



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'

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 12th July

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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)



Introducing Vietnamese Masses

This September marks two years since I began my ministry at Sacred Heart - Emmaus Parish. It has been a great joy and blessing to live and work among you, and to share in the faith and life of our parish community.

Early May this year, in response to the hopes expressed by many of our Vietnamese parishioners, a meeting was held to consider the introduction of Mass in Vietnamese. More than 60 people attended the meeting. Following the generous work of a small planning group since the meeting in May, I am delighted to announce that Vietnamese Mass will commence on Sunday, 23 August 2026, at 12pm at Sacred Heart Church, and continues on every second and fourth Sundays of each month alongside our existing parish Masses.

We look forward to welcoming our Vietnamese community as an integral part of the Sacred Heart - Emmaus Parish, continuing our Parish's proud story and tradition, where we "pray, work, share, and celebrate together to carry forward the work of Christ." From its earliest days, our Parish has been built upon the faith, generosity, and dedication of people from many backgrounds. Those born in Australia, together with those who have come from many nations and cultures, have enriched our Parish through their involvement, unique gifts, and witness of faith. Each generation has helped shape the diverse and vibrant parish we are today.

Now, as our Vietnamese parishioners take their place in the continuing story and mission of the Parish, we give thanks for their presence and contribution, and pray that this new beginning will further unite, strengthen, and enrich our parish family. May God bless this new pastoral endeavour, and may the Sacred Heart of Jesus continue to guide and strengthen our Parish as we journey together in faith.

Fr. Linh

Upcoming Working Bee - Save the dates

We will be having working bees at both our Churches soon. Please join us.

Emmaus Church: Saturday 25 July &

Sacred Heart Church: Saturday 1 August

We will have sign up sheets available at both Churches.



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, contact 0413 841 936 or stalbans.csc@cam.org.au

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Work on humbly, with the means God has placed at your disposal - 20 Aug 1886

Sacred Heart Garden Revitalisation

In preparation for the upcoming Sacred Heart working bee, we will be commencing some ground work starting this Saturday in our centre circle garden to rejuvenate the area. We will be redesigning the area by relocating some plants and getting some new natives. Part of the works is to also open-up the garden area near the church entry. For your safety, please avoid walking in marked maintenance zones.

Safeguarding Training: Wed 5 August at Sacred Heart Church

To those of you that are ministers in our Parish, we need to do the Safeguarding Training again, which is scheduled on Wed 5 Aug. Please let us know your preference for the timing of this training; Voting forms are available in the foyers of both Churches this weekend for you to indicate your preferences of 1:30pm or 7pm on this date. A member from the Safeguarding team from The Archdiocese of Melbourne will be conducting the training.

Catholic Mission Appeal - next week 18-19 July

Next weekend we will have envelopes available if you wish to make a donation to Catholic Mission. To find out more call 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/united



For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice. But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility. This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

Liturgy Rosters

12th JULY 2026

Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Veronica	Shergill
Prayers of the faithful	Budi	Sianto
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

Melbourne Diocese - 179 years Anniversary

Last month, on 25 June, we marked 179 years since the Diocese of Melbourne was established by Pope Pius IX. Let's take a look at the bishops who've shaped it since.

Find out more: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-archbishops-behind-melbournes-179-years-as-a-diocese>

NAIDOC Week Mass - Sunday 12 July

Sunday 12 July, 11am @ St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St. This year's NAIDOC Week theme "50 Years Deadly". 50 Years of Deadly is both a reflection and a declaration. It acknowledges the strength it has taken to reach this milestone, not by chance, but because generations of people refused to be silenced. It recognises the organisers, artists, activists and communities who carried NAIDOC forward year after year, ensuring it remained grounded in culture and community. Further info: www.naidoc.org.au



Melbourne Synod 2026

Preparations for a Synod to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are now underway. A synodal gathering is focused on pastoral renewal and can result in decrees or pastoral plans that guide the diocese in its planning. Archbishop Comensoli has invited the community to focus on three key themes for the Synod: Young Discipleship; Missionary Leadership; Formation and Participation. 'They have emerged consistently and clearly through all the listening, discernment, and consultation undertaken in recent years across the Archdiocese,' the Archbishop said, 'including the Plenary Council process, the global Synod, and our local pastoral initiatives. Together, they will now form the foundational focus of our Archdiocesan Synod.' <https://melbournecatholic.org/>

Sacraments

Baptisms - Last weekend we welcomed into our Catholic Community Joseph Ivan Estepa; Emerson Grace Farrugia; Thomas Messina & Noah Portelli into our Community.

Funerals - Frank Stellini, Tue 14 July 11am @ Sacred Heart

We Remember in our Prayers

Recent Death - Dominic Delicasale; Frank Stellini

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Emmanuel & Frank Grech; Emmanuel & Jessie Mifsud; Mary Jane Cefai; Valentine Scicluna, Vincent Bonello, Spiteri & Scicluna family; Joelle Meyepa-Rene Tanner; Frank & Bernadette Siracusa; Paul Aquilina & Bonello Family; Emma Borg, Josset Vella, Charlie Camilleri; Giorgia & Ninu Zammit, Joe Cutajar & Leli Bugeja; Kathleen, Patrick, Noel & Raymond Guest; Esther & Reynold Lewis, Harold Heffernan; Fr Joshua, Grace Muscat, Peter Muscat; John Michael Camilleri; Teodoro Raco; Dominic Delicasale; Mary Camilleri; Maria & Emmanuel Ebeyer;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; Peter & Rosy Rodrigues, Martin & Carmeline Pinheiro; Rosemary Davis; Boniface Moraces; Mary Camilleri;



Readings

This Week: First Reading: [Isaiah 55:10-11](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 8:18-23](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 13:1-23](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Wisdom 12:13.16-19](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 8:26-27](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 13:24-43](#)