



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



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 8th October 2023

Parish Details:

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Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 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

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: stalbens.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 5:1-7](#)

Second Reading: [Phil 4:6-9](#)

Gospel: [Mt 21:33-43](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Isaiah 25:6-10](#)

Second Reading: [Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

REFLECTION

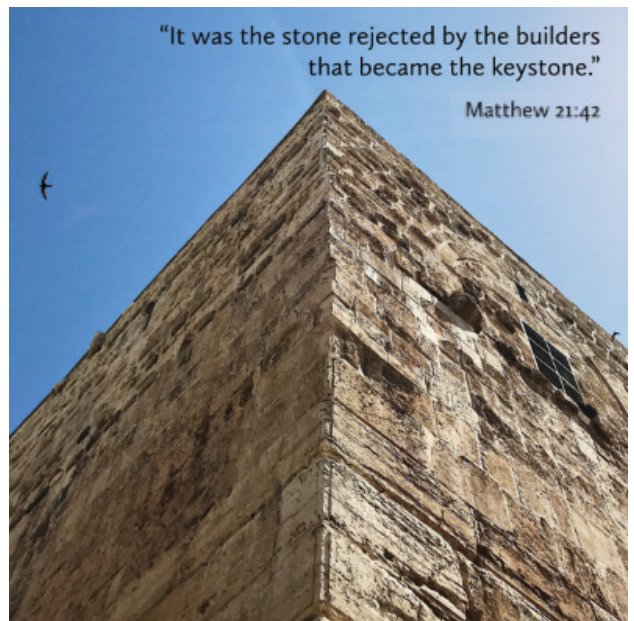
WELCOME, BISHOP MARTIN ASHE

IT COSTS!!

Last weekend's Gospel Reading gave us the situation of 'yes and no': saying that I will do something, yet not following through to action. In this weekend's Gospel Reading, Jesus' parable shows God's persistence in bring about 'the good fruits of the kingdom', sending even his Son to bring that to reality. Jesus, we are told elsewhere, is true to the plan 'that they may have life and have it to the full', even when that commitment leads him towards arrest, torture, and execution. Over the past several weeks the Word of God has identified some of the difficulties involved for us in helping to build up the kingdom of God – because that involves our living with others, and it involves our sorting out own intentions and actions. However God doesn't give up. The disciples of Christ are called to do likewise – to keep living the Gospel of Christ in our lives, even when it costs.

Again and again you send your servants into the vineyard with messages of love, justice, hope. Nothing quenches the fire you cast in them, not rejection, suspicion, scorn or contempt.

O Holy Spirit, call us to those same heights – for we are disciples of Jesus Christ. Ignite in us your fire; make our hearts explode with love from one end of the earth to the other and in the corners where we live. "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love."



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Aruliah, Zita Aruliah, Sebastian Baracho, Estafania Baracho, Domatilda De Lambert, Mervyn De Lambert, Mary Pereira, Cyril Pereira, D'Cunha & Thomas Family, Aaron D'Souza, Paul Aquilina, Peter Muscat, Fr. Joshua, Saviour and Nazarena Anastasi, Carmenu Falzon, Josset Vella, Charlie Camilleri, Paul & Maria D'Rozario, Anastasia Gomes, Bridget Mitchell, Kaidan Nash, Daniella Zahra, Mary Jane Cefai, Joseph Cefai, John Borg, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pero Kilsanin, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joe Xuereb, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Joe Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Antonia Demecoli

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



Bishop's Visitation Timetable

Our regional Bishop, Martin Ashe, will be with us over three days – 6-7-8 October – to become familiar with our Parish. Part of that is his meeting with and listening to Parishioners. As well as his meeting with the Parish Priest, our Parish staff, Ministry leaders, our Parish Advisory Group, Principals of our Schools and Colleges, there are opportunities for Parishioners to talk with the Bishop:

Saturday 7th October: 9.45 - 10.45am: all Parishioners are

invited to a discussion about Parish life - in Sacred Heart Church, St Albans.

Saturday 7th October: 7:15pm - after the 6.30 Mass at Emmaus Church, Sydenham.

Sunday 8th October: 11:30am - after the 10.30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

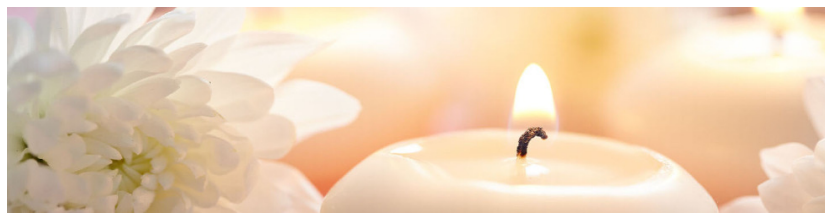
The Bishop will be the Celebrant for all Masses that weekend. A fruitful outcome of the Bishop's Visitation will be achieved through his hearing from as many Parishioners as possible: please join in!

(If you have not received the Briefing Paper that has been prepared for the Visitation, contact the Parish Office and ask for one.)

You will notice in the Church Foyer some posters regarding pre-planning and pre-paid funerals

Many people today are discovering the advantages of a prearranged funeral which include:

- Helping ease the burden on family members when the time comes
 - Making sure your funeral wishes are known and recorded
 - Helping protect a full pension entitlement
 - Fixing the funeral price forever, if prepaid



Fair Committee

Come and meet the Fair Committee and buy a sausage

Saturday 14th October

Bunnings BBQ at Taylors Lakes

9:00am - 4:00pm

All money raised goes to our 3 primary schools in the Parish



Our Church's 'Synod on Synodality' gathers in Rome this week

A synod is a meeting – usually of Bishops- gathered to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral significance in order to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the Pope. For the first time, , about 21% of the voting delegates in this 2023 Synod of Bishops on Synodality will not be Bishops – included are laypeople, priests, Religious women, and deacons. selected by the leadership of this year's preparatory continental synod meetings. This October assembly will be held in the Paul VI Hall with delegates sitting at round tables of about 10 people each.

A prayer: "We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. With you alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen."

Ministry Meetings

Parish Advisory Group: Thurs 12th October 7pm
Location: Sacred Heart Presbytery Office

Vinnies Conference Ministers needed



The society of St Vincent De Paul (Vinnies) is a worldwide Catholic organization that tries to live the Gospel by providing practical support to those in our community that are struggling. The Keilor Downs conference is based at St Mary Mackillop

Church, we service the local area including Keilor Downs, Taylors lakes & Sydenham.

We are looking for Volunteers to join us in this rewarding Ministry. For Further information please contact:

Armando 0400 255 172 or armandobianco748@gmail.com
Micheline 0428 818 906 or mrruberto@bigpond.com

For material assistance contact 1800 305 330

To learn more about the St Vincent De Paul Society Victoria go to: www.vinnies.org.au

Ministry is needed so that we can "carry forward the life of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit".

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Quotes

Sunday Oct. 8th. " Let us rejoice in the goodness of God who has made our world so full of beauty." Rev. Fr. Julian Tenison