

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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

Year A, 6th & 7th May, 2017.



One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents Him as carrying an injured sheep on His shoulders and we do not mind being likened to sheep in this context.

We often wander off from the flock to nibble at little bits of forbidden pastures.

However we have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose love and patience are infinite.

Jesus said "I am the gate of the sheepfold."

He is the gate on that arduous path to Paradise, always ready to 'open the gate' even after we have strayed too far.

How many times have we already felt His loving grace, opening the gate and helping us back to the safety of His flock?

**Entrance Antiphon:**

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord and heavens were made, alleluia.

**1st Reading:**

Acts 2:14.36-41  
Psalms 22:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**2nd Reading:**

1 Peter 2:20-25

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

John 10:1-10

**Before Communion:**

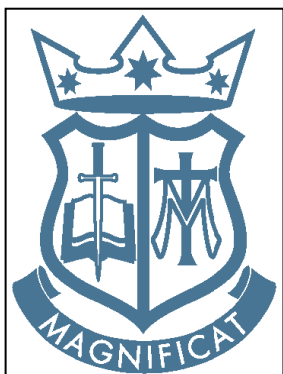
Lord, restore us by these Easter mysteries. May the continuing work of our redeemer bring us eternal joy.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen, alleluia.

**After Communion:**

Father, eternal shepherd, watch over the flock redeemed by the blood of Christ and lead us to the promised land.

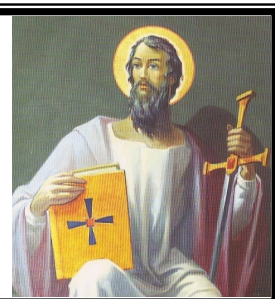


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Try always to be generous with God.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.'*



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

**Faith Development:** Ms Althea D'Souza - St Mary MacKillop, Tuesday & Wednesday,  
Mr Joseph Zahra—St Paul's

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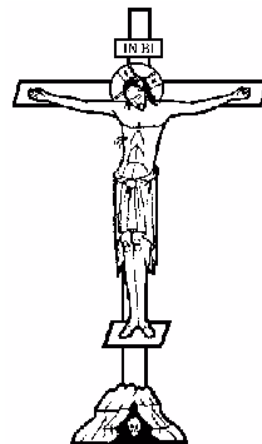
## THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is one of the largest apostolic organisations of lay people in the Catholic Church with approximately 10 million active members. Legion of Mary members have been gathering for their weekly meeting at Mary MacKillop for the last 20 years. Then during the week the members are required to do 2 hours of substantial assigned apostolic tasks with a colleague or staff member. Work includes religious education, taking Our Lady's statue home to home, door to door evangelisation, soup kitchen, taking Rosary Home residents shopping. For further information phone Juneanne 9366 7516.

## In Remembrance...

### Recently Deceased:

Nancy D'Souza,  
Ilija Jurkovic,  
Emanuel Cruz,  
Giuseppina Luzza.



### Anniversaries:

Joseph Portelli,  
Maria Xerri, Ana Kolic,  
Edmond Pereira,  
Aurelia Teodoro,  
Antonio Cinalli, Thelma  
& Clarence Gomesz,  
Carmela & Paul  
Zerafa, Frances Attard, Rose Debono, Fredrick  
Highland, Maurice & Rita Kerr, Jeffrey & Roland  
Rozario, Les Zappelli, Charles Spiteri, Leonard  
Morris, Zvonko Sestan, Massu Micallef, John &  
Geswalda Borg, Anglo Rapa, Lawrence Debrin-  
cat, Nicholas Attard, Maria Borg, Tony & Nina  
Tanti.

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

## STATUE OF OUR LADY



If any parishioners would like to have the Statue of Our Lady in their home, please contact Josephine on 9449 7106.

## NEW WEBSITE



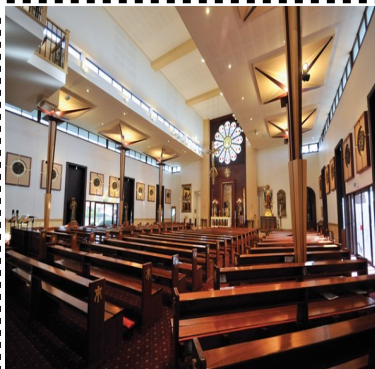
We have a brand new website.

Visit [www.stmaryoftheassumption.org.au](http://www.stmaryoftheassumption.org.au) for information about our Parish - St. Mary of the Assumption.

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome the family and friends of the following children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend:

Aleah Andronaco  
Ebony Louise Baldaccino  
Ariane Theresa Rose Caruana  
Jake Goodchild Dahl  
Henry Marshall Edwards  
Chukwunonsd Vernon Emeruwa  
Thokriel Jemma Kon  
Joseph Xavier Italiano  
Beth Ifeoma Nwagbo  
Kon Pial  
Olivia Rose Ramos  
Lorenzo Julian Spataro  
Deng Thuc



**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.

## URGENTLY REQUIRED ST MARY MACKILLOP COUNTERS, READERS & SPECIAL MINISTERS

~ We need MORE help ~

If you are available to help please contact the Parish Office on 9364 0440.  
All Counter, Readers and Special Ministers will be on a rostered basis.

## 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





## CAR PARK SAFETY

Parishioners are reminded of the need to drive with the utmost care whilst in the Car Parks, particularly, on school days when students are walking within the car parking areas on their way to

school.

The safety of the students and fellow parishioners must be given priority at all times.



## PROJECT COMPASSION

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## 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

### TUESDAY EVENING

**SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**  
Samoan Divine Mercy Prayer Group – at St Pauls Church every Monday at 7pm and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 3pm.  
Info: Deacon David 0451240713

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

**ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**  
**Wednesday, 10th May**  
Join us for a DVD Seminar "The Gift"  
Topic—**Unwrapping God's Gift**  
7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship followed by seminar & discussion. Concludes at 9pm with fellowship and supper. Prayer ministry also available.

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:  
Teresa 0411 233 625

### THURSDAY EVENING

**ST MARY MACKILLOP EVENING PRAYER GROUP**  
**Thursday, 11th May**  
7.30pm Prayer and Praise  
8.00pm Talk  
Speaker: Andrew Sciberras  
Topic: Our Lady of Fatima  
All Welcome.  
Enquiries:  
Christina 0431 955 975

### LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room  
All Welcome

### ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 6TH & 7TH MAY

**SAT 6TH MAY 6.30PM**  
R Maurice Hammett  
**Special Ministers**  
M. Long, J. Tabone.

**SUN 7TH MAY 10AM**  
R Hip Falcoa  
**Special Ministers**  
F. Mamo, J. Mamo.

### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 12TH MAY**  
Mary Formosa  
Margo Harley  
Pauline Portelli  
Mary Xuereb

### Counting Team

**COUNTING TEAM NO. 5**  
Eddie Vassallo  
Chris Kisielewski  
Val Watson  
Sally Rodrigues  
Rachel Rodrigues

### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 13TH & 14TH MAY

**SAT 13TH MAY 5PM**  
R Christine Peters  
**Special Ministers**  
Quintus Diaz, Victor Sammut, Hank Bader.

**SUN 14TH MAY 9AM**  
R June-Anne Caruana  
**Special Ministers**  
Regina Duggan, Marlene Brink, Doris Pace.

**SUN 14TH MAY 11AM**  
R Mark Royal  
**Special Ministers**  
Hilda D'Souza, Rosa Grabovac, Carmen LaBruna.

**SUN 14TH MAY 5.30PM**  
R Georgina Sant  
**Special Ministers**  
Keith Rodigo, Marcia Schwegler, Georgina Sant.

### Music Group Rehearsals

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

**ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP**  
Monday 22nd May  
**ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP**  
To be advised

### Feast Days

**Friday, 12th May**  
Ss. Nereus and Achilleus  
St. Pancras

**Saturday, 13th May**  
Our Lady of Fatima



**Monday, 8th May**  
10.30am Prayer Group  
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group - St. Paul's Church

**Tuesday, 9th May**  
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop

**Wednesday, 10th May**  
7.00pm Legion of Mary

**Thursday, 11th May**  
10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp  
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

**Friday, 12th May**  
4.45pm Children of Mary

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Entrance:

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless Babel!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain,  
then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sins curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

## Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,

Even for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Offertory:

Jesus, Jesus  
Holy and anointed one, Jesus.

Jesus, Jesus  
Risen and exalted one, Jesus.

Your name is like honey on my lips,  
Your spirit is like water to my soul.  
Your word is a lamp unto my feet,  
Jesus, I love you, I love you.

Jesus, Jesus  
Holy and anointed one, Jesus.

Jesus, Jesus  
Risen and exalted one, Jesus.

## Communion:

I love you Lord, my Shepherd King  
I shall not be in want for anything.  
In you I've found this truth profound;  
Your grace and mercy always follow me.

## Refrain:

Be exalted, O my God,  
For the greatness of your love,  
For your love that passes understanding,  
You are worthy, you are worthy,  
you are worthy over all.

I love you Lord, you're leading me  
In paths of quietness and confidence.  
In you I stand,  
Kept by your hand;  
I know forever you will be with me.

## Refrain:





## Recessional:

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus  
Christ His Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say "I am strong!"  
Let the poor say "I am rich!"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
(Repeat 2<sup>nd</sup> Part)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

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