

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Year A - 7th & 8th March, 2020

**MASS TIMES**

**St Paul's**  
**Wednesday** 9.30am  
**Thursday** 9.30am  
**Saturday** 5:00 pm  
(Latin)  
6:30 pm  
**Sunday** 8:00am  
(Maltese)  
10:00am  
**Reconciliation**  
**Saturday** 6:00pm

**St Mary MacKillop**  
**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



Today we learn the true goal of Lent, our own transformation into Christ.

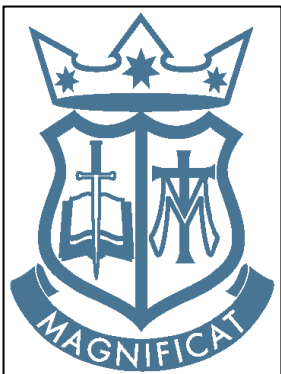
In thinking about the Transfiguration, we are accustomed to concentrate on the glorious vision of Jesus' divinity shining through his humanity and we see it primarily as a proof of his divinity.

This image not only gives us a preview of the Resurrection, but to point out to us the ultimate effect that our own Lenten life above all our ongoing conversion to Jesus, is supposed to accomplish in us. We are to be transformed more and more into him, so that his features, his love, his compassion may transfigure us.

Not knowing what the future will contain for their beloved Master and for them, the Apostles filled with apprehension are ready to go with him. They strike out into the unknown, just as Abraham did.

One of life's most necessary lessons for us is to know how to let go and let God lead us.

<p><b>Entrance Antiphon:</b> Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.</p> <p><b>1st Reading:</b> Genesis 12:1-4 Psalms 32:4-5, 18-20, 22</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.</p> <p><b>2nd Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 1:8-10</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 17:1-9</p> <p><b>Before Communion:</b> Lord, make us holy. May this eucharist take away our sins that we may be prepared to celebrate the resurrection.</p>	<p><b>Communion Antiphon:</b> This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.</p> <p><b>After Communion:</b> Lord, we give thanks for these holy mysteries which bring to us here on earth a share in the life to come, through Christ our Lord.</p>
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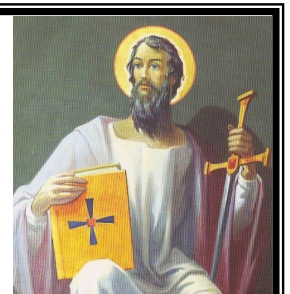


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Trust in God.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'God has saved us,  
and called us  
to be holy.'*



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## Second Sunday of Lent

8th March 2020

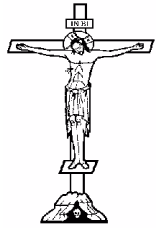


Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.** **Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## In Remembrance...

### Recently Deceased:

Frank Abela,  
Delfa Ljubicic



### Anniversaries:

Vincenzo Grillo,  
Krystyna Jaskulski,  
Ludwik Jaskulski, Pauline Agius,  
Connie Poidomani, Hebert Thomas,  
Joe Menezes, Juanita Orzales,  
Mila Semoram, Merlita Pogoy,  
Esmeralda Barrita, Juanita Orzales.

*We pray for all those in the Parish who are sick.*



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### MEETING OF ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY, KEILOR DOWNS CONFERENCE

The next meeting of the SVdP Keilor

Downs Conference is on Tuesday 10 March 2020, 7.00pm, at St Mary of the Assumption Parish Centre.

## 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

During Lent 2018, Pope Francis asked all of the Parishes in Rome to remain open for a 24 hour period during Lent. This practice has since been adopted by many Parishes around the world. This year we would like to hold it in our Parish. It will begin after morning Mass at 9.30 a.m. on and continue until 7.30 p.m. It will run over three days, commencing on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March and conclude on Wednesday, 11 March. The Programme will be as follows:

**MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - ST. MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH 9.30 A.M. MASS FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ALL DAY. BENEDICTION WILL CONCLUDE THE DAY AT 7.30 P.M.**

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - ST. MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH 9.30 A.M. MASS FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ALL DAY.**

**AT 7.30 P.M. THERE WILL BE SOLEMN EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION. A LARGE NUMBER OF PRIESTS FROM ACROSS MELBOURNE, ALONG WITH BISHOP PETER ELLIOTT WILL JOIN US.**

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - ST. PAUL'S CHURCH 9.30 A.M. MASS FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ALL DAY. BENEDICTION WILL CONCLUDE THE DAY AT 7.30 P.M.**

The first day will be dedicated to the Holy Spirit, the second to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Sorrows, and the third to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. Please make time to attend as we pray for all the needs of our Parish and Church.

## LENT - 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY  
ARE DAYS OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

*On all other Fridays, the law of the practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:*

(A) **PRAYER** - for example, Mass attendance; Family Prayer; A visit to a Church or Chapel; Reading the Bible; Making the Stations of the Cross; Praying the Rosary; or in other ways.

(B) **SELF DENIAL** - for example, Not eating meat; Not eating sweets or dessert; Giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; Limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways.

(C) **HELPING OTHERS** - example, Special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely, or over-burdened; or in other ways.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

The season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are encouraged to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves. Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February and Trinity Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

All faithful are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

## COUPLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA

West 1 Chapter cordially invites you to series of inspiring talks about living in the Christian faith.

7 Sundays starting 15 March to 3 May, 1:00pm—5:00pm.

St. Mary MacKillop Church.

This is **FREE** for everyone seeking happiness and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. With Kids Activity and afternoon tea. Come and join us with your family and friends.

All are welcome!

For more details call/text:

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## ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) there will be Adoration AT 7:00p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.



Easter Cards are now available for purchase from *Aid to the Church in Need*. Each packet contains 12 Easter cards and envelopes. **Prices:** First packet \$23 (includes postage). Extra packets \$15 each. The Easter cards feature the religious paintings of Swiss artist, Bradi Barth and include a bible verse inside. Proceeds raised go toward ACN projects that support the Church where she is unable to support herself. Order over the phone: **1800 101 201** or online: [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org).

### 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

**Wednesday, 11th March**

There will be No Meeting this week.

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

Due to personal family matters, there will be NO PRAYER GROUP for the next few weeks. We will resume on the 18th of March. The New Life in God's Spirit Seminar will CONTINUE with 2nd Session onwards on 15th of April, for those who began it with us earlier. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Enquiries:  
Christina 0431955975

### 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 MARCH

**SAT 14TH MARCH 6.30PM**  
R Greg Moore  
**Special Ministers**  
Q. Diaz.

**SUN 15TH MARCH 10AM**  
R Marie Osa  
**Special Ministers**  
S. Scerri, J. Zahra.

#### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 13TH MARCH**  
Rita Haig  
Herwin Allen  
Millie Monteiro

#### Counting Team

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

#### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 14TH & 15TH MARCH

**SAT 14TH MARCH 5PM**  
R Ginali Wickramasinghe  
**Special Ministers**  
Laurie Xerri, Marcella Fandino, Joe Camilleri.

**SUN 15TH MARCH 9AM**  
R Hilda D'Souza  
**Special Ministers**  
Kathy Lindsay, Regina Duggan, Wayne Harrison.

**SUN 15TH MARCH 11AM**  
R  
**Special Ministers**  
Teresa Taverna, Jade Ngo, Helen Sorokowski.

**SUN 15TH MARCH 5.30PM**  
R Vanessa Shaw  
**Special Ministers**  
Vanessa Shaw, Frank Lee, Keith Rodigo.

#### Music Group Rehearsals

#### This Week in the Parish ....

**ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP**  
To be advised  
**ST PAUL'S GROUP**  
To be advised

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

#### Feast Days

**Monday, 9th March**  
St. Frances of Rome

**Thursday, 12th March**  
10.30am St Mary of the Assumption Prayer Grp



# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## Entrance:

O raise your eyes on high and see  
There stands our sovereign Lord,  
His glory is this day revealed,  
His Word a two-edged sword.

We glimpse the splendour and the power  
Of him who conquered death,  
The Christ in whom the universe  
Knows God's creating breath.

Of every creed and nation King  
In him all strife is stilled;  
The promise made to Abraham  
In him has been fulfilled.

The prophets stand and with great joy  
Give witness as they gaze;  
The Father with a sign has sealed  
Our trust, our hope, our praise.

## Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us  
As we place our trust in you.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

## Offertory:

How amazing is your love,  
How unmeasured, rich and free;  
For you took my hand and walked to Calvary.  
On the Cross you took my place,  
Sin undone by death and grace.  
Your amazing love gave life eternally.

Sun, moon and stars and all creation cannot tell,

Angelic hosts can never understand  
The joy that we who are redeemed,  
Who take the Saviour's hand,  
The joy we have in your amazing love.

(Repeat all)

...amazing love, amazing love, amazing love.

## Communion:

Before the world began  
You were on His mind  
And every tear you cry  
Is precious in His eyes

Because of His great love  
He gave His only Son  
Everything was done  
So you would come

Nothing you can do  
Could make Him love you more  
And nothing that you've done  
Could make Him close the door  
Because of His great love  
He gave His only Son  
Everything was done  
So you would come

## Refrain:

Come to the Father  
Though your gift is small  
Broken hearts, broken lives  
He will take them all  
The power of the Word  
The power of His blood  
Everything was done  
So you would come (repeat refrain)

The power of the Word,  
The power of His blood,  
Everything was done so you would come.

## Recessional:


From the depths we cry to thee,  
God of sovereign majesty!  
Hear our prayers and hymns of praise;  
Bless our Lent of forty days.

Gracious God, our hearts renew;  
strengthen us thy will to do.  
Wash us, make us pure within;  
Cleanse us from the stain of sin.

Lord, accept our Lenten fast  
And forgive our sinful past,  
that we may partake with thee  
in the Easter mystery.



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