



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'

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 26th July

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Weekday Mass Times: Sacred Heart

Tuesday - Friday: 7:30am
Saturday: 9:00am

Weekend Mass Times: Sacred Heart

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

Weekend Mass Times: Emmaus Church

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sacred Heart

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



Upcoming Working Bee - Save the dates

The working bees commence this weekend at Emmaus. We will have sign up sheets available at Sacred Heart for the following weekend.

Emmaus Church: Saturday 25 July

Sacred Heart Church: Saturday 1 August

We start gathering at 10am. Please join us.



Melbourne Catholic Digest – June/July 2026

We are pleased to share that the latest edition of the *Melbourne Catholic Digest* is now available in the church foyers, for you to take home, read and return.

A pdf version can be found here: https://mcusercontent.com/fc5e55007fcc48e18a62679a5/files/67f712e2-e03d-3b7f-10db-e84d74aadcd88/WEB_MCDigest_JUN_JUL_2026_1.01.pdf

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - 26 July 2026

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. It is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our grandparents and all the elderly that we come across. The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them.

'I will never forget you' (Isaiah 49:15) is the theme Pope Leo has chosen for 2026.

Read more from Pope Leo: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/grandparents/documents/20260615-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

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 for Wed 5 Aug; 7pm at Sacred Heart Church. If you cannot attend you are required to do the training online here: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/> Kindly email online certificates to: stalbans@cam.org.au

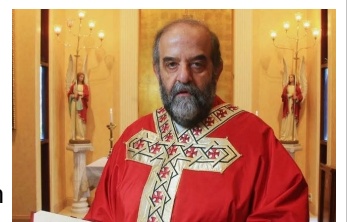
Peter's Pence - Thank you for your Generosity!

On the 28 June our Parish held a collection for Peter's Pence. Our community raised a total of \$3,248.90. This traditional annual collection helps Pope Leo XIV fund urgent humanitarian aid, disaster relief, and the broader missions of the Holy See.

Appointment of Monsignor Portelli

Congratulations to Mgr Charles Portelli from Mary MacKillop Parish, on his appointment as Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, following the elevation of the current Dean, Monsignor Stuart Hall, to the episcopate. Mgr Portelli will also continue in his role overseeing the Archdiocese's permanent deacons.

'May the Lord richly bless all in the ministries entrusted to their care,' the Archbishop concluded.



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

I am full of hope in God, who
Has been so good to us all.
Mary MacKillop - 28 Nov 1898



Vocations Expo - Saturday 1 August

The Melbourne Vocations Office and ACU Campus Ministry are hosting a Vocations Expo on Sat 1 Aug, 9am-1pm at ACU - Greg Craven Centre. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be a keynote speaker, alongside speakers representing Catholic Religious Orders, the Diocesan Priesthood, and married life; who will share what answering a call looks like, what challenges lie ahead and the many joys you find along the way. The event is open to all ages; however, attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The event is free to attend, but registrations are required: trybooking.com/DNKHK

RCIA Program - Tuesday 4 August

The "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" is a process of formation and sacramental preparation for adults who want to join the Catholic Church. The first meeting for RCIA has been postponed and is now on Tues 4 Aug. Thanks for your understanding.

Bereavement Meeting - Thursday 6 August at 7pm

Reminder for members of the Ministry Group only.

Emergency Messaging Test - Critical Alerts

Australia is conducting the first nationwide test of its new emergency messaging system "[AusAlert](#)" this Monday 27 July, 2pm AEST for Victoria. At this time all compatible mobile devices will emit a loud 10-second siren and display a test



Liturgy Rosters

26th July 2026

Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Fran	Thorn
Prayers of the faithful	Budi	Sianto
Communion - 1	Ann Marie	Zahra
Communion - 2	Ann	Newland
Communion - 3	Claire	Tanner
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	Angela	Mizzi
Prayers of the faithful	Marlene	D'Souza
Communion - 1	Vinie	Weir
Communion - 2	Josephine	Borg
Communion - 3	Maria	Mizzi
Emmaus 6:30pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Bob	Mears
Prayers of the faithful	Sabrina	Gonsalves
Communion - 1	Christopher	Gonsalves
Communion - 2	Fabian	Cesar
Communion - 3	Jocelyn (Josh)	Pinheiro
Emmaus 9:00am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Alison	De Souza Sharl
Prayers of the faithful	Annette	Vella
Communion - 1	Mary	Caruana
Communion - 2	Anthony	Rodrigues
Communion - 3	Micheline	Ruberto

ATTENTION: Communion Ministers & Readers

Please pick up your new roster from the Sacristy this weekend.

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Melbourne Synod 2026 - Theme Paper Release

The Synod Consultation Session for the western region is to be held this coming Saturday. The Melbourne Synod is an invitation to our local Church to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit and to discern how we are called to proclaim the Gospel more faithfully in our time and place. The purpose of this synod is to help shape our evangelical and missionary priorities for the years ahead. This synodal journey will focus on three themes: Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, and Formation and Participation.

Holy Days - a Catholic Comedy-Drama

We reach out to you to support the Australian release of "*Holy Days*", a heartwarming Catholic comedy-drama arriving in cinemas on 6 August. The film tells the uplifting story of three elderly nuns and a grieving young boy on an unforgettable journey of faith, friendship, hope, and community.

Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMHQS_LW8EA&t=1s

You can find *Holy Days* at your nearest cinema or visit the official website for more information: <https://holydays.com.au/>



Sacraments

Baptisms - Last weekend we welcomed Noah Tamarua-Suemai into our Catholic Community through Baptism.

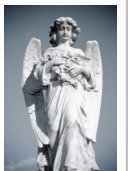
Funerals - for Paolina Podboj, on Thurs 30 July at 11:30am, Sacred Heart Church.

We Remember in our Prayers

Recent Death - Paolina Podboj;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Emmanuel & Frank Grech; Rosetta Lucchini; Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Frank & Bernadette Siracusa; Paul Aquilina & Bonello Family; Joe Cutajar & Leli Bugeja; Charlie, Willy Zammit; James, Pam & Sandra Rosario; Dalton Rozier, Eric Pereira; Emma Borg, Josset Vella, Charlie Camilleri; Fr Joshua, Grace & Peter Muscat, Peter Muscat; Mary & Mariano Xuereb; Teodoro Raco; Norman Gatt;



Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; Tressa Jose; Franc & Mihela Jeselnik; Trevor Rodgers; Theresa Jeffries; Frederick Philbert; Iris Philbert; Mary & Mariano Xuereb; Rosemary Davis;

Readings

This Week: First Reading: [1 Kings 3:5.7-12](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 8:28-30](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 13:44-52](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Isaiah 55:1-3](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 8:35. 37-39](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 14:13-21](#)