

**St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs**



**St. Paul's
Church
Kealba**

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

St Paul's

Ash 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

Ash Wednesday 12 noon
7.30pm
Friday 9.30am

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
11:00am
5:30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 4pm—4.50pm

Year A, 25th & 26th February, 2017.



Today's Gospel comes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, and it contains a profound encouragement, as well as a call for greater faith.

It calls for us to have total trust in God, who provides for our every need. He has a wonderful plan for our lives and part of that plan includes taking care of us, even in difficult times.

We must not however, think that Jesus is forbidding us from working hard, planning and saving for the future, or even having a legitimate concern about life's demands.

Jesus is commanding us to cease being concerned about life, in a way that is sinful – to cease from worry or anxiety.

'Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy.'

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord has been my strength; he has led me into freedom. He saved me because he loves me.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 49:14-15
Psalms 61:2-3, 6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Rest in God alone, my soul.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 6:24-34

Before Communion:

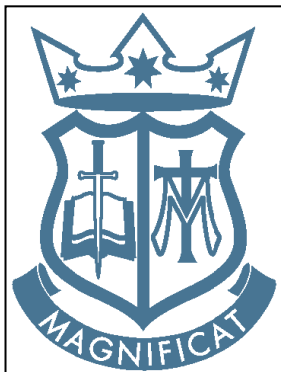
God our Creator, may this bread and wine we offer as a sign of our love and worship lead us to salvation.

Communion Antiphon:

I will sing to the Lord for his goodness to me, I will sing the name of the Lord, Most High.

After Communion:

God of salvation, may this sacrament which strengthens us here on earth bring us to eternal life.

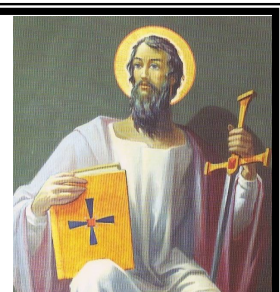


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

*'God is all powerful and
can do all things.'*

ST. PAUL

*'The Lord will bring
light to all that is
hidden in darkness.'*



Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli **In Residence:** Rev Gerard Johnson

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2017 PARISH LENT PROGRAM - THEME: UP FROM THE WATERS

This Lent, come away a while with Jesus. Journey from desert, to oasis. Thursday 2nd March, we begin with a Healing Mass, talk & Healing Session with Alan Ames at St. Mary MacKillop Church at 7pm.

Then on consecutive Thursdays from 9th March, through to 6th April, between 7.30pm-8.45pm we will meet in the open space between the classrooms behind our Parish Office.

Facilitated by Fr. Gerard, Andrew Schiberras Jr. and Tara Ciantar.

An inspiring, engaging and interactive presentation which will deepen the way we live out our baptismal call to be missionary disciples.

'The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life'. (John 4:14)

CELEBRATING THE 100TH YEAR APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA 10 - 12 March 2017

10 March 6:30 pm Welcome Celebration -
St Paul's Church

11 March 10am - 2pm - Reflection-
Message of Fatima

11 - 12 March The Pilgrim Image will be in
St Mary MacKillop

12 March 3.30pm Farewell Ceremony at
St Mary MacKillop

The International Centennial Pilgrim Image of
Our Lady of Fatima was personally blessed by
Pope Francis.

Plenary Indulgence is given to those who will
participate.

For Inquiries : SITH Sisters 0428 946 210
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MASS TIMES

9.30 a.m. St. Paul's
12 noon St. Mary MacKillop
7.30 p.m. St. Mary MacKillop

TOUCH OF HEAVEN ALAN AMES MINISTRY HOLY MASS & HEALING SERVICE

Alan's ministry has taken him to approximately 40 countries. He'll speak of his dramatic conversion from a life of alcoholism and violence to one that is now deeply prayerful and sacramental. Alan's healing ministry has resulted in hundreds of healings and conversions throughout the world. Thursday 2nd March
St. Mary MacKillop
6.30pm Holy Rosary and Prayers
7.00pm Holy Mass followed by
Alan Ames talk and individual
healing prayer.

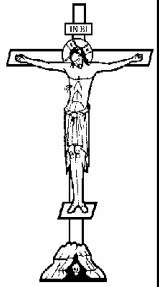
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Frank Camilleri
Doris Farugia
Domenic Hursey

Anniversaries:

Fr Peter Francis Andrade
Lawrence De Brincat
Nicholas Attard
John & Geswalda Borg
Anglo Rapa
Mirko, Stipe & Stephen Grabovac
Michael & Gemma Imbroll
Moses Galea
Michael & George Englezakis
Charles Dimech
Joseph & Sunta Muscat
Pereria Joseph Washington
Maria Venturi
Rosario Bruno
Giovanni Bruno
Ignazio Scarpa
Caterina & Domenico Defina
Doris Farrugia
Ana Kolic



*We pray for all those who are sick especially,
Pat, Peter, a lady and for a sick young man.*

CHILDREN OF MARY

When: **Friday's** during School Term

Time: **4:45-6pm**

Where: St Mary MacKillop's Parish Office Building (Opposite the Church)

All School aged children are welcome

Come and join us for...

Games
The Rosary
and different weekly activities

For more information contact Tara: 0434 636 719



LENT - 2017

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 percent must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 1st March and Trinity Sunday, 11th June 2017 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday of Lent, at St. Mary MacKillop, commencing at 7.00 p.m. there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Stations of the Cross beginning at 7.30 p.m. The hour will conclude with Benediction. Each Wednesday morning of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at the end of the 9.30 a.m. Mass at St. Paul's.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will be held on
MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY
AT 7PM
at St. Mary MacKillop Church.



DIVINE MERCY PRAISE & WORSHIP

Divine Mercy Praise and Worship at 3.00pm on Sunday 26 February at St Paul's Church. Commencing with the chaplet rosary intercession and praise and worship to the divine mercy. Prayer ministry to follow. The talk by Louiza Romanic on: **THE MIRACULOUS GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
Are you willing to be an arm of comfort? Are you ready to be the light in the darkness? We need to die to self and be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. If you do, you will be a blessing and in turn be blessed. The Miracle Within, is always there when we need Him the most. The Holy Spirit gives us boldness when we need to stand fast for the faith. Come and learn more about The Holy spirit.

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

St Paul's Choir:
Hung on: 0402 171 733

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?"



Music Group Rehearsals

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
Monday 27th February—7pm

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
To be advised

Feast Days

Wednesday, 1st March
Ash Wednesday



Saturday, 4th March
St. Casimir

This Week in the Parish

Monday, 27th February
10.30am Prayer Group

Tuesday, 28th February
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- St. Mary MacKillop
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group
- St. Paul's Church

Wednesday, 1st March
7.00pm Legion of Mary

Friday, 3rd March
4.45pm Children of Mary



PRAYER GROUPS

MONDAY MORNING

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

TUESDAY EVENING

SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP
Samoan Divine Mercy Prayer Group – at St Pauls Church every Tuesday at 7pm and the 4th Sunday of the month at 3pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday, 1st March

There will be No meeting on Ash Wednesday 1st March.

For more information
call Doris: 9367 4126

THURSDAY MORNING

ST MARY MACKILLOP MORNING 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)
Enquiries:

THURSDAY EVENING

ST MARY MACKILLOP EVENING PRAYER GROUP

Thursday, 2nd March

There will be
no Prayer Group
this week.

Enquiries: Christina
0431 955 975

LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 7.00pm in the
Parish Meeting Room
All Welcome

ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 4TH & 5TH MARCH

SAT 4TH MARCH 6.30PM
R Marita Tobin
Special Ministers
M. Long, D. Agius.

SUN 5TH MARCH 10AM
R Sharon Grass
Special Ministers
F. Mamo, C. Pirotta.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 2:
Joseph Barcellona
Marita Tobin
Mary Muscat
Fayne Colcao

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 4TH & 5TH MARCH

SAT 4TH MARCH 5PM
R Marcella Fandino
Special Ministers
Quintus Diaz, Mario Camilleri, Laurie Xerri.

SUN 5TH MARCH 9AM
R Hilda D'Souza
Special Ministers
Mim Caruso, Mickie Cavka, Armando Bianco.

SUN 5TH MARCH 11AM
R Marisa Barberi
Special Ministers
Maria DaSilva, Carmen LaBruna, Marisa Barberi.

SUN 5TH MARCH 5.30PM
R Kerry Tieppo
Special Ministers
Doris Borg, Kimberley D'Cruz, Georgina Sant.

EIGHTH SUNDAY

Entrance:

Refrain:

I will never forget you my people
I have carved you on the palm of my hand
I will never forget you
I will not leave you orphaned
I will never forget my own.

Does a mother forget her baby?
Or a woman the child within her womb?
Yet even if these forget,
Yes, even if these forget,
I will never forget my own. Refrain.

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord my soul!
Praises to our God!
Praise the Lord my soul!
Praises to our God!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord is alive
The word of God is active
It can judge our thoughts,
Bring us closer to the Father. Alleluia...

Offertory:

Do not worry, do not fear
Do not worry, Jesus is here.
Ev'ry moment, ev'ry day,
Trust in Jesus.
Don't be afraid.

Peace, perfect peace.
Never doubt or fear.
Peace, perfect peace.
Knowing Jesus is near.

Communion:

Your eye is on the sparrow
And Your hand, it comforts me
From the ends of the Earth to the depth
of my heart
Let Your mercy and strength be seen

You call me to Your purpose
As angels understand
For Your glory, may You draw me on
As Your love and grace demands.

Refrain:

And I will run to You
To Your words of truth
Not by might, not by power
But by the Spirit of God
Yes, I will run the race
'Till I see Your face
Oh let me live in the glory of Your Grace.

You call me to Your purpose
As angels understand
For Your glory, may You draw me on
As Your love and grace demands

Refrain:

And I will run to You
To Your words of truth
Not by might, not by power
But by the Spirit of God
Yes, I will run the race
'Till I see Your face
Oh let me live in the glory
Oh let me live in the glory
Oh let me live in the glory of Your grace

Recessional:







Refrain:

Glory and praise to our God,
Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
To those who trust in his ways.

We, the daughters and sons of him
Who built the valleys and plains.
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings. Refrain

In his wisdom He strengthens us
Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
Our God is there to save. Refrain

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