



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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 20th 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

Suspect any zeal, which makes you for one moment, comment upon the actions of others - 6 Aug 1870



Social Services Sunday Weekend

Social Services Sunday is observed in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to give thanks, pray for and support staff for the dedicated work of thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalized. We can also reflect on how we can be more involved in Gospel inspired works of charity and justice in our own communities.

Save The Date!!

Dear Parishioners,

With a grateful heart, I warmly invite you to join me for a Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of my Silver Jubilee of my Priestly Ordination.

Date: **Sunday 29 November 2026**

Time: **12 noon**

Place: **Sacred Heart Church**

I thank you for being part of my journey, and give thanks to God for the gift of priesthood and many blessings along the way. It would be a great blessing to celebrate this special occasion with you.

Following the Mass, you are invited to join me for a reception and lunch in the Catholic Regional College St Albans Hall.

With gratitude and blessings

Fr Linh Tran

School Holidays

Our school children in the Parish are now on holidays for two weeks. A special callout to our VCE students who are studying for their exams next Term.

Fr Linh away for a few weeks

Fr Linh is on annual leave and will be returning on Fri 9 October.

Congratulations!

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Vanessa Machado has been appointed as the new Principal of Emmaus in Sydenham. She has been the Deputy Principal in the school for the past three years. Vanessa has a strong commitment to Catholic education and a proven record of leadership. We look forward to her continued leadership as she guides Emmaus School into its next chapter of growth and success.

Sacred Heart Car Park Exit

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 at the Church. 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.



St Theresa's Church & School 75th Anniversary Celebration Mass

St Theresa's, on 17 Drummartin St. Albion, is celebrating a special Mass to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the church and school. It will be held on Sunday 4 October at 10:30am. Refreshments to follow. We are inviting everyone to come and celebrate! For catering purposes

please RSVP by Sun 20 Sept. Please call the Parish office on 9311 3091, scan our QR Code or use our link <https://www.trybooking.com/DOMMI> for further information.



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.

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

Website: wwme.org.au

Online Information Session on the Permanent Diaconate

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 onto their 50's who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. An information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison : kevinpattison@cam.org.au

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.

Silence or switch off your mobile phone

During mass, please be mindful to either switch off or silence your mobile phone. Thanks in advance.



Bulletin on Email

You can view the Bulletin on our website from Friday afternoons or pick-up a copy at Mass. We encourage you to subscribe to the weekly bulletin via our website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?>

Liturgy Rosters

20th Sept 2026

Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Fran	Thorn
Prayers of the faithful	Budi	Sianto
Communion - 1	Veronica	Shergill
Communion - 2	Ann	Newland
Communion - 3	Claire	Tanner

Sacred Heart 7:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Anthony	Anastasi
Prayers of the faithful	Maria	Salinas-Sutrisna
Communion - 1	Christine	D'Rozario
Communion - 2	Christine	King
Communion - 3	Jane	Springer

Sacred Heart 10:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Angela	Mizzi
Prayers of the faithful	Marlene	D'Souza
Communion - 1	Vinie	Weir
Communion - 2	Josephine	Borg
Communion - 3	Felicity	Khor

Emmaus 6:30pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Bob	Mears
Prayers of the faithful	Sabrina	Gonsalves
Communion - 1	Christopher	Gonsalves
Communion - 2	Fabian	Cearar
Communion - 3	Denzil	Aranha

Emmaus 9:00am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Alison	De Souza Sharl
Prayers of the faithful	Annette	Vella
Communion - 1	Mary	Caruana
Communion - 2	Anthony	Rodrigues
Communion - 3	Michelina	Ruberto

ATTENTION MINISTERS:

Please pick up your new roster from the Sacristy.

We Remember in our Prayers

Recent Death -

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Emmanuel & Frank Grech; Brittany Forte; Antonia Meilak & Family; Michael Vella & Family; Anna & Anthony Cardona; Carmelo & Marie Axiak; Eusebio Eje; Rene & Josee Tanner, Joelle Meyepa, Jean Paul Osee; Victor Sison & Eduardo Sison; Harold, Masoud, Jared, Charles, Li, Ingrid, Wang, Anna & families, Fred Xiberras; Frank & Bernadette Siracusa; Paul Aquilina, Bonello Family, Pauline & Joseph Aquilina; Fr Joshua, Peter Muscat, Maria & Anthony Mercieca, Damien & Carmen Cauchi, Daniella Zahra, Rita & Joseph Muscat: Jossett Vella, Emma Borg, Charlie Camilleri; Jennifer Alam; Saviour & Nazarena Anastasi & Joe Cutajar, Eusebio & Josephine Darmanin, Maria Pham Thi Noi, Dominic Hoang Quoc Hung; Teodoro Raco: Domenico Del Casale; Gerry Moira & Trevor Smith, Thomas & Elizabeth Meyn; Maurice Waring; Michael Vella, Anna & Anthony Cardona, Antonia Meilak, Charlie & Maria Axiak: Charlie Portelli; Cathy Grant;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; Gwen Fraser & Prudence Fraser; Margit Firstner Rosemary Davis; Brittany Forte; Vernon Browne; Antonio & Maria Amenta;



Readings

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

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

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

Next Week: First Reading: [Ezekiel 18:25-28](#)

Second Reading: [Philippians 2:1-11](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 21:28-32](#)