

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



Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 5th November 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 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: [Malachi 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10](#) Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13](#) Gospel: [Matthew 23:1-12](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Wisdom 6:12-16](#) Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) Gospel: [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

REFLECTION

November reminds us of the reality of death ... and resurrection:

So they're working on a pill that will enable us to live up to 150 years old - that was in the news a while back, beside an article on 'assisted dying' !! Firstly, do you want to live to be 150? And think of the people around you – do you want them to be 150?

And secondly, we will all have to die at some time or other: That pill may be able to delay the time of our death ... however we *will* die: that is part of the overall story of life, just as being born is part of the story.

Ah! There it is again: when we speak of death, we often use similar language to what we use about birth – “born to eternal life”! There is a parable about twins in the womb wondering and anxious about what comes next – “is there life after birth?” one asks. And then they are born into a new way of living; and those who had loved them all along loved them still and forever! We speak of death in a very similar way - there is new life after life here!

In the gospels, there are marvellous stories about the likes of Lazarus, and Jairus' daughter, and the widow's son being brought *back* to life – they will have to die again one day. The resurrection of Jesus is about being raised *into new life* – and that's different.

Throughout November we will be remembering those who have gone ahead of us through death into New Life.

The Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation 1 prays this way: *support us “until we too stand before you, Saints among the Saints in the halls of heaven”!*

And another prayer:

Eternal God, by whose mercy and grace your saints remain in everlasting light and peace: I remember with thanksgiving (name your person here) and all those whom I love but see no longer. I commit them to your love and peace in the new life of resurrection which Jesus Christ has opened for us. Amen

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



Matthew 23:12

The Parishes next round of ThanksGiving letters & envelopes are on their way to you in the mail.



The Parish Office will be Closed Melbourne Cup Weekend Saturday 4th - Wednesday 8th November.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Martin Pecak, Josipa Lisnic, Anna D'Agata

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto, Martina, Salvu, Marsu, Zeppi Micallef & Family, Vincenza, John, Tony, Paul, Charles, Joe Fenech & Family, Marina Macaraes, Leli Pulis, John Fenech, Frances, Joseph, Angleo Barbara, Joseph & Rita Cini, Ivan & Angela Jolic, Carmenu Falzon, Leli Bugeja, Charlie Camilleri, Tony Spiteri, Catarina Constantino, Paul Schembri, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Grace & Peter Muscat, Leslie, Florence, Jude & Christopher Legay, Enda & John Vandenberg, Esther & Reynold Lewis, Benjamin & Anastasta Gomes, Miko Spelot & Franjo & Kata Matesic, Ivan & Angela Jolic, Charlie Portelli, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Paul Aquilina, Pero Kilsanin, Daniella Zahra, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Joe Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Antonia Demecoli, Mary Jane Cefai, Joseph Cefai, Amelie Grech, Joseph Grech, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Aaron D'Souza, Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho, Gerald & Maureen Thomas, Thomas Family members, Fraser Family members, Guy D'Cunha, Patricia Yourey, Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto, Ivan Jayasuriya, D'Cunha & Thomas Families, John, Alice, Valerian, Victor, Joseph & Dorothy D'Souza, Rober & Albin Periera, Celine & John Vaz, Preiye Kodracaj, Kol Dajcaj, John Michael Camilleri, Frank & Mario Mifsud.

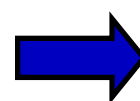
OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

Annual 'Keilor Cemetery November All Souls Mass': Saturday 4th November, 11.00am at Ultima Function Centre (Ely Court)

Annual 'Altona Cemetery November All Souls Mass': Sunday 5th November, 2pm at Altona Memorial Park (Dohertys Rd Altona)

In November we pray for the holy souls, those who have gone before us in faith.

Throughout November, we shall have the Book of Remembrance available before all masses in the Church foyers. You are invited to record the names of deceased family members and friends for whom you wish to have Masses offered throughout November. Special envelopes are available to make an offering and those on the ThanksGiving mailout would have received one in July.



Our Parish is joining with

[Resurrection Parish Kings Park](#)



Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

With your support, we will be able to help

our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza, scan the QR code or call 1800 024 413



who will welcome into their preparation programmes young Parishioners who are at government and other schools. Contact our Parish Office for details for these preparation programmes for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation in 2024.

Ministry - Meetings & Training for New Ministers

Baptism Team - Wed Nov 8th, 7pm

Bereavement Team - Thur Nov 9th, 7pm

Ministry Leaders - Tues Nov 14th, 7pm a

Parish Advisory Committee - Thurs Nov 16th, 7pm & Wed 29th Nov 7pm

Finance Committee - Tue Dec 5th, 7pm

All meetings at Sacred Heart St. Albans Presbytery

Steps for New Special Communion Ministers to apply for Working with Children Checks (WWCC):

Visit this webpage on your computer: <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

In the first step - Verify at the Post office (the online verification rarely works!)

Make sure to put down that you are a volunteer (its free of Charge)

Organisations details - Sacred Heart Emmaus Parish - 4 Winifred Street, St Albans VIC 3021

phone: 0393662146

Occupational Fields is number 64 "Religious organisation"

Once you have filled all this in, you will receive an email to them to the email address you included.

You will receive an email that states your check has been received, and it has a "barcode" that you take to your local

post office along with your Photo Identification to finalise the check. Once you do this (within 14 days go to the post office) you will get a further email to say your WWCC has passed. Then they will post a card also but this can take a few weeks. Don't Forget to provide a copy to your ministry leader or the parish office.

It is also a requirement of the Archdiocese to complete online training at:

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

and sign the Parish Code of conduct - copies of this are in the Sacristy or contact the Parish office.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Quotes

Earnestly desire to live more purely for God in little things, and by such means, to be faithful in greater. Mary MacKillop. Retreat notes. 1877.