



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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 13th September 2026

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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 0413 841 936 or stalbans.csc@cam.org.au

#### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

There must be charity and gentleness towards the erring of others - Mary MacKillop 7 Aug 1888

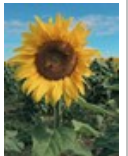


#### Safeguarding Sunday Weekend

As part of our celebration of this Safeguarding Weekend we can take the time to reflect on the advances we have made in safeguarding in our Parish. This parish has over 180 Ministers working within our Ministry groups who have achieved or are in the process of gaining their training in Safeguarding. This has strengthened our professional development to share with the Parish. Safeguarding is an essential part of our mission and ministry. It calls each of us to be attentive, accountable and committed to ensuring that every person can participate in the life of the Church safely and with confidence. We also take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of the clergy, staff volunteers and safeguarding leaders who work to foster cultures of safety and trust throughout church communities. There will be members of the Safeguarding committee speaking at all Masses this weekend.

#### Father's Day Update

We hope our Fathers enjoyed their treat of Sunflower Seeds on Father's Day. The task now is to plant these tiny seeds this weekend perhaps with the assistance of your children or grandchildren. These seeds will grow with your attention and love. On the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December we are going to provide opportunities for you to take photos of your giant sunflowers (hopefully) and share them with us. We are hoping you will win the prize for the Sunflower King of the Parish. Happy Planting!!



#### Lunch with Young Adults

Those 18 to 30 years of age are invited for lunch on Sunday 20 Sept at 12.30pm, outside Sacred Heart Church. Register your attendance by using the QR Code or contact the Parish Office.

#### First Holy Eucharist this weekend

The First Holy Communion season this year will conclude with Sacred Heart students celebrating their First Holy Communion Sacrament this Sat 12 Sept. We welcome and pray that they come to the Lord's table.

#### Fr Linh away for a few weeks

Fr Linh is taking some long deserved leave starting next week & he will return on Fri 9 Oct, hopefully refreshed. During his absence, the parish will be in the capable hands of Fr Hoang and office staff.

#### St Bernadette's Parish 70th Anniversary Celebration Mass

St. Bernadette's Parish on 59C Westmoreland Rd, Sunshine North, is celebrating a **Special Mass on Sunday 27 September, 10:30am** in the Church to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the parish - lead by Bishop Martin Ashe. Refreshments to follow. We are inviting everyone to come and celebrate with us! For catering purposes please RSVP by Sun 20 Sept on TryBooking online on this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1644772> or scan the QR code. Please call the Parish office on 9311 2977 for more information or to RSVP. Please mark this date on your calendar and ensure you come along.



### Melbourne Synod 2026 is underway

A synod is a gathering of God's people – bishops, priests and representatives – who come and discern together about matters regarding faith, governance, and pastoral care. This process involves prayer, dialogue, and consultation, aiming to foster a deeper understanding of the Church's mission in the contemporary world.

A synodal gathering is focused on pastoral renewal and can result in decrees or pastoral plans that guide the diocese in its planning. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invited the community to join the journey and identified three key themes for the Synod:

- Young Discipleship
- Missionary Leadership
- Formation and Participation

### Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest. Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep it alive.

No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

November 6-8, 2026 @ St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

### 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](http://www.al-anon.org.au)

### Sacred Heart Car Park Exit

Due to the regular 12pm mass, parishioners are asked to TURN LEFT ONLY when leaving the church car park after the 10:30am Mass. This will help traffic flowing safely for those leaving the car park and those arriving for the 12pm Mass. Thanks for your cooperation and for helping keep our Parish welcoming and safe.

### Parking on Sacred Heart Church Grounds

The areas near or in front of the church entrances are designated for drop-off only. We kindly remind everyone to park in the designated parking lots to ensure easy and safe access for all. Thank you for your co-operation.



### Weekly Bulletin Submissions / Announcements

Please submit your notices / anniversaries by Wednesday COB, the earlier the better. For Anniversaries, please make it clear, what mass date / time you want.

## Liturgy Rosters

### 13th Sept 2026

| Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass  | Name        | Surname   |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Reader of the Word        | Mario       | Orsini    |
| Prayers of the faithful   | Veronica    | Shergill  |
| Communion - 1             | Jeanette    | Spiteri   |
| Communion - 2             | Ann         | Newland   |
| Communion - 3             | Claire      | Tanner    |
| Sacred Heart 7:30am Mass  | Name        | Surname   |
| Reader of the Word        | Sandra      | Tanner    |
| Prayers of the faithful   | Anthony     | Anastasi  |
| Communion - 1             | Josephine   | Borg      |
| Communion - 2             | Richard     | Micallef  |
| Communion - 3             | Veronica    | Excompare |
| Sacred Heart 10:30am Mass | Name        | Surname   |
| Reader of the Word        | Vinie       | Weir      |
| Prayers of the faithful   | Marlene     | D'Souza   |
| Communion - 1             | Angela      | Mizzi     |
| Communion - 2             | Antoinette  | Attard    |
| Communion - 3             | Leanne      | Turcic    |
| Emmaus 6:30pm Mass        | Name        | Surname   |
| Reader of the Word        | Robert      | Mears     |
| Prayers of the faithful   | Rodney      | Gonsalves |
| Communion - 1             | Sabrina     | Gonsalves |
| Communion - 2             | Christopher | Gonsalves |
| Communion - 3             | Jan         | Szostak   |
| Emmaus 9:00am Mass        | Name        | Surname   |
| Reader of the Word        | Rica        | Cao       |
| Prayers of the faithful   | Barbara     | Opar      |
| Communion - 1             | Brian       | Davis     |
| Communion - 2             | Anthony     | Rodrigues |
| Communion - 3             | Anna        | Due       |

### ATTENTION MINISTERS:

Please pick up your new roster from the Sacristy.

## We Remember in our Prayers

**Recent Death** - Rose Pirotta; Maria Costentino;

### Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Emmanuel & Frank Grech; Emmanuel & Jessie Mifsud; Sam & Mary Tabone; Vincie Ellul; Joelle Meyepa, Rene & Josee Tanner, Brigitte-Gerard & Shaun Ithier; Anton Feist; Frank & Bernadette Siracusa; Paul Aquilina, Bonello Family, Pauline & Joseph Aquilina; Fr Joshua, Peter, Grace & Joe Muscat; Emma Borg, Jossett Vella, Charlie Camilleri & Joseph Falzon; Carmenu Falzon & Pietro Gugliotti, Carmelo & Frank Camilleri; Joe Cutajar, Pawlu & Carmena Brincat, Marika, Emmanuel, Robert Farrugia; Damien & Carmen Cauchi, Daniella Zahra, Rita & Joseph Muscat; Russell & Dwight Johnson; Sheila, Noel & Joseph D'Cruz; Denise Mary Saharrer; Brigida Bazan, Judith Watt; David Alexander Dickson; Teodoro Raco; Harald, Masoud, Jared, Charles, Li, Ingrid, Wang, Anna & families; Bob Zebic; Maria Costentino;

### Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; John Nguyen, Ngoc Nhung; Klarisa Pepa; Rosemary Davis; Brittany Forte; Vernon Browne; Antonio & Maria Amenta; Patrick Joseph Stahlmann;



## Readings

**This Week:** First Reading: [Sirach 27:30 – 28:7](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 14:7-9](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

**Next Week:** First Reading: [Isaiah 55:6-9](#)

Second Reading: [Philippians 1:20-24. 27](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 20:1-16](#)