



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'

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 9th 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)



Sacred Heart Working Bee

Last Saturday was full steam ahead. All hands were on deck at the working bee to carry on the restitution of our Sacred Heart Church garden. On the 3 Saturdays prior to this day a smaller team of workers had begun the task. This team of 25 workers worked on filling a 12 meter bin of green waste from the old garden, another team worked on replanting the plants which were rescued from the old garden and a third team worked on clearing/sifting through the old soil to prepare for its role in the new garden. Tired workers joined in with morning tea and lunch beautifully organised by Kathy and Evelyn. A real team effort by all. The wonderful weather helped and the gathering at the end was so well deserved.



Saint Mary of the Assumption Feast - Sat 15 Aug

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated every year on 15 August. It honors the belief that the mother of Jesus was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her life. It's a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate this special day at the normal Saturday time, 9am at Sacred Heart Church.



Clergy Conference - Tues 11 to Fri 14 August

Both Fr Linh and Fr Hoang will join other clergy from the Archdiocese of Melbourne on a conference from Tuesday 11 to Friday 14 August, therefore there will be no weekday 7.30am Mass on these dates, but Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service will be available during this time. Mass will resume on Saturday 15 August on the Feast of the Assumption at 9am.

Resignation of our Parish Secretary

Lauren Maslaris, our Parish Secretary, has decided to resign from her position at Sacred Heart - Emmaus Parish. Her final day will be 2 September 2026. Lauren has served our Parish since the end of 2022. During this time she took maternity leave and returned at the beginning of this year. We are grateful for her professionalism, commitment, and the many valuable contributions she has made to our Parish. Please join us in thanking Lauren for all she has contributed and in wishing her every blessing.

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

Quite, calm courage and humble confidence in God will be much required by you - July 1868



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 by email StAlbans@cam.org.au or call (03) 9366 2146. Dinner 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 to 16 August

The 2026 archbishops campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Next weekend we will have brochures in the church foyers with more information and ways to give. These tax deductible claims go to support Priests Retirement Foundation, The Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations via grants.

Join the Youth Leaders Team - 18 Aug

Those over 18 years old are invited to be part of the Parish Youth Ministry (PYM) team. Parents are also invited to join. Together they will create opportunities for those aged 16 to 26 years to grow in faith, form friendship connections with others across the Parish, and allow the young to contribute to Parish life. If you are interested, please contact the Parish office by phone or email. Our first meeting on 18 August.

Liturgy Rosters

9th Aug 2026

Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Fran	Thorn
Prayers of the faithful	Sandra	Galea
Communion - 1	Veronica	Shergill
Communion - 2	Jeanette	Spiteri
Communion - 3	Ann	Newland
Sacred Heart 7:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Maria	Salinas-Sutrisna
Prayers of the faithful	Anthony	Anastasi
Communion - 1	Christine	D'Rozario
Communion - 2	Christine	King
Communion - 3	Jane	Springer
Sacred Heart 10:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Leanne	Turcic
Prayers of the faithful	Mikayla	Lamb
Communion - 1	Angela	Mizzi
Communion - 2	Josephine	Borg
Communion - 3	Maria	Mizzi
Emmaus 6:30pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Teresa	Gomes
Prayers of the faithful	Rodney	Gonsalves
Communion - 1	Sabrina	Gonsalves
Communion - 2	Christopher	Gonsalves
Communion - 3	Racheal	Pinheiro
Emmaus 9:00am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	John	Cao
Prayers of the faithful	Rica	Cao
Communion - 1	Maria	Mercadante
Communion - 2	Thomas	Pham
Communion - 3	Brian	Davis

ATTENTION: Communion Ministers & Readers

Please pick up your new roster from the Sacristy

CENSUS: Be Counted as Catholic - 11 August

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly considered in future planning and policy decisions.

Vietnamese Mass

From Sunday, 23 August, 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 involve 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.

Melbourne Synod 2026

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.

Condolences

Les Milroy's mother, Mable Milroy died during the week. Our Condolences and Prayers go out to Les and the family.

Sacraments

Baptisms - next Baptisms is at Emmaus Church on 16 August

Funerals - none scheduled

We Remember in our Prayers

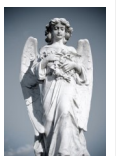
Recent Death - Phillip Dingley; Mable Milroy;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Emmanuel & Frank Grech; Wally, John & Henie Szostak; Joelle Meyepa; Frank & Bernadette Siracusa; Paul Aquilina & Bonello Family; Cecil, Phoebe & Cyres Expompare; Emma Borg, Josset Vella, Charlie Camilleri, Fiona Sammut; Olga Rose, Francis & Daphne Guest; Fr Joshua, Grace & Peter Muscat, Peter Muscat; Teodoro Raco; Michael, Maria & Alois Mares & Helen Puljak;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; Prudence Fraser; Rosemary Davis; Phillip Dingley; Lise & Arnold Yvon, Tony Dowlut & Claude Selvon, Royln & Claudette Seeboruth; Antonia Demicoli;



Readings

This Week: First Reading: [1 Kings 19:9,11-13](#)

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

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

Next Week: First Reading: [Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6. 10](#)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 15:20-26](#)

Gospel: [Luke 1:39-56](#)