



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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 30th 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 & 4th Sun: 12:00pm (Vietnamese)

2nd Sun: 5:00pm (Slovene)

Weekend Mass Times: Emmaus

Saturday (Vigil): 6:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sacred Heart

Saturday: 9:30am

4th Sat: 4:00pm (Maltese)

Sacrament of Baptism

2 months notice 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, contact

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Our crosses are a little heavy, but God, our own good God, gives us courage under them - Mary MacKillop 25 Nov 1871



Social Justice Sunday

This week marks Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released its 2026-27 Social Justice Statement, Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division. Please follow this link to the statement or find a copy in the church foyers: <https://acbcwebsite.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/Articles/Documents/ACBC/ACBC+Social+Justice+Statement+-+August+2026.pdf>

Young Adults Group

The newly formed Young Adults Group are excited to host their first event for 18-30 y/o of the Parish. They're invited for lunch from 12.30pm on Sunday 20 September outside Sacred Heart Church. Please register your attendance with the attached barcode or contact the Parish Office.

We are Hiring - Cleaner

Sacred Heart-Emmaus is seeking a reliable and dedicated Part-Time Cleaner for 12hrs/week, St Albans location. Key Responsibilities:

- Weekly cleaning of Parish Office
- Weekly cleaning of the Presbytery
- Weekly cleaning of Sacred Heart Church
- Maintaining a clean and welcoming environment for parishioners, staff and visitors.

Please contact the Parish office 9366 2146 or email StAlbans@cam.org.au for the Job Description. Please submit your written Expression of Interest to the Parish Office. Application close 8 Sept. We look forward to hearing from you.

A note of Gratitude for the first Vietnamese Mass

The inaugural Vietnamese Mass - marking a new beginning for Sacred Heart Emmaus Parish this past Sunday, 23 August - was celebrated with great solemnity, warmth, and joy. Your presence and devout participation added a special sense of meaning to the Mass. It marks a special milestone for our Parish and its continued story. May God bless our Parish with its journey ahead. We look forward to seeing you again at the next parish Mass on Sun 13 Sept 2026! Thanks be to God - May God bless our community!



First Holy Eucharist this Weekend - Sat 29 Aug

This weekend students from Emmaus Catholic Primary School will be celebrating their First Holy Eucharist at Emmaus Church with Fr Linh & Fr 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. Then the final Parish primary School of Sacred Heart will have their Communion on Sat 12 September.

Parish Men's Group

The next Men's Group meeting will be on Friday 11 Sept at 6pm, Sacred Heart Parish House. New attendees register your interest by contacting the Parish Office.

Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2026 Archbishops Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! This campaign supports vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Reminder: please return your envelope to the Parish office or place it in the collection as soon as possible so we can finalise our Parish contribution. If you are yet to make a gift, you still can do so: <https://give.melbournecatholic.org/donate>

Melbourne Synod 2026 is underway

The regional gatherings have provided a space for participants to share their experiences and hopes. The insights gathered will help shape the working document for the Synod Assembly. Parish priest at Sunshine North Fr Silvio Bezzina found the spiritual conversations 'a beautiful process wherein everybody has the opportunity to speak and to listen to what other people are saying'. He noted that it is a way of believing 'that the Spirit is acting'.

The Synod Assembly will take place over the weekend of 4-6 December. The themes for the synod:

- 'Missionary leadership reminds us that leadership begins, as Jesus showed, by walking alongside others, listening before speaking, and accompanying before directing,' the Archbishop said.
- 'Young discipleship reminds us that faith is renewed through an encounter with the risen Christ, and through hearts that are set ablaze by the hope of the Gospel.
- 'Formation and participation remind us that Jesus formed his disciples first, and then sent them out into the mission of the Church.'

Online Information Session on the Permanent Diaconate

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 7pm to 8pm; Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison; Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

Liturgy Rosters

30th Aug 2026

Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Sandra	Galea
Prayers of the faithful	Fran	Thorn
Communion - 1	Claire	Tanner
Communion - 2	Leonida	Eje
Communion - 3	Joseph	Vo
Sacred Heart 7:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Sandra	Tanner
Prayers of the faithful	Carmela	Castillo
Communion - 1	Rosemarie	Slater
Communion - 2	Richard	Micallef
Communion - 3	Veronica	Excompare
Sacred Heart 10:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Mikayla	Lamb
Prayers of the faithful	Leanne	Turcic
Communion - 1	Maria	Mizzi
Communion - 2	Angela	Mizzi
Communion - 3	Antoinette	Attard
Emmaus 6:30pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Kyle	Zahra
Prayers of the faithful	Greta	Aranha
Communion - 1	Denzil	Aranha
Communion - 2	Les	Milroy
Communion - 3	Nicolette	Milroy
Emmaus 9:00am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Joanna	Tran
Prayers of the faithful	Barbara	Opar
Communion - 1	Brian	Davis
Communion - 2	Veena	Moraes
Communion - 3	Annette	Vella

Sacraments

Baptisms - none scheduled

Funerals - none scheduled

We Remember in our Prayers

Recent Death -

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Emmanuel & Frank Grech; Joelle Meyepa, Judith-Antoine-Mario-Francis OSee; Bill Jessup; Frank & Bernadette Siracusa; Paul Aquilina & Bonello Family; Fr Joshua, Peter Muscat; Anthony & Maria Merceica; Damien & Carmen Cauchi, Daniella Zahra, Rita & Joseph Muscat; Daphne & Francis Guest, Trish Birt, Iris Brown; Charlie Camilleri, Tony Spiteri, Emma Borg, Josset Vella; Nickol & Paul, Joe Cutajar, Costantino, Catarina Schembri; John Fenech, Ellen Suda, Joe & Censina Xerri, Leli Bugeja; Josip Viduka, Ana Domiovic; Teodoro Raco; Paolina Podboj; Maria Noi Pham & Dominic Hung Hoang; Tony & Carmen Taniti; Mira Tonkovic, Mijo & Ane Tonkovic, Franjo & Kate Matesic, Zdrauko & Zora Matesic & Miko Spehar;



Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; Thelma & Kevin D'Abreo; Rosemary Davis; Brittany Forte; Antonia Demicoli, Cassi Alexandra & Frank & Angela Cicino; Cathy Tormey; Elena & Errol Desmier;

Readings

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

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

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

Next Week: First Reading: [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 13:8-10](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 18:15-20](#)