



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'

The Ascension of the Lord - Year A - 17th May 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 stalbens.csc@cam.org.au

Mother's Day

On Sunday we celebrated Mother's Day in our Parish.

Some of our wonderful Ministers distributed some beautiful Carnation flowers after Mass out to our Parish Mothers, Grandmothers and the Matriarchs in our lives.

The flowers were well received with parishioners stating it was a "lovely gesture" and "A delightfully practical recognition of our wonderful mothers. The backbone of our society!"

Our mums are special which is why once a year a day is set aside to thank them for their devotion to their families.



Altar Serving Commenced

Recently you may have seen our Parish calling for children to participate in Mass as Altar Servers. This week they have started their participation after training last Saturday. All went smoothly as planned, well done to our new Altar Servers.

Altar serving is a longstanding tradition in the liturgical life of the Church. This beautiful ministry offers our young parishioners a unique opportunity to grow in their faith, develop a sense of responsibility, build friendships, and cultivate leadership skills. Most importantly, it allows them to participate actively in the celebration of the Mass and to feel a deeper sense of belonging within the Parish community.



Facebook

The Parish Facebook is up and running again, please give the page a follow and like our posts so we can get the Parish page visible to the community. You will also be able to see what events have been taking place in the Parish here.

Our page is called: **Sacred Heart-Emmaus, St. Albans Sydenham**. Find it on the link below or scan the QR code: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1AWLBCxJ7s/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



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Recognising Our Parish Ministry Teams & Ministers

National Volunteer Week 2026 in Australia runs from **18-24 May**, celebrating the vital contributions of millions of volunteers with the theme **"Your Year to Volunteer"**. It is Australia's largest annual

celebration of volunteering, aiming to recognise, thank, and encourage community participation, aligning with the UN International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development. A group of our Parishioners were also nominated and sent off to the Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne so you might see them featuring in their newsletter!

Mass Counts

The National Count of Attendance will be taking place over four weeks in May. This year it will be a National Mass Count, requiring more details than previous years. This special count occurs every 5 years all over Australia. This weekend we will be recording gender as well as attendance. Thank you for your participation and understanding.

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, Fr Hoang or the Sacristan.



Melbourne Catholic Digest Newspaper

In the foyer of both our churches, you will find some hard copies of the latest "Melbourne Catholic Digest", a newspaper that features a selection of stories from the Archdiocesan website (www.melbournecatholic.org/news). The

Archdiocese are trialing a limited print run, hoping to reach those in the community whom may not be tech-savvy, or who simply enjoy reading local news in the old-fashioned way! Because we have limited numbers of printed copies, once you finish reading the newspaper, can you please return so your fellow parishioners can also borrow & have a read. Alternatively parishioners whom wish to follow what's happening around the Archdiocese can sign up at www.melbournecatholic/subscribe to receive the weekly e-newsletter.

Fr Linh Tran - away on REACH - Vietnam Project

Fr Linh is away in Vietnam on a special project that he was involved with in his previous Parish. REACH - Vietnam supports the most vulnerable youth in Vietnam with the vocational training, life skills and job opportunities they need to build a better future for them and their families. Fr Linh returns towards the end of May.

Resurrection Kings Park 50th Jubilee - 24 May

As we prepare to celebrate a significant milestone in the life of our community, we would like to extend a warm invitation to parishioners from our neighbouring parishes who have been part of Resurrection Parish over the years. Resurrection Catholic Parish, Kings Park, will be celebrating its **50th Jubilee on Sunday 24 May**. The celebration will begin with **Mass at 10.30am**, followed by a community gathering and festivities in the parish hall. *We look forward to celebrating together.*

Enrolment open for Catholic Regional College, Sydenham

For enrolment enquires ring 9361 0002 or to book a college tour www.crcs.vic.edu.au

Liturgy Rosters

17th MAY 2026		
Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Monica	Snooks
Prayers of the faithful	Budi	Sianti
Communion - 1 -	John	Tonna
Communion - 2	Stella	Tonna
Communion - 3	Elio	Mengeol
Sacred Heart 7:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Anthony	Anastasi
Prayers of the faithful	Maria	Salinas-Sutrisna
Communion - 1	Christine	D'Rozario
Communion - 2	Christine	King
Communion - 3	Jane	Springer
Sacred Heart 10:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Kristine	Dionsio
Prayers of the faithful	Marlene	D'Souza
Communion - 1	Josephine	Borg
Communion - 2	Noel	Heldt
Communion - 3	Leanne	Turcic
Emmaus 6:30pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Greta	Baracho
Prayers of the faithful	Wendy	D'Souza
Communion - 1	Racheal	Pinheiro
Communion - 2	Fabian	Cesar
Communion - 3	Jocelyn (Josh)	Pinheiro
Emmaus 9:00am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Alison	D'Souza Sharl
Prayers of the faithful	Maria	Mercadante
Communion - 1	Mary	Caruana
Communion - 2	Anthony	Rodrigues
Communion - 3	Michelina	Ruberto

Sacraments

Baptisms - baptisms occurring this weekend at Emmaus.

Funerals - Grace Attard, 10:30am Rosary, 11am Mass at Sacred Heart.

We Remember in our Prayers

Recent Death - Grace Attard;

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, Rene & Josee Tanner-Clinton Nicholls; Giuseppe Portelli; Patricia Ward; Damien & Carmen Cauchi, Daniella Zahra, Rita & Joseph Muscat; Charles, Carmelo, Frank Camilleri; Anthony & Muriel Guest, Wayne Rebeiro;

Emma Borg & Josset Vella, Charlie Camilleri; Aaron D'Souza; Fr Joshua, Peter muscat, peter & Grace Muscat; Jimmy Jaravata; Massu & Elizabeth Micallef; Claudette Xavier, Anthony Xavier; Clifton Coates; Zeljko Cavka; Emanuel Sapienza Fenech, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Cecilia & Frank Cordina; Ana Kauric

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; Rosemary Davis; Monalisa Hartman; Pamela & Eddie Lewis; Anton, Mary & David Fernandes; Anil Aranha, Allan Murzello, Tina Guido, Alwyn Johannes, Henry Gomes & Clint Gomes; Joseph & Philomenu Ohol; Leslie Mascarenhas; Louella Fernandes;

rest in peace

Readings

This Week: First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11](#) Second Reading: [Ephesians 1:17-23](#) Gospel: [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11](#) Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13](#) Gospel: [John 20:19-23](#)