



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 - 2nd August

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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)



#### Emmaus Working Bee

Working Bee at Emmaus was as usual very well attended with approx. 30 parishioners. Ladies inside Church polished pews and cleaned all the windows and dusted everything in sight. Outside 5 meters of soil was spread on the front lawn to level the gardens. Bushes were trimmed and the fence-line was tidied as well as the Grotto. This was followed by a BBQ and morning tea provided by the parishioners, and everyone gone by 12pm. Thank you for all the volunteers who helped.



#### Upcoming Sacred Heart Working Bee - 1 August

The working bee at Sacred Heart is this weekend Sat 1 Aug. We start gathering at 10am. Please join us.

#### Vietnamese Mass

From Sunday, 23 August 2026, our parish will begin celebrating Mass in Vietnamese as a regular part of Parish life. The additional Mass will be celebrated on every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12pm in Sacred Heart Church.

This is an exciting new initiative for our Parish as we embrace and celebrate the rich faith and culture of the Vietnamese Catholic community. It also reflects our commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive Parish where everyone feels at home.

We hope this Mass will provide a welcoming place where Vietnamese parishioners from across the area can deepen their faith, strengthen their connection with one another and become more fully involved in the life and mission of our Parish.

Please keep this new initiative in your prayers as we look forward with hope and gratitude to the many blessings it will bring to our parish.

#### Monthly "Cuppa" Morning Tea

Our Hospitality Ministry will be serving tea & coffee this weekend **Sat 1 - Sun 2 Aug**, after each Mass during our monthly "cuppa". Please join us for a chat. All welcome.

#### RCIA Program - Tues 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.

#### Safeguarding Training: Wed 5 August

Reminder that this training is mandatory for all Ministers in our Parish, which is scheduled for Wed 5 Aug, 7pm at Sacred Heart Church. Please let us know you are coming by signing up on the Sign-Up Sheet in the Church foyer. Those unable to attend can do it online here: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/> Kindly email online certificates to: stalbans@cam.org.au

#### Bereavement Meeting - Thurs 6 August

For those of you involved in the Bereavement Ministry, a reminder there is a meeting on Thurs 6 Aug, 7pm.

#### Men's Group - Fri 14 August

The next Men's Group meeting is on Friday 14 August, 6pm Parish House at Sacred Heart. If you haven't attended before, please register

#### 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

Do what you can with the means at your disposal, and leave all the rest calmly to God - Mary MacKillop 7 Aug 1888



by email [StAlbans@cam.org.au](mailto:StAlbans@cam.org.au) or call (03) 9366 2146. Dinner will be provided.

### Altar Server Training & Get Together - Sat 15 Aug

Training will be held on Saturday 15 August, 11am at Sacred Heart Church. This is a chance for existing servers to revise, meet other servers including new ones over lunch. Those who are new, please register your details by phone or email or sign-up sheet in church foyer.

### Archbishop's Campaign - 15-16 August

Mark in your diary for the Archbishop's Campaign on 15-16 August.

### Youth Leaders Team

We are inviting those over 18yrs or whom have completed Secondary School (parents welcome) that want to be part a team of Youth Leaders to register your interest by contacting the Parish Office. They will create opportunities to gather, connect and encourage an active role in parish life for those youth aged 16 - 26yrs.

### National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW) - Sun 2 Aug

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for

marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

### Melbourne Synod 2026 - Theme Paper Release

Last weekend Father Linh along with two Parishioners attended the western region synod consultation held by Archbishop Peter Comensoli to join in on spiritual consultation for the Melbourne Synod.

For the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's 2026 Synod, the official prayer is the ancient invocation "*Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus*". It is widely used to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance during this period of discernment. The traditional prayer reads: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen.*

### 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.



## Liturgy Rosters

### 2nd Aug 2026

| Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass  | Name        | Surname    |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Reader of the Word        | Teresa      | Tran       |
| Prayers of the faithful   | Veronica    | Shergill   |
| Communion - 1             | Elio        | Mengeol    |
| Communion - 2             | Monica      | Snooks     |
| Communion - 3             | Leonida     | Eje        |
| Sacred Heart 7:30am Mass  | Name        | Surname    |
| Reader of the Word        | Carmela     | Castillo   |
| Prayers of the faithful   | Rosemarie   | Slater     |
| Communion - 1             | Josephine   | Borg       |
| Communion - 2             | Richard     | Micallef   |
| Communion - 3             | Veronica    | Excompare  |
| Sacred Heart 10:30am Mass | Name        | Surname    |
| Reader of the Word        | Maria       | Mizzi      |
| Prayers of the faithful   | Vinie       | Weir       |
| Communion - 1             | Josephine   | Borg       |
| Communion - 2             | Leanne      | Turcic     |
| Communion - 3             | Angela      | Mizzi      |
| Emmaus 6:30pm Mass        | Name        | Surname    |
| Reader of the Word        | Racheal     | Pinheiro   |
| Prayers of the faithful   | Greta       | Aranha     |
| Communion - 1             | Denzil      | Aranha     |
| Communion - 2             | Teresa      | Gomes      |
| Communion - 3             | Hana Gloria | Wainshtein |
| Emmaus 9:00am Mass        | Name        | Surname    |
| Reader of the Word        | Veena       | Moraes     |
| Prayers of the faithful   | Rosa        | Grabovac   |
| Communion - 1             | Annette     | Vella      |
| Communion - 2             | Farah       | Tyrell     |
| Communion - 3             | Anna        | Due        |

### ATTENTION: Communion Ministers & Readers

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

## Sacraments

**Baptisms** - occurring this weekend at Sacred Heart Church.

**Funerals** - for Rolando Alingcaster, Sat 1 Aug, 10am at Emmaus  
- for Philip Zammit, Wed 5 Aug 11am Rosary at Sacred Heart  
- for Mary Grech, Fri 6 Aug 10:30am at Sacred Heart.

## We Remember in our Prayers

**Recent Death** -Rolando Alingcastre, Philip Zammit, Mary Grech;

### Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Emmanuel & Frank Grech; Joelle Meyepa, Judith & Antoine, Mario & Francess Osee; Frank & Bernadette Siracusa; Paul Aquilina & Bonello Family; Emma Borg, Josset Vella, Charlie Camilleri; Tereza Mallia, Joe Cutajar, Emily Anthony Fenech; Alfred, Sylvester & Emma Excompare; Trish Birt, Iris & Stan Bate; Anthony Dowlut & Claude Selvon, Lisa & Arnold Yvon; Fr Joshua, Grace & Peter Muscat, Peter Muscat; Michael Cao Hung Quan; Michael Cao Duc Chau; Teodoro Raco; Francis Vince O'Rourke; Witalis Korzeniewski;



### Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; Max Toro; Tony Baracho, Richard Baracho, Estafnia Baracho; Guise & all souls; Richard Fernandes; Francis Vince O'Rourke; Rosemary Davis; Merlyn Margerie Stahlmann; Joseph Anthony Pereira; Witalis Korzeniewski;

## Readings

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

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

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

**Next Week:** First Reading: [1 Kings 19:9.11-13](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 9:1-5](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 14:22-33](#)