministry Updates

MINISTRIES BACK IN ACTION!! Last week 101 of our Parishioners gathered in the hall at CRC StAlbans to complete our 'compliance requirements'. A presenter from the Archdiocese took us through a familiarity with 'Safeguarding' – its meaning and the responsibility we have in that area. A huge THANK YOU to all participated! Great generosity from the College! Now we have begun a series of meetings of each of our Ministry Groups - back in business!!

We are now in a position for our Ministry Groups to begin to regather. 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: stalbens@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.

- TUESDAY 6th June - RCIA, 7:30pm @ Emmaus Church
- THURSDAY 8th June - Music Ministry, 7:00pm @ Emmaus Church
- FRIDAY 9th June - Communion to Aged Care & Private Homes 10:30am @ Sacred Heart St. Albans Presbytery
- TUESDAY 20th June - Baptism Team, 7:00pm @ Sacred Heart St. Albans Presbytery

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".

COME AND SEE:

One aspect of Parish life is the RCIA process – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

It is a process for those who are considering that they might become part of the Catholic Church – from another religion, from no religion, or from years of inactivity after having been baptised as Catholic.

The group usually meets fortnightly on Tuesdays, at 7:30 pm in Emmaus Church, Sydenham. RCIA journey 2023 commences on 11 July 2023.

Please contact the parish office for further information and registration.

The contact details for the Parish Office are as follows:

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'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

Jn 3:16

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
God is all goodness and love. Mary MacKillop 2nd. Jan. 1880

Bulletin via Email If you would like to receive the weekly 'Parish Update', please send your email address to the Parish: stalbens@cam.org.au