



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A

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

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

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: Is 58:7-10	Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5	Gospel: Mt 5: 13-16
Next Week: First Reading: 15:15-20	Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10	Gospel: Mt 5: 17-37

REFLECTION

The year is under way!

There are several beginnings to the year for us. In strict 'Church terms' a new year began at the end of last November when the Season of Advent heralded in a new cycle for the Church community, Year A, during which the Gospel of Matthew is our main guide for the year. Then there was 1st January. And Lunar New Year with great fireworks festivities. And now students at all Schools and Colleges are back – that signals that we really have to take things seriously again – the holiday is over. Oh why can't we maintain the relaxed approach of the past month???

And now we have just 2½ weeks before Ash Wednesday comes, signalling in the great season of renewal that Lent is (22nd February), with Easter celebrating that on Holy Thursday-Good Friday-Easter (6th-9th April).

For all of us there will be more beginnings and more events in our lives in addition to these formal ones of the Church's seasons –

birthdays, anniversaries, new study, new employment, retirement, taking up new projects around the home and around the wider community.

In all that, the message of today's gospel urges us to live aspects of our lives according to the way of Jesus Christ – be like 'salt to the earth' and 'light shining out'

There is always a mixture of emotions in beginnings, isn't there – both anticipation and anxiety. All through that, as the Blessing for the Australia Day liturgy said:

May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength in all our beginnings!
 May God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm!
 May God who made our southern skies turn darkness in our lives into light.
 May God bless us in all that lies ahead!

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Stella Borg, Bruno Mifsud, Clarrie James, Jennifer Lerm

ANNIVERSARIES: Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Antonia Demecoli, Frank & Angela Chichino, Cassie Alexander, Vincent Cutajar, Leli, Carmelo, Mary, Joseph & Grace Pulis, Tony & Jane Dalli, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Trevor Bonjoir, Teresa Dadid Mendoza, George, Georgina, Louis & Nancy Muscat, John & Carmen Camilleri, Emanuel & Adriana Caruana, Freddy David, Charlie Camilleri, Carmelo Falzon, Leli Bugeja, Eugene Xavier, Trish Birt, Harold Heffernan, Esther Lopez, Josephine Saliba, John Colerio, Joe Giaccotto, Angi Azzopardi, Paul & Frances Portelli, Nora Flores Perez, Ezio Rischitelli, Burjore Anthony Patel, Edward Louie, Alfred, Patrick, Leslie & Leo Carter, Kathleen D'Silva, Shirley Carter, Peter & Grace Muscat, Fr. Joshua Muscat, Jamie Portell, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin, Aaron D'Souza, Paul Aquilina, Angela Xuereb, Tanti Family, George Borg, Elivio Panozzo.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

“MINISTRY”

in our Church:

- ✓ in an organised way,
 - ✓ with clear direction and purpose,
 - ✓ in cooperation with others,
 - ✓ commissioned by the community,
- ‘carrying forward the work of Christ’!*

God calls us to particular ministries
according to the actual talents God has given us!

ALL OF US
are called to ministry

PRAY WORK SHARE TOGETHER



Come and Support the Parish Fair
Committee
Bunnings BBQ
Saturday 11th February 2023
9:00am - 4.00pm.
Taylors Lakes Bunnings

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

“With God's aid we shall get on and gain fresh strength and energy for the work”

Mary MacKillop 27th.May1867