



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 6th 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

I am full of confidence in our good God's mercy, that by working together the common good will be secured - Mary MacKillop 10 Oct 1874



Giving thanks for fathers

This weekend marks the annual celebration of Father's Day. We give thanks for all fathers and father figures who, through their faithful love, wisdom and dedication, help their families grow in strength, faith and hope. May God bless them abundantly and grant them joy, peace and courage as they celebrate this special day with their families and loved ones. As a small expression of thanks, our parish has prepared a simple gift for all fathers, lovingly packed by some parishioners, to be distributed at the end of Mass. We invite all fathers to receive this small gift as a sign of our gratitude for all you do for our parish family. Happy Father's Day!

Monthly "Cuppa" Morning Tea

Our Hospitality Ministry will be serving tea & coffee this weekend **Sat 5 - Sun 6 Sept**, after each Mass during our monthly "cuppa". Please join us for a chat. All welcome.

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.

Parish Men's Group - Fri 11 Sept

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.

Bunnings BBQ - Sat 12 Sept

The Fair Committee invites you and your family to our Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 12 September between 9am - 4pm. We are at Bunnings in Taylors Lakes. Come and Support us.

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 Sept outside Sacred Heart Church. Please register your attendance with the attached barcode or contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OF
SACRED HEART & EMMAUS

LUNCH

for Young Adults

AGES 18-30
FAITH • FRIENDSHIP • FOOD

SUNDAY,
20 SEPTEMBER

12:30 PM

OUTSIDE
SACRED HEART
CHURCH

4 Winifred St,
St Albans VIC 3021

Join us for a relaxed and
welcoming lunch with other
young adults.

COME ALONG,
MEET NEW PEOPLE,
ENJOY SOME FOOD,
AND GROW IN
faith together!

SCAN ME
FOR MORE INFO
& TO RSVP!

Everyone aged 18-30 is warmly welcome!

First Holy Eucharist last Weekend

Last Saturday, students from Emmaus Catholic Primary School celebrated their First Holy Eucharist. It was a lovely day for all the students and their families. Congratulations & prayers to all. The final Parish Primary School of Sacred Heart will have their Communion on Sat 12 Sept.



Archbishop's Campaign - Final call

Reminder: please return your envelope to the Parish office or place it in the collection this weekend so we can finalise our Parish contribution.

A Financial Snapshot

This week, we have an extra attachment to our weekly bulletin, please refer to the last page outlining the biannual financial report from Jan - Jun 2026.

Melbourne Synod 2026 is underway

What is "synodality"? The late Pope Francis described synodality as the "path that God expects of the Church in the third millennium." It's not just about holding synods (meetings), but about fostering a culture where consultation, collaboration, and discernment are normal. In reflecting on Pope Francis' approach Pope Leo, in meeting with the General Secretariat of the Bishops, noted that 'synodality is a style, an attitude that helps us to be Church by promoting authentic experiences of participation and communion.' (June 2025)

Synodality refers to how we are to be a communion of believers journeying together. It comes from the Greek word *synodos*, meaning "walking together." At its core, synodality emphasizes: *Listening and Dialogue*: Everyone by virtue of baptism, laity, clergy, and religious, has a voice in discerning the Church's mission.

Participation: There is the shared responsibility held by all the baptised to participate in the mission of the church.

Mission-Oriented: The goal is to better fulfill the Church's mission of evangelization and service in the world.

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 Tues 15 Sept, 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. You are encouraged to attend and, where appropriate, invite members of your leadership team to join you.

Liturgy Rosters

6th Sept 2026

Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Veronica	Shergill
Prayers of the faithful	Budi	Sianto
Communion - 1 -	John	Tonna
Communion - 2	Stella	Tonna
Communion - 3	Elio	Mengeol

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	Kristine	Dionsio
Prayers of the faithful	Marlene	D'Souza
Communion - 1	Josephine	Borg
Communion - 2	Maria	Mizzi
Communion - 3	Leanne	Turcic

Emmaus 6:30pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Teresa	Gomes
Prayers of the faithful	Nicolette	Milroy
Communion - 1	Racheal	Pinheiro
Communion - 2	Fabian	Cesar
Communion - 3	Jocelyn (Josh)	Pinheiro

Emmaus 9:00am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Alison	D'Souza Sharl
Prayers of the faithful	Maria	Mercadante
Communion - 1	Mary	Caruana
Communion - 2	Anthony	Rodrigues
Communion - 3	Micheline	Ruberto

ATTENTION MINISTERS:

Please pick up your new roster from the Sacristy.

Sacraments

Funerals - for Anton Zidaj on Thur 10 Sept 11am @ Sacred Heart

We Remember in our Prayers

Recent Death - Anton Zidaj;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Emmanuel & Frank Grech; John Mary Farrugia; Guan Aitken Alexander Bajzik; Benjamin Dionisio Sr; Jan Caruana, Sam Vella, Corey Azzopardi; Joelle Meyepa, Jacques Pascal; Emanuel Sapienza Fenech, Joseph Maria Orsini, Cecilia Frank Cordina; Frank & Bernadette Siracusa; Paul Aquilina, Bonello Family, Pauline & Joseph Aquilina; Fr Joshua, Peter Muscat; Emmanuel & Josephine Pisani; Mario, Joe & Charlie Muscat; Damien & Carmen Cauchi, Daniella Zahra, Rita & Joseph Muscat; Paul & Maria D'Rozario, Benjamin & Anastasia Gomes; Emma Borg, Jossett Vella, Charlie Camilleri; Lynne Simpson, Jim Noonan; Ernesta Luna; Saviour Anastasi, Eusebio Darmanin & Joseph Peel; Teodoro Raco; Paolina Podboj; Vincent, Giovanna & Joseph Gatt, Emmanuel & Jessie Mifsud; Jay-Ar Montoya; Saviour Anastasi, Eusebio Darmanin & Joseph Peel; Maria Pham Thi Noi, Dominic Hoang Quoc Hung; George Muscat; Carmen Portelli;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; Elivio Panozzo, Joseph Vella; Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto; Gwendoline & Prudence Fraser; Rosemary Davis; Brittany Forte;

Readings

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

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

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

Next Week: First Reading: [Sirach 27:30 - 28:7](#)

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

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

A Financial Snapshot

January - June 2026

The Finance Committee is pleased to announce the 2026 biannual finance report. This report details our financial position as at the end of June and, going forward, we plan to make our next report in February 2027.

You will notice that in the first 6 months of this year, our Total Income of \$231,404 was strongly supported by Active Giving, with Investment Income providing an additional support to our overall income. Active Giving includes Thanksgiving Offerings of approximately \$142,000, Collections of approximately \$50,000 and Donations of approximately \$3,000.

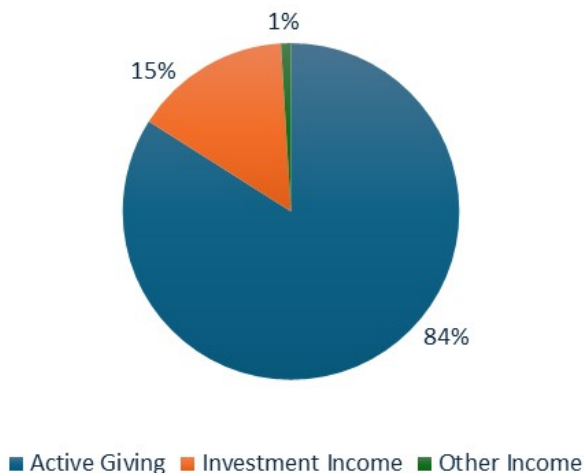
Our total expenses came to \$203,002. The largest individual expense category was Salaries at \$66,234 (33% of total expenses) and second was Other Expenses at \$51,863 (26% of total expenses).

Overall, this reflects your generous commitment to our parish, which brings about the positive financial position we're in, and we would like to thank you. We hope the next 6 months will be as fruitful as the last 6 months.

Income

Income Item	\$ Amount
Active Giving	\$194,337
Investment Income	\$34,848
Other Income	\$2,219
Total	\$231,404

**Income
Jan-Jun 2026**



Expenses

Expense Item	\$ Amount
Salaries	\$66,234
Mission Expenses	\$14,659
Utilities	\$8,117
Repairs & Maintenance	\$8,141
Insurance	\$22,501
Archdiocesan Levies	\$31,487
Other Expenses	\$51,863
Total	\$203,002

**Expenses
Jan-Jun 2026**

