



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



Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A - 7th May 2023

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

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: Acts 6:1-7	Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9	Gospel: Jn 14:1-12
Next Week:	First Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17	Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18	Gospel: Jn 14:15-21

REFLECTION

ALIVE IN GOD'S LIFE

Today's gospel reading is chosen for many funerals: *In my Father's house there are many rooms; I am going to prepare a place for you so that where I am you may be too* – many know this text well.

It is so reassuring, isn't it! We are different from one another, with our own quirks of character and the various situations of our lives that we live in and that shape us. And for every one of us there is space and a place in the eternal life of the Kingdom of God!

This promise does not mean that death comes easily or gently in any circumstance though, does it? As the Season of Easter continues, this Word asks us to make room for that hope of eternal life. It asks us to give ourselves into the promise of God, and to entrust those who have died into that promise of 'space and place in eternal life'.

We hold Jesus as the pattern of our lives, don't we? Very often we concentrate on what that means for the values we live by, the things we do, the attitudes we hold.

It also applies to the tough reality of death: as Jesus lived and died and was raised into new life, so shall we be raised into new life through our death – Jesus is the pattern for our lives.

Easter Season calls us to grow in this trust and hope, and to see the inevitability of death in the context of God and God's promises.

Keep at it, this business of life! and entrust yourself –and those you grieve for - to the promise of God for new Life!

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Frances Attard, Fr. Bob Maguire, Tony Spiteri, John Borg, Cena Said, Anthony Mallia

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Vella, Anna & Anthony Cardona, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Tessie Farrugia, Joseph Grech, Dapne Jessup, Natty Rodrigues, Manda & Nikola Brkljacic, Alujz & Manda Jurecevic, Steve Hines, Carmenu Falzon & Leli Bugeja, Charlie Camilleri, Catarina Constantina & Paul Schembri, Tony Spiteri, Justin Heldt, Charles & Cedric D'Silva, Peter & Grace Muscat, Fr. Joshua, Maria Attard, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Charlie Aquilina, Massu & Elizabeth Micallef, Pero Kilsanin, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Paul Aquilina, Aaron D'Souza, Angela Xuereb, Joe Xuereb, Jule Azzopardi, Paul & Frances Portelli, Frances Apap, Joe Colerio, Joe Giacotto, John Angela & Nina Desira.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



Ministry Members Sacred Heart/ Emmaus Parish



To finalise your Ministry Training, the Safe Guarding Committee have arranged a session **Wednesday 24th May @ 7pm**, with tea and coffee from 6:30pm. It is important you make yourself available for this event. The Archdiocese directs all Ministers to conduct this training 3 yearly for any role undertaken in the Parish. You must bring your Working With Children Check. (WWCC) to obtain a certificate. The event is at CRC St. Albans Hall in Winifred Street. A friendly reminder to all volunteers to ensure you provided your check to the office. If you have any problem with online application call the Parish office 9366 2146. Once again we appreciate the lengths Ministers go to be a part of the Parish Ministries. The Parish Office has also prepared the Rosters for the weekend Masses. An email was sent to the volunteers for weekends 6-7 May and 13-14 May. Don't forget to register with the Sacristan and collect the readings before Mass!



Catholic Regional College Sydenham

2023 FAMILY TOURS WITH THE PRINCIPAL

A tour of the College will provide a view of the incredible facilities we have on offer for every student every pathway.

Register for a tour:

crcs.vic.edu.au

Join Our Community Book A tour

<https://crcs.vic.edu.au/join-our-community/book-a-tour/>

Tuesday 9 May and Wednesday 14 June 10:30am

Every Student Every Pathway

Parish Mass Count

The Parish Mass Count will commence this weekend and go over four weekends being **6 - 7 May, 13-14 May, 20- 21 May and 27-28 May**. The Archdiocese takes a count of the number of people at Mass in all parishes. Thank you to those who are looking after that for us this year.



Come and Support the Fair Committee

Taylor's Lakes Bunnings Saturday May 6th 9.00am - 4.00pm



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"Keep up your courage, we do not live here forever". - Mary MacKillop 27th. Jan. 1877