

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A - 7th & 8th December, 2019

MASS TIMES

<i>St Paul's</i>	
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Saturday	5:00 pm
	(Latin)
	6:30 pm
Sunday	8:00am
	(Maltese)
	10:00am
Reconciliation	
Saturday	6:00pm
<i>St Mary MacKillop</i>	
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
Reconciliation	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm




'The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.'

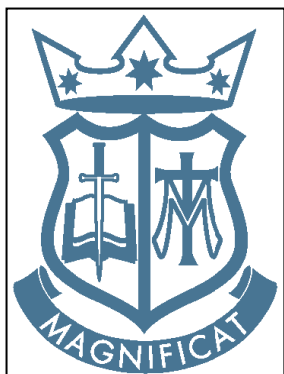
In these twelve words St. Mark sums up the initiation of the greatest event that ever occurred in our human history, an event whose culmination would not be on earth, but in heaven.

God fulfilled the plan He had for us when creation began. He raised us up to the dignity of Divine sonship, by His Son's incarnation.

St. Mark's story was, in fact, the greatest 'good news' that man has ever received on earth. It is still the greatest, the most astounding and at the same time, the most consoling news for us today.

Let us use these days of preparation for Christmas, to prepare ourselves for His second coming.

<p>Entrance Antiphon: People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!</p>	<p>Communion Antiphon: Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.</p>
<p>1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalms 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17</p>	<p>Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12</p>	<p>After Communion: Father, you give us food from heaven. By our sharing in this mystery, teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and to love the things of heaven.</p>
<p>Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</p>	<p>Before Communion: Lord, we are nothing without you. As you sustain us with your mercy, receive our prayers and offerings.</p>	
<p>2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9</p>		

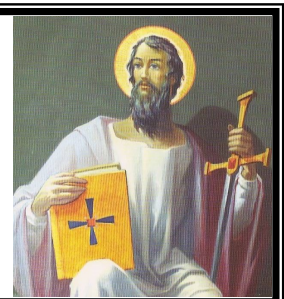


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

*'May God grant you
courage and true wisdom
in all you do and say.'*

ST. PAUL

*'Christ, the hope
of all people.'*



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CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2019

Reminder to please donate by

Thursday 12 December

The Keilor Downs Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is reminding parishioners of its annual Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Last year, thanks to opening your hearts and your wallets, we were able to provide hampers filled with Christmas treats and surprises to 66 families in need.

We are appealing for items such as non-perishable Christmas foods and drinks as well as toys for children and gifts/gift vouchers for teenagers and adults.

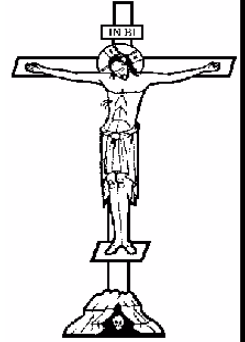
Please leave your donated goods inside the church foyer or at the parish office anytime up until **Thursday 12 December**. And please, we ask that you do not wrap anything. Also ensure that all food and drink items are not past their expiry date and that they have not been opened.

On behalf of the families who will benefit from your goodwill, we thank you for your continued support and know that together we can give them a measure of happiness, nourishment and peace this Christmas. God bless.

In Remembrance...

Anniversaries:

Armenio Diccico, Placida Lim, Angelo Teuma, Joseph Fsadni, Santo Cilmi, Giuseppe Cilmi, Marianna Cilmi, Pasquale Stella, Giuseppe Stella, Teresa Stella, Spiteri Family, Fenech Family, Jane Jordan, Patricia & Edward Delany, Alice & John Kelly, Ray & Brenda Young, John Ciantar, Mary & Charlie Zahra, John & Geswalda Borg, Lawrence Debrincat, Nicholas Attard, Angelo Rapa, Nicole Borg, John Baldaccino, Joseph Camilleri,



We pray for all those who are sick, especially Rosa.

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.

Rehearsals will be held on MONDAY, 9TH December(6.45pm start), Monday, 16th December (7pm start) and Monday, 23rd of December (7pm start).

A Christmas folder with all music and an accompanying CD will be issued at the first rehearsal to assist you with your practice. If you would like to be part of this beautiful ministry, please contact Rosanna on 0425 751 230 by the 2nd of December so that a music folder can be prepared for you. We look forward to welcoming you in celebrating this joyous celebration. Thank you.

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

Tuesday 17th December 2019

7 pm - 8 pm St Mary MacKillop Church

Wednesday 18th December

7 pm - 8 pm St Paul's Church

Thursday 19th December

7 pm - 8 pm St Mary MacKillop Church

Monday 23rd December

7 pm - 8 pm St Mary MacKillop Church

Tuesday 24th December

11 am - 12 Noon St Paul's Church



Special Collection

There will be a special collection this weekend at all Masses for the Melbourne Overseas Missions. Please give generously.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Christmas Choir Practice— First Christmas rehearsal will be on Monday 9th December commencing 6:45pm at St. Mary MacKillop Church.



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 14TH & 15TH DEC

SAT 14TH DECEMBER 6.30PM
R Marita Tobin
Special Ministers
D. Agius.

SUN 15TH DECEMBER 10AM
R Jean Falcoa
Special Ministers
S. Scerri, F. Mamo.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 1:
Ray Basile
Robert Stoppa
Mickie Cavka
James Barberi
Wanda Peplow

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 14TH & 15TH DEC

SAT 14TH DECEMBER 5PM
R Marcella Fandino
Special Ministers
Paul Xuereb, Marcella Fandino, Victor Sammut.

SUN 15TH DECEMBER 9AM
R Armando Bianco
Special Ministers
Kathy Lindsay, Armando Bianco, Hilda D'Souza.

SUN 15TH DECEMBER 11AM
R Neda Jurjevic
Special Ministers
Ray Caruana, Justin Wejak, Doris Briffa.

SUN 15TH DECEMBER 5.30PM
R Julie Cassar
Special Ministers
Frank Lee, Julie Cassar, Georgina Sant.

Music Group Rehearsals

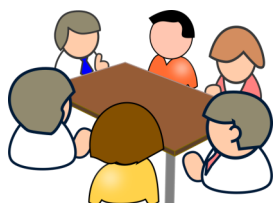
ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
Monday 9th December-6:45pm
ST PAUL'S GROUP
To be advised

Feast Days

Monday, 9th December
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, 11th December
St. Damasus
Thursday, 12th December
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday, 13th December
St. Lucy
Saturday, 14th December
St. John of the Cross

This Week in the Parish

Monday, 9th December
10.30am Prayer Group
Wednesday, 11th December
7.00pm Legion of Mary



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance:

Refrain:

Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is near.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Hurry the Lord is near.

Sound the trumpet, the Lord is near;
Hurry the Lord is near!
See he comes to save us all.
Hurry the Lord is near! **Refrain**

Earth has longed for his approach:
Hurry the Lord is near!
Straighten the road, smooth the path.
Hurry the Lord is near! **Refrain**

Go out to meet him, shout his name:
Hurry the Lord is near!
His mighty Kingdom shall never end.
Hurry the Lord is near! **Refrain**

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths
All people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Offertory:

Lord, I will bow to You
To no other God but You alone.

Lord, I will worship You
Nothing hands have made, but You alone.

Refrain:

I will lay down my idols,
Thrones I have made,
All that has taken my heart.
Lord, I will bow to You,
To no other God but You alone.

Communion:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

Holy light on earth's horizon,
hope to all the fallen bring;
light amid a world of shadows,
dawn of God's redemption sing,
chosen from eternal ages,
you alone of all our race,
by your Son's atoning merits
were conceived in perfect grace.

Mother of the world's Redeemer,
promised from the dawn of time:
how could one so highly favoured
share the guilt of Adam's crime?
Sun and moon and stars adorn you,
sinless Eve, triumphant sign;
you are she who crushed the serpent,
Mary, pledge of life divine.

Earth below and highest heaven,
praise the splendour of your state,
you who now are crowned in glory
were conceived immaculate.
Hail, beloved of the Father,
Mother of his only Son,
mystic bride of Love eternal,
hail, most fair and spotless one!







Recessional:

Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.
Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.

Make straight the road,
raise the valleys, and mountains make low.
Turning from sin, let the broken be whole,
and ready the way of the Lord. **Refrain**

As we wait for you,
give us the strength to walk in your truth,
so we may love, more like you
and ready the way for you, Lord. **Refrain**

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