

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A - 21st & 22nd December, 2019

MASS TIMES

<u>St Paul's</u>	
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Saturday	5:00 pm (Latin)
	6:30 pm
Sunday	8:00am (Maltese)
	10:00am
<u>Reconciliation</u>	
Saturday	6:00pm
<u>St Mary MacKillop</u>	
Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	9.30am
7.00pm—8.00pm	Holy Hour
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	5.00pm
Sunday	9:00am
	11:00am
	5:30pm
<u>Reconciliation</u>	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm



In this week's Gospel we are told of the actions of Joseph's subsequent dream he had in which an Angel of the Lord appeared to him and told him what was required of him.

Joseph is faced with a difficult choice: his betrothed is pregnant and Israelite law stipulates that he have her stoned. The Angel in the dream reveals to him God's judgement: to take Mary as his wife.

Why did Joseph believe the dream? Clearly, Joseph was a compassionate person seeking only to do what is right. Surely, this is the message for mankind today as it was in the past.

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalms 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

2nd Reading:

Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 1:18-24

Before Communion:

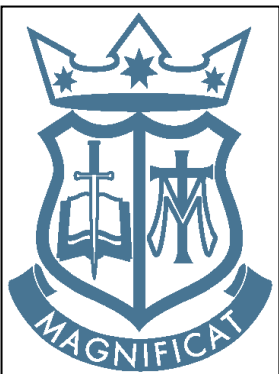
Lord, may the power of the Spirit, which sanctified Mary the mother of your Son, make holy the gifts we place upon this altar.

Communion Antiphon:

The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

After Communion:

Lord, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation; as Christmas draws near make us grow in faith and love to celebrate the coming of Christ our Saviour, who is Lord for ever and ever.

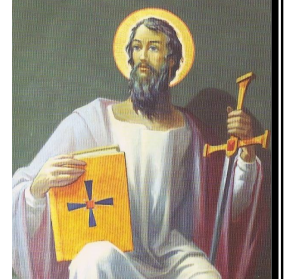


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

*'God will protect
and work with us.'*

ST. PAUL

*'Jesus Christ, a
descendant of David,
is the Son of God.'*



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**St Francis of Assisi Mill Park
PILGRIMAGE**
Footsteps of St Paul Oct 21 - Nov 9 2020

Dear Parishioners,
you are welcome to join the parishioners from Mill Park on a pilgrimage walking in the footsteps of St Paul.

Total estimated price for Greece, Malta, and Italy:
Price per person based on 25 - 29 full paying passengers:
\$7,590.
Price per person based on 30 - 34 full paying passengers:
\$7,490.

Optional room supplement: \$1,375.
Optional Santorini shore excursion: \$110 per person
Supplement for outside cabin on cruise: \$300 per person
twin share or \$460 per person single supplement.

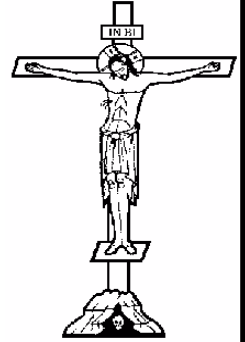
Contact Elio on 0449193511 or Chiara on
0439612694.

A warm invitation is extended to any parishioners who would like to join St Mary MacKillop Choir in celebrating Christmas in song. There will be 5 Christmas Services - Christmas Eve- 5pm and 8pm, Midnight (carols at 11.30pm), Christmas Day-9am and 11am. Final rehearsal will be held on Monday, 23rd of December (7pm start).

In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Varini Massylamani,
Therese Sulyok.



Anniversaries:

George Pecchiar, Franco Delizzotti,
Michael Mifsud, Margret Azzopardi,
Paul Mifsud, Giovanni Stillitano,
Beryl Morris, Pauline Adams,
Jim Bolger, Lilly Buhagiar,
Charles & Doris Mamo, Pauline Adams,
Charles Spiteri, Arsie & Andy Verastigue,
Vincenzo & Salvatore Scamporlino, Salvatore & Vincenza Pirruccell, Antonino & Carmela Rossitto,
Antonio Lentini, Marcus Miral, John & Leticia Wanigaratue,
James Bastian, Giovanna Sammut, Carmen Xerri,
Antonio Caputo, Ivan Perisa, Jackov Barac, Mila Drinjak,
Nina & Toni Tanti, Edvard Hrvatin.

We pray for all those who are sick, especially Cathine and Britney.

Christmas Mass Timetable 2019

Tuesday, 24th December – Christmas Eve

5.00 pm St Mary MacKillop Church
6.30 pm St Paul's Church
8.00 pm St Mary MacKillop Church
9.00 pm St Paul's Church

12 Midnight St Mary MacKillop Church (Carols at 11.30 pm)

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

8.00 am St Paul's Church (Maltese)
9.00 am St Mary MacKillop Church
10.00 am St Paul's Church
11.00 am St Mary MacKillop Church

There will be NO evening Mass on Christmas Day

Wednesday 1st January, 2020 – New Year's Day

9.30 am St Paul's Church
11.00 am St Mary MacKillop Church

Christmas Confession Times

Monday 23rd December

7 pm - 8 pm St Mary MacKillop Church

Tuesday 24th December

11 am - 12 Noon St Paul's Church



CHOIR PRACTICE

Christmas Choir Practice - Christmas rehearsal will be on Monday 23rd December commencing 7pm at St. Mary MacKillop Church.



CLEANERS REQUIRED

Cleaners for St Mary MacKillop Church **urgently needed**. If you are available for approximately 1 hour on a Friday morning (after Mass) to assist with the cleaning of the church, please contact the Parish Office on 9364 0440. Cleaners will be on a rostered basis. Light cleaning i.e. dusting, vacuuming and mopping/buffing only.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group at St Paul's Church

Samoan Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Every Sunday 12pm-4pm. Also English Divine Mercy Prayer Group on every 4th Sunday of the month From 2.30pm - 4.00pm (includes Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet, Rosary, Praise and Worship followed by Fellowship). Please call Deacon David on 0451240713 (Samoan Service Enquiries), Rita D'Souza (0435956226) and Angela D'Souza (0413605420) (for English Service 4th Sunday's).

PARISH CHOIRS

Parishioners are invited to join the Choirs at all masses to praise the Lord in song. If you would like to be involved in this vital Ministry, please contact :-
St Mary MacKillop Choir: Rosanna 0425 751 230

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

EVERY TUESDAY 7:00pm—8:00pm
St Mary MacKillop Church

"Will you not stay with me one hour with me?"



PRAYER GROUPS

MONDAY MORNING

Following 9.30am Mass
10am Fellowship
10.30am - 11.30am Devotions

Join us in praying the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** 10am—10.30am

WEDNESDAY EVENING

ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The group extend their warm Christmas greetings full of love, peace and joy to you and your families and may our Lord pour out his blessings throughout the New year! We have concluded for the year and will resume 5th February 2020.

For more information
Doris 9367 4126

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Samoan Divine Mercy Prayer Group - at St Pauls Church every Sunday at 12pm—4pm.
Info: Deacon David 0451240713

WEDNESDAY EVENING

ST. MARY MACKILLOP EVENING PRAYER GROUP

We are taking a break during the Christmas season. We will recommence on Wednesday, 5th February, at 7.30pm. We wish all our members a Blessed Christmas and an equally Blessed New Year!

Enquiries:
Christina 0431 955 975

THURSDAY MORNING

ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PRAYER GROUP 10.30am - 12pm

Come and join us in Praising our Lord. Hearing the Word of God and praying. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

(except School Holidays)
Meet in the St Mary MacKillop Church, Crying Room.

Enquiries: Teresa 0411 233 625

LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room
All Welcome!

ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 28TH & 29TH DEC

SAT 28TH DECEMBER 6.30PM
R Maurice Hammett
Special Ministers
Q. Diaz.

SUN 29TH DECEMBER 10AM
R Lidia Davies
Special Ministers
M. Osa, M. Zahra.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO.

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 28TH & 29TH DEC

SAT 28TH DECEMBER 5PM
R Marietta Dykum
Special Ministers
Michael Vytilingam,
Hank Bader, Joe Camilleri.

SUN 29TH DECEMBER 9AM
R Joe Falvo
Special Ministers
Wayne Harrison, Mickie Cavka,
Hilda D'Souza.

SUN 29TH DECEMBER 11AM
R Tara Sciberras
Special Ministers
Jade Ngo, Marisa Barberi,
Carmen LaBruna.

SUN 29TH DEC 5.30PM
R Marisa Gauci
Special Ministers
Frank Lee, Marisa Gauci,
Kimberley D'Cruz.

Music Group Rehearsals

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
Monday 23rd December-7pm
ST PAUL'S GROUP
To be advised

Feast Days

Monday, 23rd December
St. Peter Canisius

Wednesday, 25th December
The Nativity of the Lord

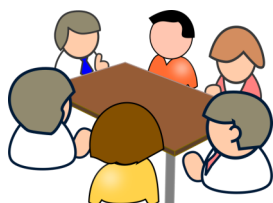
Thursday, 26th December
St. Stephen

Friday, 27th December
St. John

Saturday, 28th December
The Holy Innocents

This Week in the Parish

Monday, 23rd December
10.30am Prayer Group



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance:

Let us sing to you, O Mary, Disciple first and best.

Join our voices sing with every age that loves to call you blest,

Blessed you among all women, first in faith, in hope, in love.

Blessed you who believed in the promise from above,

Chosen Woman, through obedience untied the knot of Eve,

Holy Virgin, fruitful Mother of all who believe.

Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle! Hail His Ark! His Shrine!

Hail His Home! His Throne! His Servant! His Mother and mine!

Consecrated by the Father, before time had e'er begun,

And prepared by the Spirit to mother the Son, Spotless Ark, conceived immaculate and spared from every sin.

Full of grace, you won God's favour, enfleshed the Word within.

At the cross, a sword of sorrow would pierce your loving soul,

As your Son is opened with a lance and Blood and Water flow.

Hail Model of the Church newly created from His Side,

Called to mother Christ's children and be His holy Bride.

And His words: "Behold your mother", and "Woman see your son",

are His gift to His disciples while endless ages run.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son

His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory:

Mary, woman of the promise

Vessel of your people's dreams:

Through your open, willing spirit

Waters of God's goodness streamed.

Mary, song of holy wisdom

Sung before the world began

Faithful to the Word within you

Carried out God's wondrous plan.

Mary, morning star of justice;

mirror of the radiant Light;

In the shadows of life's journey

Be a beacon for our sight.

Mary, model of compassion;

wounded by your offspring's pain:

When our hearts are torn by sorrow,

teach us how to love again.

Communion:

Hail Mary, full of grace,

the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,

and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now

and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain:

Gentle woman, quiet light,

Morning star, so strong and bright,

Gentle mother, peaceful dove,

Teach us wisdom, teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;

You were chosen for the Son.

You were chosen from all women

And for woman, shining one. **Refrain**

Blessed are you among women.

Blest in turn all women, too.

Blessed they with peaceful spirits,

Blessed they with gentle hearts. **Refrain**

Recessional:

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:

Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

How blessed is the birth of her heavenly child,

Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

Ave, ave, ave Maria!









The Archangel Gabriel foretold by his call

The Lord of creation, and Saviour of all.

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

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