



Second Sunday of Lent - Year A - 4th - 5th March 2023

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Monday— Wednesday: 9:30am—4:00pm

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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

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: Gen 12:1-4

Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Next Week: First Reading: Ex 17:3-7

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

Gospel: Jn 4:5-42

REFLECTION

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Overhead on Friday: *"I'm going to give up trying to give up something for Lent – it's just too hard already!"* And that was after just ten days of Lent.

Nevertheless, 'Onwards, onwards – always onwards!!' That is Lent's call to us, modelled in today's Readings by 'greats' of the past: as Abraham set his life in a new direction, as Paul kept struggling for what he believed in, as Peter, James and John came to see the meaning of Jesus in a new way.

This is the call of Lent to us after last week's challenge to change – be new, persevere, be different!

*always to be pushing out like this
 beyond what I know cannot be the limits –
 what else should a person's life be?
 what else should our lives be
 but a continual series of beginnings,
 of painful settings out into the unknown,
 pushing off from the edges of consciousness
 into the mystery
 of what we have not yet become
 except in dreams*

- David Malouf, *An Imaginary Dream*

A prayer: "Through Lent, Lord God, help us to see further into the mystery of Your life already present within us. Embolden our faith that we may see beyond the horizons in which our habits, routines and customs often trap us. And when the darker places of life seem to close in on us, remind us of the view from the hilltop – where You have shown Yourself to Your people so often before."

LENT PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION SERVICES will be on
 Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm at Emmaus, and on Thursday 30th March at 7.30 at
 Sacred Heart with the opportunity for one-on-one Sacrament.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: John Cassar, Janina Smolarek, Joseph Xuereb, Katherine Dow, Nelson Sanchez, Alfie Curnie, Frank Chamberlin, Katarina Domeniko

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonia Demecoli, Fenech family, Vincenza, John, Tony, Paul, Joe and Carmelo Fenech, Catalina Dionizo, Leli, Carmelo, Mary, Joseph & Grace Pulis, Tony & Jane Dalli, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Same & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Cecilia Cordina, Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Dolor Falzon, Carmelo Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph, Rozanna, John, Doris & Tony Falzon, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Fr. Joshua Peter Muscat, Grace & Peter Muscat, Anthony & Carmen Camilleri, Angela Xuereb, Aaron D'Souza, Fo Heang Lee, Vesna Milovac, Zita Aruliah, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Paul Aquilina.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

Pastoral Care Appeal 2023 – CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY

This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes available in the foyers, online or by calling.

- Post - Collect an appeal envelope, complete the donation form and send it back to CatholicCare Victoria's East Melbourne Office.
- Online - Parishioners can make a donation through our website www.catholiccarevic.org.au
- Phone - Parishioners can call (03) 9287 5513 and speak to one of our fundraising team.



During the Season of Lent we are urged to prepare for renewal in our faith at Easter [see reflection on the front page]. To assist with this, Lent calls us to particular focus on key elements in our living our faith: prayer, self-denial in order to consider others more, and deliberate actions of charity and support. **PROJECT COMPASSION** material is available in the foyers today – boxes, envelopes, leaflets, providing an opportunity for reaching out to others during this Season.

Risen Lord Community Prayer Group

Lenten/Easter program

Our Prayer Group for many years have conducted Stations of the Cross during lent on Fridays from 7:15pm till 7:55pm prior to our prayer meeting. (Except for Friday 3rd of March)

Our parishioners of Sacred Heart/ Emmaus are most welcome to participate in the stations of cross. God Bless! Rukmal Mendis



CRC North Keilor Year 7 2025 Information Evening and Enrolment

CRC North Keilor are hosting a Year 7 2025 Information Evening on Thursday 16 March at 7 pm. Register your attendance online via the College website www.crenk.com.au



Families are invited to attend a tour of the College. Please visit the website for available dates and online booking. An application for enrolment for Year 7 2025 is to be completed online. For enrolment queries please contact the Enrolment Registrar at enrol@crenk.vic.edu.au or call on 9361 5904.

PALM SUNDAY (1st-2nd April)

Usual weekend Mass times. Procession of Palms commences at the front of the churches

HOLY THURSDAY (6th April)

EMMAUS: 7pm
SACRED HEART: 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY (7th April)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 11am on 'the oval' at SACRED HEART

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION

EMMAUS: 3pm
SACRED HEART: 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY (8th April)

BLESSING OF FOOD - SACRED HEART: 10am

EASTER VIGIL (8th April)

EMMAUS: 7pm
SACRED HEART: 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY (9th April)

EMMAUS: 9am
SACRED HEART: 7.30am, 9am (Polish) 10.30am

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Let me humbly place myself in the presence of my God, of my God who created me, my God who redeemed me, my God who sanctified me. Mary MacKillop - retreat notes 1877.