



St Albans | Sydenham

Sacred Heart - Emmaus St. Albans - Sydenham

'Where we Pray, Work, Share and Celebrate Together to carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit'

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A - 26th April 2026

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Weekday Mass Times:

Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday - Friday: 7:30am
Saturday: 9:00am

Weekend Mass Times:

Sacred Heart Church
Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am
9:00am (Polish)
10:30am
2nd Sun of month: 5:00pm (Slovene)

Emmaus Church

Saturday (Vigil): 6:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sacred Heart Church
Saturday: 9:30am
4th Sat of month: 4:00pm (Maltese)

Baptism: Eight weeks notice is required

Marriage: Six months notice is required

Acknowledgement of Country

Sacred Heart - Emmaus Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our Parish stands.

Safeguarding Policy

Sacred Heart - Emmaus Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing & protection of children, young people & people at risk in our community. For matters of concern, please contact 0413 841 936 or stalbans.csc@cam.org.au

ANZAC Day

This Saturday we commemorate ANZAC day. Each year we reflect on all the Defence Force personnel, past and present, and the sacrifices they've made. It's a solemn day marking the anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign of WWI. Traditionally rosemary is worn, it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli

peninsula marking its significance. The Red poppy symbolizes peace, death and sleep of the fallen servicemen/woman. Playing 2 UP is an ANZAC day tradition. You can visit the Shrine of Remembrance 5:30am for the Dawn Service in Melbourne, a free service.

We Pause, Reflect and Remember. The verse, which is commonly known as 'The Ode Of Remembrance', is as follows:

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

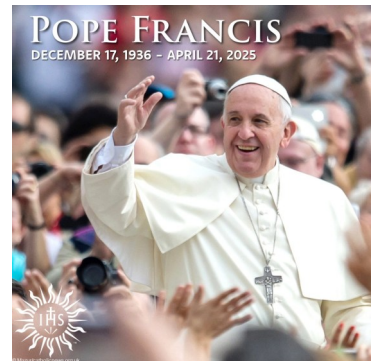
The 'Ode' comes from the poem "For the Fallen", written by Laurence Binyon. *Lest we forget*



Anniversary of Pope Francis

This week we remember Pope Francis on the first anniversary of his passing on April 21, 2025, at age 88.

Pope Leo said on the anniversary "We pray that he is already enjoying the mercy of the Lord, and we thank the Lord for the great gift of the life of Francis to the whole church and to the world." As the first Jesuit to serve as pope, his pontificate was marked by discernment, closeness to those on the margins, and a desire to seek and find God in all things. We continue to give thanks for a pope who for more than 12 years shepherded us with such joyful and humble dedication.



Call for Children Participating in Mass - Altar Servers

The Parish is looking for children to participate in Mass as Altar Servers at both our Churches. Sign - Up sheets are in the church foyer's this weekend **25 - 26 April**. Following this, the Parish will be holding an Information Night for Parents and Altar Servers on **Wednesday 29 April**, 6pm with the Venue confirmed as Sacred Heart Church. The Training Days will be: **Saturday 9 May**, 11am at Sacred Heart & **Saturday 9 May**, 2pm at Emmaus. The Altar servers Roster will Commence the weekend 9 - 10 May.

Mass Counts

The National Count of Attendance annual mass counts will be taking place over the first four weeks of May, with the first weekend of the Count taking place on 2 & 3 May 2026.

Sound System Total

Thank you to all our parishioners who have kindly donated towards the Sound System upgrade at Sacred Heart. Through your incredible generosity we have raised a total of **\$29,134**. This has totally exceeded expectations and we are very thankful for your support especially when times are tough. There may be more money that trickles through over the next few weeks. The website campaign will finish on Monday 27 April.

Project Compassion Total

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of Sacred Heart - Emmaus for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026. Together, your community raised an incredible **\$7,304.55** helping to bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice.

Thank You...

Support Volunteer required - 7:30am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart

We are looking for a Support Volunteer to assist with the Power Point / Overheads for the 7:30am Sunday Masses at Sacred Heart Church. If you are interested please inform Fr Linh or the Sacristan.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday 26 April

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us:

Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and friends circles. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood. You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Marriage Encounter is coming to Melton in June!

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We are offering a live-out weekend experience at St Dominic's parish and school on **June 26-28th**. Starts at 7pm on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm.

Please book your special weekend:

Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Liturgy Rosters

26th APRIL 2026

Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Budi	Sianti
Prayers of the faithful	Monica	Snooks
Communion - 1	Claire	Tanner
Communion - 2	John	Tonna
Communion - 3	Stella	Tonna
Sacred Heart 7:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Daniel	Tonic
Prayers of the faithful	Sandra	Tanner
Communion - 1	Rosemarie	Slater
Communion - 2	Richard	Micallef
Communion - 3	Carmela	Castillo
Sacred Heart 10:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Vinie	Weir
Prayers of the faithful	Kristine	Dionsio
Communion - 1	Kathleen	Carter
Communion - 2	Eugene	Carter
Communion - 3	Noel	Heldt
Emmaus 6:30pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Linh	Vu
Prayers of the faithful	Sabrina	Gonsalves
Communion - 1	Jan	Szostak
Communion - 2	Fabian	Cesar
Communion - 3	Jocelyn (Josh)	Pinheiro
Emmaus 9:00am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Anna	Due
Prayers of the faithful	Maree	Connell
Communion - 1	Mary	Caruana
Communion - 2	Anna	Due
Communion - 3	Veena	Moraes

Sacraments

Baptisms - Last weekend we welcomed into the Parish and Catholic community Emilio Albanese; Mia Fiorentino; Maggie Grace-Rose O'shea; Leo Zayn Velasco; Tommy Kostadinovski
May God Bless you, your families and friends.

Funerals - Gino Vizintin - Tuesday 28 April, Sacred Heart 1pm; Jozefa Hrvatin - Thursday 30 April, Sacred Heart 10am

We Remember in our Prayers

Recent Death - Jozefa Hrvatin; Gino Vizintin;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Teodoro Raco; Frank & Bernadette Siracusa; Paul Aquilina & Bonello Family; Josset Vella, Charlie Camilleri & Emma Borg; Joelle Meyepa, Clinton Nicholls; Ester Malanxaon, Vladimir Eliseeff; Henie & John Szostak; Tassie Farrugia; Tony Borg, Joyce Borg, Joeanna Martin, George Borg, Clarrie James, David Sacco; Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto; Fr Joshua, Peter Muscat, Grace & Peter Muscat; Phoebe, Cecil & Cyres Excompare; Damien & Carmen Cauchi, Daniella Zahra, Rita & Joseph Muscat; Josephine & Eusebio Darmanin, Saviour & Nazarena Anastasi;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Rosemary Davis; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto; Pamela & Eddie Lewis; Antón & Mary & David Fernandes; Anil Aranha; Allan Murzello; Tina Guido; Alwyn Johannes; Henry Gomes & Clint Gomes; Joseph & Philomena Ohol; Leslie Mascarenhas; Louella Fernandes; Angela & Ivan Jolic;

Readings

This Week: First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41](#)

Second Reading: [1 Peter 2:20-25](#)

Gospel: [John 10:1-10](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7](#)

Second Reading: [1 Peter 2:4-9](#)

Gospel: [John 14:1-12](#)