

SACRED HEART/ EMMAUS PARISH

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PARISH UPDATE 85

*"COVID restrictions now allow our churches to be open for 75 people for Mass, everyone to be 'fully vaccinated'. As well, there is an extra Mass with those of 'unknown vaccination status', limited to 30 participants. Bookings are essential - see below for full details".
See an attachment for information for accessing Mass on TV and online."*

Greetings, everyone!

What a great holiday the Melbourne Cup weekend was this year! Out and about, and in fantastic weather!

And then yesterday's news that Cleo Smith had been found 'alive and well'!

And now into the second last month of the year!

The November custom of remembering in our prayer those who have died draws us into the centre of our faith: that Jesus models life for us. We mean this in two ways. As in last weekend's Gospel Reading, he teaches and models that we are to 'love God with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength; and love our neighbour as ourselves'. And in his passing through his death into the New Life of Resurrection he models for us our 'passing over' to New Life which our own death will open for us and all whom we mourn at their death.

Our November prayer is full of trust and hope and thanksgiving. The ghoulish Halloween promotions have really cut across the way we understand this passage from life-here-as-we-know-it through death to the New Life of Resurrection in the Lord!

This doesn't make death altogether easy to handle, though, does it? With this letter there is an attachment with some writers' reflections. This may be helpful in your November prayer, always underpinned by the truth proclaimed in our faith, that 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Jesus!' (Romans 8:39). Perhaps reflecting and praying with these may help to build faith, hope and trust, and ease anxiety.

With next week's Letter, I'll include that parable about 'the twins in the womb': many people have asked for copies of it when I've referred to it at other times.

This week we may have come to a further understanding of Jesus' naming 'love your neighbour as yourself' as part of the greatest commandment. Behind the headlines of 'who said what to whom' at the Glasgow Climate Change Conference, there have been real efforts to identify that we are all neighbours with one another, and together we are neighbours to the earth. No longer may we think of 'neighbour' referring only to the people down the street. For a long time now we have experienced that we really are 'global' people. How many of us have family and friends living all over the world! How many of us have come to live here from other parts of the world! How much business has reference points and partners all over the world! How much of what we wear and use and eat and drink and listen to and watch is sourced from other countries! We are neighbours to one another, and together we are 'neighbours' with the earth: 'love your neighbour as you love yourself'!

Another attachment with this Letter indicates an activity around this from CRC Melton.

Our churches re-opened for Masses last weekend with restricted numbers. It is by no means a satisfactory solution: hopefully it is the beginning of further easing of restrictions.

The schedule for our Masses weekend (6/7 November) is:

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The schedule for our Masses weekend (6/7 November) is:

- SACRED HEART:
 - 5pm Saturday (fully vaccinated)
 - 6.30pm Saturday (vaccination unknown)
 - 7.30am Sunday (fully vaccinated)
 - 10.30am Sunday (fully vaccinated)

- EMMAUS:
 - 6.30pm Saturday (fully vaccinated)
 - 9.00am Sunday (fully vaccinated)

Bookings are essential for all Masses in order to keep within the limits that are placed on us:

For Mass at Emmaus

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNWQR>

For Mass at Sacred Heart

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMKXC>

Weekday Mass has re-commenced in Sacred Heart church at 7.30 (Tuesday-Friday) and 9.00am on Saturday. Bookings are not required for these Masses – all other restrictions apply.

Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation re-commences at 10.30am on Saturdays at Sacred Heart church.

See below for the full list of requirements and restrictions:

- Booking for all Masses is essential: see below for details
- We will have a Mass which allows for 'unknown vaccination status' to come: that will be an extra Mass at 6.30pm on Saturday at Sacred Heart – limited to 30 people
- All other Masses require 'full vaccination' for all participants, which you indicate in the foyer – limited to 75 people with all 16 years old and older to be fully vaccinated (i.e. double)
- Evidence of 'fully vaccinated' is to be presented at the entrance of the church. A paper copy is acceptable and will be recorded.
- QR or manual recording of each person present is required.
- Face masks are to be worn indoors.
- Hand sanitising is to be done at the entrance.
- Social distancing (1 person per 4sq.metres) is required, except for people who live in the same household.

Blessings amongst us, as always. Look for parts of life for which we can be thankful.

To our Year 12 young people now in the midst of exams, to our Year 11s beginning exams, and to all: prayers and best wishes!

As we prayed in last weekend's Masses: *We pray for our young people who have commenced major exams. Bless them with the ability to live up to their potential during these days: LORD, HEAR US:*

Maurie Cooney
(Parish Priest)

*With this letter come 4 attachments: #Reflections on dying # Climate Change
Ministry recruitment # Mass Schedule and Accessing Mass on TV and online.*

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Parish of Sacred Heart/Emmaus

St Albans & Sydenham



Pray—Work—Share
Together

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH

“I would like to participate in the Ministry of our Parish”

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING

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CHILD SAFETY POLICY

Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. The Parish takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and upholds that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

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September 2021

Safeguarding Sunday –September 12, 2021

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Safeguarding and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

A significant impact of COVID lockdowns for the Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish has been that we have had to limit severely all our Ministry activity.

When restrictions begin to ease we will be in a position to reassemble our various ministry groups. That will be the opportunity to re-engage with our community in those well-established 'tried and true' ways, to re-form our groups and invite new participation, and to offer 'formation for ministry' as a refresher or an introduction.

To get ready for that, there are some administrative details that we can prepare. It is the policy of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne that *everyone* in *every* Ministry within each Parish must hold a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC).

I invite all who have previously been involved in Ministry and also those who wish to participate for the first time to build up this aspect of our Parish's life again! There is a list of our Ministry areas on the next page.

To ensure that all involved in Ministries have complied with the requirement for holding a Working With Children Card, please complete the information on the attached form and send it to the Parish Office: this will indicate your choice for participation in Ministry.

If you have a WWCC already, include a copy of that.

If you do not have a WWCC, the procedures for acquiring one are on a following page. When a Card is sent to you, forward a copy to the Parish Office.

Maurie Cooney
(Parish Priest)

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PARISH MINISTRY GROUPS - SACRED HEART/EMMAUS **recommencing post-COVID 2021/2**

SACRED HEART AND EMMAUS AND CANA

BAPTISM PREPARATION

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

COMMUNION TO AGED CARE/NURSING HOMES

COMMUNION TO PRIVATE HOMES

FAIR COMMITTEE

PARISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PARISH SCHOOLS ADVISORY COUNCILS

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS - Public Schools

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (participating in the Keilor Downs Conference)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP (St Albans)

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PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE WHEN COMPLETED

“I would like to participate in the Ministry of our Parish”:

Please complete in Capital letters

Area/s of Ministry interested in:	
Name:	
Address:	

SACRED HEART

ALTAR SERVERS
ALTAR LINEN WASHING
CHURCH CLEANING
CHURCH MAINTENANCE
COLLECTORS AT MASS
DIGITAL PROJECTOR Operator
MUSIC AND SINGING in LITURGY
PRAYER GROUPS
READER OF THE WORD OF GOD at
Masses
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
at Mass

EMMAUS

ALTAR SERVER GOWN Washing
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Telephone Number:			
Email:			
Are you over 18 years old <i>If YES please complete the questions below</i>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Do you have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) card	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<i>If YES, have you provided a copy of your WWCC to the Parish.</i>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<p><i>It is essential that the Parish has a copy of your WWCC for your participation in Ministry. You can scan and email a copy of your WWCC card to stalbans.safeguarding@cam.org.au, or bring it/post it to the Parish Office.</i></p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>If NO (you do not have a Working With Children Card), see next page for the process for completing and submitting a WWCC application: You can apply only online at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. There is no cost associated with Working With Children application for volunteers.</i></p> <p>If you are unsure of the procedure please contact the Parish Office on 9366 2146 for assistance.</p>			

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To apply for a Working With Children Check

The Working With Children Check application form is available ***only online*** at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Outlined there is the process that needs to be followed.
In the application, identify yourself as 'volunteer': there is no cost associated with an application as 'volunteer'.

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When you receive back your Working With Children Check, it is essential that you lodge a copy with the Parish Office:

- Email a copy to, stalbans.safeguarding@cam.org.au

OR

- Drop a copy at the Parish Office or into the letterbox at Sacred Heart, St Albans

OR

- AustraliaPost to the Parish Office.