



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 28th August 2022

PARISH DETAILS

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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:

Tuesday—Friday 7.30am
 Saturday 9.00am
 Sunday Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 7:30am,10:30am
 Polish 9.00am
 Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5.00pm

Emmaus Mass Times

Sunday Saturday 6:30pm
 Sunday 9:00am

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

READINGS

This week:	First Reading: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29	Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24	Gospel: Lk 14:1. 7-14
Next week:	First Reading: Wis 9:13-18	Second Reading: Phlm 9-10, 12-17	Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

REFLECTION

COME TO THE TABLE!

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is accused of eating with sinners and tax collectors (Lk 15) and we have an image of Jesus as always eating with the marginalised. However, today's gospel account is a more common occurrence: Jesus eating with a leading Pharisee and people of social importance. Although Jesus is depicted as frequently dining in the houses of these well-to-do people, he was probably never invited a second time! As in today's account, Jesus made a habit of accepting the hospitality of such people and then giving them a lecture about how they should behave and reminding them who was not gathered around the table with them. Certainly the sort of actions that don't see too many follow-up invitations!

The message he dishes out to the Pharisees on this occasion is about not thinking you're more important than you really are. He tells them that it is far better to assume a lower status and to be lifted to greater prominence than it is to assume too much and have to be asked to step down to your proper status. In first century Jewish society, eating was as much a political act as it was a social one. Who you ate with was a reflection of your social and political position. To be invited to the head of the table would reflect very positively on a guest whilst being asked to assume a lower seat would be humiliating.

Jesus' final teaching in this account would have been outrageous to his audience. The thought of inviting to a meal people who were in no position to reciprocate was absolutely ridiculous. But Jesus encourages his audience to give to those who cannot repay – to be graciously generous just as God gives without expecting anything in return.

In the end the Lord will be the generous host: for we are all invited to join Him at the Banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven, as we are called to share in the Eucharist Meal along the way!!



St Vincent de Paul - THANKYOU

The society of St. Vincent de Paul (VINNIES) is so grateful for our recent donations of \$3154. WELL DONE ALL!



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Nikolle Sokolaj

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Aaron D'Souza, Pero Klisanin, Charlie Dingli, Carmel & Coneccta Cohen, Rod Bonnici, Anglea Xuereb, Paul Aquilina, Maria Noi Pham, Spiradiona Buttigiec, Tuse Ciantar, Isabella (Bella) Silvera, Genny Sequeira, Anthony & Victoria Sciclunia, Joe & Shona, John Borg, Andrew, Doris, Joseph & Vincent Mifsud, Theresa & Bill Saliba, Neil Snooks, Snnny Borg, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Saviour Anastasi, Eusebio Darmanin, Joseph Peel, Maria Paise, John Coloreio, Joe Giaccotto, Joe Mario & Charlie Muscat, Fr. Joshua & Peter Muscat, Alexanser Martinez, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith, Thomas & Mabel Meyn

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

PARISH CENSUS THIS WEEKEND

A Parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses this weekend. This is an important process and will enable us to update our Parish records – adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. Census cards and pencils are in the pews at each Mass, and you are requested to return your completed cards and pencils into the designated baskets on your exit from Mass. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

FATHERS' DAY COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND, for retired Priests of the Archdiocese A special collection at Masses will be held **next** weekend. These Priests don't have the direct support of Parishes anymore or access to superannuation when they retire at age 75 or earlier because of ill-health. Their support now comes from the Priests' Retirement Foundation – which is made up of our contributions next weekend. Envelopes will be available for donations. Your generosity is highly appreciated to "those who have served". Thank you.

Social Justice Sunday

The last weekend in August each year is **Social Justice Sunday**, with an accompanying Statement from our Bishops - this year's Statement is: *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*. It invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.'

Access the Statement <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23.lf> the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, please refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP – or someone else who can be a support for you.

CatholicCare Donations

We have forwarded \$5000 to CatholicCare: a combination of some individual donations and from the Parish—your Thanksgiving contribution at work again. Contact details for services of CatholicCare are : 3 Wingfield St, Footscray VIC 3011 ,T (03) 9689 3888

Monday – Friday | 9:00am – 5:00pm

CatholicCare offers child, family and youth services, family relationship services, school counselling and pastoral care services, social housing, homelessness services (crisis, transitional and outreach), employment and advocacy services . Support services are available to all individuals or groups regardless of race, religious beliefs or economic status.

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.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

It is not those who can pay us well that we should first seek, but rather the poor and neglected, where we can find mean of supporting them.
Mary MacKillop 25th. May 1875 (Check out Mary Mackillop noticeboard outside on the veranda)