

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year A, 27th & 28th May, 2017.



The Feast of the Ascension celebrates the physical separation of Jesus from the human story, but these words from today's Gospel "**know that I am with you always: yes, to the end of time,**" promises his continual presence.

After 3 years of living, working, and praying with Disciples, Jesus commissions them to continue his work in the world.

This is a difficult challenge for some of the disciples, who although prepared to go, still hesitate. Despite their misgivings and fragile faith, Jesus sends them out to all the nations.

We too, are sent to bring the truth of the Gospel into our daily actions and decisions, and thus give witness to the faith we profess.

We can all teach one another about Jesus by living the way that Jesus showed us to live. At the end of Mass we hear the words: '**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!**' We are sent out just as the disciples were, to **bring the good news** of God's love to all those we come in contact with.

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
Reconciliation	
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
Reconciliation	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm

Entrance Antiphon:

Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.

1st Reading:

Acts 1:1-11
Psalms 46:2-3,6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

Before Communion:

Lord, receive our offering as we celebrate the ascension of Christ your Son. May his gifts

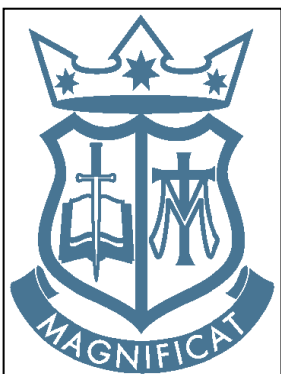
help us rise with him to the joys of heaven, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon:

I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.

After Communion:

Father, in this eucharist we touch the divine life you give to the world. Help us to follow Christ with love to eternal life where he is Lord for ever and ever.

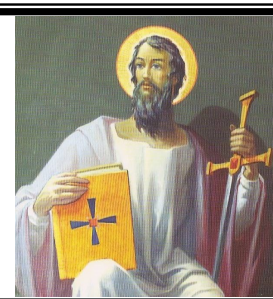


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'God expects that we love one another.'

ST. PAUL

'He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.'



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

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Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2017

Last weekend, we had Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. There was a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains.

Our dedicated Chaplains in the Youth Justice Centre at Parkville can work under extremely sad circumstances. Conducting funerals, memorial services, hospital visits and offering support at court appearances.

*"Press on! Don't let yourselves be robbed of hope.
Understood?" Pope Francis*

If you have not returned your envelope and donation you can return to the parish in the coming weeks or send it directly to the Development Office of the Archdiocese, or donate by phone on 9926 5731.

The role of the Catholic Chaplain is to walk with people as they seek out new possibilities in their lives and support them as they invite God and others to join them in this journey. They spend much of their time listening to the anxieties, fears hopes and joys of those they meet.

As one Chaplain describes it "What a privilege is the role of the Catholic Chaplain."

The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages.

If you would like further information please contact the Development Office: 9926 5731

Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- People living with HIV/AIDS.
- Seafarers

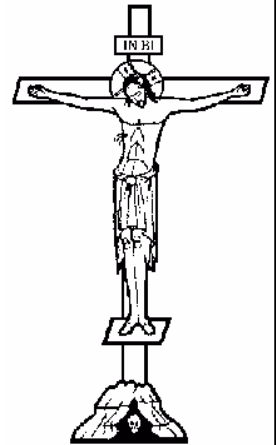
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Violet Cyrklaff

Anniversaries:

Ana Kolic,
Celestine & Teresa
D'Rozario, Dorothy
D'Souza, Violet
Hackerdon, Visitacion
Grace Murray,
Valentina Abalos,
Dominic Hursey,
Charles Sapiano,
Frances & John Grech,
Paul, Zacky, Tony, John & Carmen Pace,
Joseph Buttigieg, John & Mary Xuereb,
Gerry Attard, Guza & George Farrugia,
Eric D'Rosario, Millie Andrews, Nestor Labrador.



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

WHAT DO CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE?

Our next DVD night will be Wednesday, 7th June at 7.30pm for one hour.

Topic "Eucharist Part 1".

Speakers Dr. Ray Guarendi and Fr. Kevin Fete. **THE BEST EXPLANATION OF THE TRUE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST EVER!!!!** Don't miss this 2 part series.

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

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 new website.

Visit www.stmaryoftheassumption.org.au for information about our Parish - St. Mary of the Assumption.



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.

PENTECOST JOURNEY

The Animator of our faith, the Holy Spirit completely transformed the apostles from frightened individuals to courageous evangelists. Or as someone once said, pussy cats to lions.

On Thursday, June 1st, Fr. Gerard Johnson will give a teaching on Pentecost, 8pm in the school area behind the parish office. You too can be transformed and live the gospel life with strength from the Holy Spirit. Join us.

One hour duration.

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

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



DIVINE MERCY PRAISE & WORSHIP

Please come along bring a friend and join us for our **Divine Mercy Praise and Worship** on Sunday 28 May at St. Paul's Church at 3pm. The talk will be on—Are you Hearing from God by Louiza Romanic.

I know this may come as a shock to you, even those who have followed the Lord and heard His voice for many years, but God is actually speaking to each of us non-stop, all the time. He speaks to us in many different ways. The problem is, we are not always listening for His voice all the time.



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.



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 4th Sunday of the month at 3pm.
Info: Deacon David 0451240713

WEDNESDAY EVENING

ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
Wednesday, 31st May
Join us in celebrating a **Thanksgiving Mass** in conclusion of our DVD Seminar "The Gift".
7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship followed Mass. Concludes at 9pm with fellowship.
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, 1st June
7.30pm Prayer and Praise
8.00pm Talk
Speaker: Fr. Gerard Johnson
Topic: **PENTECOST**
Meet in school area behind parish office.
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 3RD & 4TH JUNE

SAT 3RD JUNE 6.30PM
R Marita Tobin
Special Ministers
D. Agius, J. Tabone.

SUN 4TH JUNE 10AM
R Lidia Davies
Special Ministers
F. Mamo, C. Pirotta.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 2ND JUNE
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 3RD & 4TH JUNE

SAT 3RD JUNE 5PM
R Antonia Camilleri
Special Ministers
Quintus Diaz, Victor Sammut, Joe Camilleri.

SUN 4TH JUNE 9AM
R June-Anne Caruana
Special Ministers
Joe Falvo, Regina Duggan, Marlene Brink.

SUN 4TH JUNE 11AM
R Tara Ciantar
Special Ministers
Marie Osa, Rosa Grabovac, Glen D'Souza.

SUN 4TH JUNE 5.30PM
R Anne Abeyasinghases
Special Ministers
Doris Borg, Kimberley D'Cruz, Keith Rodrigo.

Music Group Rehearsals

This Week in the Parish

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

Monday, 29th May
10.30am Prayer Group
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group - St. Paul's Church

Tuesday, 30th May
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 31st May
7.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday, 1st June
10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

Friday, 2nd June
4.45pm Children of Mary

Feast Days

Wednesday, 31st May
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, 1st June
St. Justin

Friday, 2nd June
Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

Saturday, 3rd June
St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Entrance:

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
A blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Go and teach all people my Gospel
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory:

"Go make of all disciples:"
We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from you, our Father,
In your eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning
Through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living
Reveal you ev'rywhere.

"Go make of all disciples."
Baptising in the name

Of Father, Son, and Spirit
From age to age the same.
We call each new disciple
To follow you, O Lord,
Redeeming soul and body
By water and the Word.

"Go make of all disciples."

We at your feet would stay
Until each life's vocation
Accents your holy way.
We cultivate the nature
God plants in ev'ry heart,
Revealing in our witness
The Master Teacher's art.

"Go make of all disciples."

We welcome your command;
"Lo, I am with you always."
We take your guiding hand.
The task looms large before us
We follow without fear.
In heav'n and earth your power
Shall bring God's kingdom here.

Communion:

I will give thanks to Thee
O Lord, among the peoples
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations
For Thy steadfast love is great,
Is great to the heavens
And Thy faithfulness,
Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Refrain:

Be exalted, O God
Above the heavens
Let Thy glory be over all the earth
Be exalted, O God

Above the heavens
Let Thy glory, let Thy glory
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing:
You reign now in splendour with Jesus our King.

Refrain

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,
God will you both virgin and mother to be. Refrain

To you by an angel, the Lord God made known
The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son. Refrain





Most blest of all women, you heard and believed,
Most blest in the fruit of your womb then
conceived. Refrain

Recessional:

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well;
on the earth let all your people
speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated -
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Savior, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

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