

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Bishop Hilton Deakin; Elvira Pittoggi; Michaelene Mary Minogue, Maggie Hall, Carmen Dobson.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bridget Mitchell, Kaidan Nash, Agnes D'Cruz, Beryl D'Monte; Charles Rapa; Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Eusebio Eje, Zoe & Joseph Camilleri, Arthur & Lina Mattocks; Mary Agius Benac; Silvo & Janina Simcic, Anthony Agius; Sam & Mary Tabone, Pauline Bajada, Aaron D'Souza, Peter & Clara Parnis, Michelle Fraser, Anthony Phong; Joe Giacotto, Carmen Sant & John Colerio; Marie Nga; Leli Bugeja & Carmen Farrugia; Gela, Fidel & Joe Gauci; Tony Spiteri & Charlie Camilleri; George Spearman & Nazarena Anastasi; Leli Gauci; Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Paul Aquilina, Fr Joshua, Peter, Joe & Mario Muscat, Vesna Milovac, Mansut Psaila, Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith, Thomas & Elizabeth Meyn; Pero Klisanin, Michael & Josephine Piacentini.

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



### Anniversaries for Bulletin

Parishioners wishing to place death anniversary Masses in the Bulletin, (Saturday evening or Sunday Masses) are asked to write the name clearly on the relevant church envelope along with the date and Mass time and then hand them in at Mass or at the Parish Office **no later than 3.00pm on Wednesday BEFORE** the names are to go into the Bulletin.

### RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which those who are part of other faith traditions, and those whose Baptism into the Catholic Church has not been developed come into full communion with the Catholic Church. This process culminates in the liturgies of Easter in the following year after the process began. A new RCIA group journey in our Parish has commenced on 19 July 2022, and registrations are open. If you or anyone you know, would like to take this journey to share in the Sacraments of the Church and join in full communion with the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office for more information.



### JOB VACANCY

**The position of PARISH ADMINISTRATION CO-ORDINATOR in the Parish Office of Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish, St Albans-Sydenham has become vacant**

For description and details, go to [Parish Administration Coordinator / Melbourne Catholic](#).  
For further information, contact the Parish Office at [stalbands@cam.org.au](mailto:stalbands@cam.org.au)



**SACRED HEART / EMMAUS PARISH  
PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM  
Sunday 9 October 2022  
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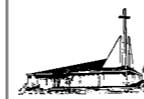
### LAUNCHED THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is the launch of our special **Parish Renewal Program**. As we resume a more normal parish life after the COVID-19 dominated last two years, the Program is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a member of our Sacred Heart/Emmaus community. We encourage you to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers, and follow the Program with weekly updates through parish website, email and SMS. We encourage you to reflect, pray and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends and fellow parishioners. Stephen Littleton from Parish First will be assisting the parish with the Program and will speak with us at all Masses next weekend.

### PARISH FORUM

A special Parish Forum is a key part of the Program. We will discuss our current and future priorities, and it is a great opportunity to make your contribution to the discussion. We will have five timeslots – as we want to provide the best opportunity for as many parishioners as possible to attend. The Forums will be held immediately after each Mass on the weekend of Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 October. The Forums will run for 30 mins and for extra convenience will be **held in the respective Churches**. We urge you to attend the session that suits you best.

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**  
“The prayer of a humble heart is a powerful weapon”.  
Mary MacKillop 26 April 1893



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



## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 9th October 2022

### PARISH DETAILS

**Address:** 4 Winifred Street, St Albans 3021  
**Phone:** 9366 2146

**Finance:** Lorraine Stafford: [StAlbans.Finance@cam.org.au](mailto:StAlbans.Finance@cam.org.au)

### 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

If you would like to receive the weekly 'Parish Update' emailed to you, please send your email address to the Parish: [stalbands@cam.org.au](mailto:stalbands@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: [stalbands.csc@cam.org.au](mailto:stalbands.csc@cam.org.au) or 0413 841 936

### Sacred Heart Mass Times:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tuesday – Friday                      | 7.30am          |
| Saturday                              | 9.00am          |
| Saturday                              | 5.00pm          |
| Sunday                                | 7.30am, 10.30am |
|                                       | Polish 9.00am   |
| Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5.00pm |                 |

### Emmaus Mass Times

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| Sunday | Saturday 6:30pm |
| Sunday | 9:00am          |

## READINGS

This week: First Reading: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Second Reading: 2 Tm 2:8-13 Gospel: Lk 17:11-19  
Next week: First Reading: Ex 17:8-13 Second Reading: 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2 Gospel: Lk 18:1-8

## REFLECTION

### BEING THANKFUL

Our faith is an element of our identity, and part of that is to let our faith shape our attitudes, words, and actions. In this week's Word of God, that takes the form of noticing the signs of the presence and blessings of God, and being thankful for that. A core meaning of the Eucharist for which we gather again is its being our communal act of Thanksgiving.  
Be thankful!

Our young Parishioners who celebrated First Communion this year [and others before them] know well that the basic meaning behind our familiar term 'Eucharist' is THANKFULNESS for what has been **done so well**. That's the 'eu' part of the word. We use that in other familiar terms: in a 'eulogy' at a funeral we speak well of the person who has died, expressing thanks that we have shared in this life.

We are thankful people as we gather for Eucharist each week – thankful for the renewing presence of Christ given to us again and again, thankful for the community of faith that we are part of, thankful for the wisdom in the Word of God, thankful for the blessings of the Spirit who will guide us in the week that opens before us. St Paul saw thankfulness as one of the essentials for a person of faith. "Always be thankful" he urged. And that is praised in today's gospel – the story of the one who turned to Jesus in thanks after the group of ten was healed.

So much crowds our lives. Pause occasionally and recognise some of the gifts in your life. Be a thankful person. Try this prayer: "Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for .... (fill in the gap here by naming something you are thankful for...). And perhaps surprise someone with a 'Thanks' for something in your life that could so easily be taken for granted!