



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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 11th October 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

No duty is too little to be done well.

Mary MacKillop - 26 April 1873.



Fr Linh's Return

We welcome home Fr Linh who has been away on holidays over the last few weeks. He will enjoy catching up with you all and sharing with us some of his travel experiences.

Young Adults Group

All Young Adults welcome

18 - 30 years

COME AND VIEW

Sunday 18 October

12:30pm

Lunch and Drinks Provided

RSVP using QR code



Parish Census Is Here !!

We are conducting a Parish Census over the following three weeks. Census cards will be available to be filled in by all over the next 3 weeks in both churches. All parishioners will need to fill in these cards on the spot or take home with them and return the following week. This will enable us to update our data base and identify new and current parishioners.

Update on Garden

Due to the inclement weather that was forecasted for last weekend we abandoned our plans to finish off the mulching etc. The working bee has been changed to this Saturday 10 October at 10am until 12noon. If you have any time available it would be greatly appreciated if you could join us.

Leave for Fr Hoang

Fr Hoang will be on leave from 11 - 19 October inclusive. We wish him a great time away and a safe return.

Men's Group Meeting - Friday 9 Oct

Men's Group Meeting will be on Friday 9 October at the Parish House starting at 6pm. New attendees register by contacting the Parish Office.

Fr Linh's Collection

Any further envelopes with contributions to Fr Linh's anniversary may be given to the Sacristans or left on the plate that comes around.

Congratulations to Keilor Downs Parish

We are pleased to announce that Archbishop Peter Commensoli has appointed Rev Fr Peter - Damien McKinley as the new Parish priest of St Mary of the Assumption Parish, Keilor Downs commencing 25 November 2026. He will be supported in his transition within this role by Rev Vinh Hoang Do.

Catholic Synod

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is holding its local Synod Assembly from December 4-6 2026 following its formal gathering by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli on March 8, 2026. The purpose is to prayerfully discern pastoral care, governance and faith matters to shape the Archbishop's future evangelical priorities.



World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Information Sessions

World Youth Day 2027 will take place in Seoul, South Korea from August 3 to August 8 2027.

We invite you to one of our information sessions where we will unpack the three pilgrimage options (direct to Seoul, via Incheon, via Japan) along with costs, what to expect, past pilgrim stories and an opportunity to ask questions.

Friday 9 October 2026 7pm - 9pm

St Catherine of Siena Church Caroline Springs and
Wednesday 4 November 2026 7pm - 9pm St
Christopher's Church Syndal

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 6-8th, 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

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.



Sacred Heart Car Park Exit

To help ensure a safe and smooth flow of traffic as we welcome the additional 12pm Vietnamese Mass starting on Sunday 23 August, please TURN LEFT ONLY when leaving the church car park after the 10.30am Mass. This will help keep traffic flowing safely for those leaving the car park and those arriving for the 12pm Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

Getting the Bulletin online

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.melbocatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj6oAAD&req=subscribe>

Sacraments

Baptisms - We welcomed Isla Elizabeth Douglas, Audrey Ann Lenon, Matilda Gabriella Zarosinski, and Angelo Joseph Fenech into the Parish last weekend.

Funerals - none scheduled

We Remember in our Prayers

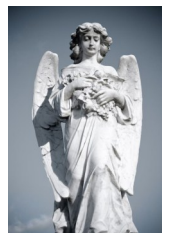
Recent Deaths - Timothy Gomez; Magdalene Carmen Harding;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Sacred Heart -

Michael & Josephine Piacentini; Joe Xuereb; Emmanuel & Frank Grech; Valentina C. Jarito; Joelle Meyepa, Judith Osee; Emanuel Sapienza Fenech, Joseph Maria Orsini, Cecilia Frank Cordina; Paul Aquilina, Bonello Family, Pauline & Joseph Aquilina; Joe Cutajar, Leli Bugeja, John & Jessie Ellul; Jossett Vella, Charlie Camilleri, Emma Borg; Damien & Carmen Cauchi, Daniella Zahra, Rita & Joseph Muscat; Wayne Rebeiro, Ronald Guest; Sheila & Bennet Excompare; Mary Gicominato, Ray DeGabrielle, Lucy DeGabrielle; Fr John Daly, Fr John O'Reilly; Bridget, Rudolph Mitchell; Timothy Gomez; Teodoro Raco; Ferdinan Debono; All Souls;

Anniversaries / Remembrances for Emmaus -

Aaron D'Souza; Arthur, Rita, Gary, Carl, Keith, Duddley & Marina Moss; Irene D'Souza; Peter & Clara Parnis; Vilma Aruliah; John Baracho, Joel Baracho, Yvonne Diniz; Rosemary Davis; Brittany Forte; Vernon Browne; Philip; Mervyn Dique;



Liturgy Rosters

11th Oct 2026

Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Budi	Sianto
Prayers of the faithful	Fran	Thorn
Communion - 1	Claire	Tanner
Communion - 2	John	Tonna
Communion - 3	Stella	Tonna
Sacred Heart 7:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Rosemarie	Slater
Prayers of the faithful	Anthony	Anastasi
Communion - 1	Veronica	Excompare
Communion - 2	Richard	Micallef
Communion - 3	Carmela	Castillo
Sacred Heart 10:30am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Shona	Aniseto
Prayers of the faithful	Kristine	Dionsio
Communion - 1	Josephine	Borg
Communion - 2	Maria	Mizzi
Communion - 3	Leanne	Turcic
Emmaus 6:30pm Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Bob	Mears
Prayers of the faithful	Sabrina	Gonsalves
Communion - 1	Jan	Szostak
Communion - 2	Fabian	Cesar
Communion - 3	Hana Gloria	Wainshtein
Emmaus 9:00am Mass	Name	Surname
Reader of the Word	Anna	Due
Prayers of the faithful	Maree	Connell
Communion - 1	Mary	Caruana
Communion - 2	Anna	Due
Communion - 3	Veena	Moraes

Readings

This Week: First Reading: [Isaiah 25:6-10](#)

Second Reading: [Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

Next Week: First Reading: [Isaiah 45:1.4-6](#)

Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 22:15-21](#)