



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'

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 23rd 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)

2nd & 4th Sun of month: 12pm (Vietnamese)

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)

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

When a duty is clear to me, it must be done at any cost -
Mary MacKillop 25 July 1899



Welcoming our Vietnamese Community

The Parish's first Vietnamese Mass will be celebrated this Sunday at 12pm. This is a special milestone for our Vietnamese community and a joyful new beginning for our Parish. We warmly welcome all parishioners and visitors of Vietnamese background to join us for this inaugural celebration, as we celebrate this new chapter for our whole Parish community.

Sacred Heart Car Park Exit

To help ensure a safe and smooth flow of traffic as we welcome the additional 12pm Vietnamese Mass starting on Sunday 23 August, please TURN LEFT ONLY when leaving the church car park after the 10.30am Mass. This will help keep traffic flowing safely for those leaving the car park and those arriving for the 12pm Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping keep our Parish welcoming and safe.

Archbishop's Campaign Final Weekend - Sat 22 - Sun 23 Aug

The Archbishop's Campaign is underway and we are now in the final week, thank you to all that have already contributed. By supporting this campaign, you help sustain ministries that accompany those in need, strengthen our Parish communities, and bring Christ's love to others. Thank you for answering this call with courage and generosity. We ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Envelopes and pamphlets are available for a one off gift or an ongoing pledge.

You can also donate anonymously via cash directly into the special collection basket. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign



First Holy Eucharist this Weekend - Sat 22 Aug

This weekend students from Cana Catholic Primary School will be celebrating their First Holy Eucharist at Emmaus Church with Father Linh and Father Hoang. The Eucharist is an action of thanksgiving to God *Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 1328*.

We congratulate and pray for the children receiving their Sacrament. Next weekend it's students from Emmaus.



First Communion

Safeguarding training

Many Thanks to the 65 People who were at the Safeguarding Training night on Wed 5 Aug. If you still need to complete the training, please do so online: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/> Kindly email online certificates to: stalbans@cam.org.au

Catholic Mission 2026 Collection

In July our Parish held a collection for Catholic Mission. They have informed us our community donated a total of \$2,131.75. On behalf of the Church in Malawi, thank you once again for your generosity. Your support is helping create spaces where children can learn, families can rebuild, and communities can move forward together. To learn more

about the impact you can make through Catholic Mission, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work to see other examples of life-giving programs around the world.

Melbourne Synod 2026 is underway

Over the weekend of 4-6 Dec, representatives from our Archdiocese will come together to pray, discern, discuss important matters, and make decisions to help shape our shared mission and ministry. Attendance at the Synod is guided by Canon 463 and includes clergy, religious and lay representatives. In Melbourne, the Synod will comprise of 180 Members. 60 lay Members, comprising 15 representatives from each region, will be selected through a parish nomination process to participate in the Synod. Do you know someone who could serve as a Melbourne Synod member? Each parish will be invited to nominate up to 2 parishioners for consideration as lay members within their region. If you are interested in nominating a parishioner to become a Synod member, nominations forms are available via:



<https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Synod-2026/Synod-Member-Nomination-Form.pdf> and must be submitted prior to Thur 27 Aug with the endorsement of the Parish Priest. These nominations will be submitted to the relevant regional office. The Auxiliary Bishop or Episcopal Vicar for each region will then review the nominations and recommend 15 lay members from their region by Friday, 11 Sept.

In the meantime, the invitation to gather as friends and family to participation in the consultation process is ongoing. Information can be accessed via: <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

Save The Date – Service of Lament

You are invited to save the date for the Service of Lament for Survivors of Abuse in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, to be held on Tuesday 15 September 2026, commencing at 4pm on the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral. Now in its second year, this service brings us together as the people of God to pray, to lament the profound harm caused by abuse within the life of the Church, and to renew our commitment to walk with humility, compassion and hope alongside survivors and all those affected. The presence of clergy and laity from parish communities is an important expression of our shared responsibility to acknowledge the past, to accompany those who have suffered, and to continue fostering a culture of safeguarding, accountability and healing. You are encouraged to attend and, where appropriate, invite members of your leadership team to join you. A formal invitation, including further details, will be distributed in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please reserve this time in your calendar.

Al-Anon Family Groups

If your loved one is drinking too much and causing anxiety and distress, and you are seeking support, there is help and hope available. The local group meets every Wednesday from 1pm – 2:30pm at the Delahey Community Centre, 70 Copperfield Dr., Delahey. All welcome! Confidentiality is protected. A voluntary donation is requested to help cover the room rental. For further information call 1300 252 666 or visit www.al-anon.org.au

Liturgy Rosters

23rd Aug 2026

Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Veronica	Shergill
Prayers of the faithful	Teresa	Tran
Communion - 1	Joseph	Vo
Communion - 2	Monica	Snooks
Communion - 3	Annmarie	Zahra
Sacred Heart 7:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Maria	Salinas-Sutrisna
Prayers of the faithful	Anthony	Anastasi
Communion - 1	Richard	Micallef
Communion - 2	Christine	King
Communion - 3	Jane	Springer
Sacred Heart 10:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Shona	Aniseto
Prayers of the faithful	Angela	Mizzi
Communion - 1	Maria	Mizzi
Communion - 2	Leanne	Turcic
Communion - 3	Antoinette	Attard
Emmaus 6:30pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Kyle	Zahra
Prayers of the faithful	Jan	Szostak
Communion - 1	Denzil	Aranha
Communion - 2	Rodney	Gonsalvez
Communion - 3	Racheal	Pinheiro
Emmaus 9:00am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Brian	Davis
Prayers of the faithful	Thomas	Pham
Communion - 1	Maria	Mercadante
Communion - 2	Farah	Tyrell
Communion - 3	Ioapo	Tyrell

Sacraments

Baptisms - Last weekend we welcomed Oliver David Coleiro, Bailey Borg, Wynter Borg, Andre Xerri & Isaiah Van Den Boogert into our Parish through Sacrament of Baptism.

Funerals - for James Gauci, 10am on Tues 25 Aug at Sacred Heart Church
- for Frank Joniec, 11am on Wed 26 Aug at Sacred Heart Church.

We Remember in our Prayers

Recent Death - Joe Fenech; James Gauci; Sebastian Falzon; Kevin Mark Higgins; John Fenech;



Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Emmanuel & Frank Grech; Joelle Meyepa-Josee & Rene Tanner; Frank & Bernadette Siracusa; Paul Aquilina & Bonello Family; Fr Joshua, Peter Muscat; Anthony & Maria Merceica; Ebenezer & Josephine Guest, Mabel & Joseph Legay; Daniella Zahra, Rita Joseph Muscat, Damien & Carmen Cauchi; Alexander Martinez; Charlie Camilleri, Emma Borg, Josset Vella; Teodoro Raco; Slavko Cimbora; Joseph Rodrigues; Mary Mifsud, Mifsud Family, Charlie Bezzina, Ronny Spiteri;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; Irene D'Souza; Rosemary Davis; Brittany Forte; Maria Pham Thi Vi; Veronica D'Rozario; Cathrien D'Rozario; Pjeter Lize Collin Dajcay;

Readings

This Week: First Reading: [Isaiah 22:19-23](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 11:33-36](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Jeremiah 20:7-9](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 12:1-2](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 16:21-27](#)