

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Year A, 24th & 25th June, 2017.



In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to us as clearly now as to his disciples 2000 years ago – he sends them out on a mission. 'Do not be afraid' Jesus says, 'of those who kill the body, for they cannot kill the soul.' We are reminded that God will never abandon us.

If we proclaim the Gospel there will be opposition and persecution. For the vast majority of us, this does not mean censorship or physical hardships. It does mean that our lives must embody the care and compassion of God. This might mean reaching out to the one who has wronged or offended us. It might mean the teenager withstanding peer pressure to do something wrong. It might mean speaking the truth in a difficult situation.

We must remember that the will of God will never lead us where the grace of God cannot keep us.

**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:**

God is the strength of his people. In him, we his chosen live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing; be our shepherd for ever.

**1st Reading:**

Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Psalms 68:8-10,14,17,33-35

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**2nd Reading:**

Romans 5:12-15

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!



**Gospel:**

Matthew 10:26-33

**Before Communion:**

Lord, receive our offering, and

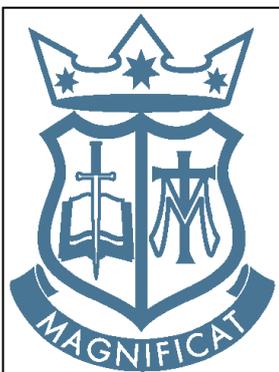
may this sacrifice of praise purify us in mind and heart and make us always eager to serve you.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them food in due season.

**After Communion:**

Lord, you give us the body and blood of your Son to renew your life within us. In your mercy, assure our redemption and bring us to the eternal life we celebrate in this eucharist.

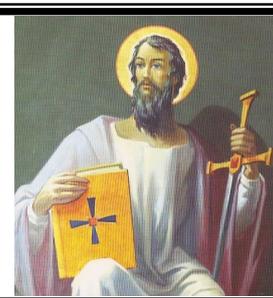


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Be happy and again I say it, thank God for your great and grand vocation.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'Do not fear those who can kill the body.'*



**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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## WHAT DO CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE?

Our next DVD session, topic "Eucharist Part 2" is on Wednesday, 5th July at 7.30pm, for one hour.

Come learn about your faith in a casual environment amongst friends. Your appreciation of the Real Presence of Jesus will deepen greatly.

We meet behind the parish office.  
Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

## ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The St Vincent De Paul Society Keilor Downs Conference needs YOUR help. We are looking for more members to help us with our work. Each month we receive over 40 calls for assistance.

If you have an hour or two to spare during the week, please contact Armando Bianco (Conference President) on 0400 255 172 or Margo Harley (Vice President) on 0425 850 824 for more information.



**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.

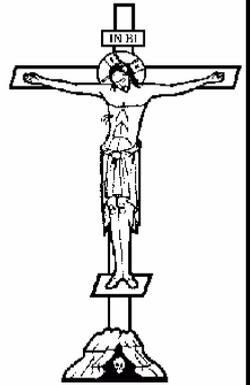
## In Remembrance...

### Recently Deceased:

Carmen Xiberras

### Anniversaries:

Sister Johanna Tuscano,  
Rosario & Concetta  
Balbuziente,  
Shirley Cain,  
Grezu & Connie Attard,  
Basilio, Agata & Miguel  
Popienia, Oman Galea,  
Paula Sammut,  
Lawrence DeBrincat, Nicholas Attard,  
John & Geswalda Borg, Angelo Rapa,  
Phyllis Donsalves, Derence & Merlyn Saldansa,  
Timothy Aghan, William Tanti, Oscar Borgonha,  
Mary Fernandez, Paul Giovanni,  
Nickolas & Charles Attard, Beryl Morris, Teresita  
Villacarlos, Susan Sia, Jane Kuta, Giuseppina  
Cangelosi, Ninuccia Stillone.



*We pray for all those who are sick especially, a little girl Chloe, Denise and Imalda.*

## 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](http://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.

## 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



## URGENTLY REQUIRED

**ST MARY MACKILLOP  
COUNTERS,  
READERS & SPECIAL MINISTERS**

*~ We need MORE help ~*

If you are available to help with these vital ministries please contact the Parish Office on 9364 0440.

All Counters, Readers and Special Ministers will be on a rostered basis.



### 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.

### DIVINE MERCY PRAISE & WORSHIP

Please come join us for our Divine Mercy Praise and Worship on Sunday 25 June 2017 at 3.00pm at St. Paul's Church. We will commence with the chaplet of the Divine Mercy followed by the rosary, intercession and praise and worship. We will also have a testimony - Come hear about a woman's journey from abandonment, to abuse, to betrayal, and how perseverance, God's mercy and grace turned her into an over comer, turned her life from sadness into joy.  
*"Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."—Psalm 45:7*

### 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, 28th June**  
 Topic: **The Seed—Recognition of the seed and how to sow it**  
 Speaker: Louiza Romanic  
 7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship followed by teaching. Concludes at 9pm with fellowship. 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, 29th June**  
 7.30pm Prayer and Praise  
 8.00pm Sunday's Gospel—Discussion  
 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 1ST & 2ND JULY

**SAT 1ST JULY 6.30PM**  
 R Marita Tobin  
**Special Ministers**  
 D. Agius, Q. Diaz.

**SUN 2ND JULY 10AM**  
 R Lidia Davies  
**Special Ministers**  
 S.Scerri, C. Pirota.

### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 30TH JUNE**  
 Rita Haig  
 Herwin Allen  
 Millie Monteiro

### Counting Team

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

### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 1ST & 2ND JULY

**SAT 1ST JULY 5PM**  
 R Joe Sammut  
**Special Ministers**  
 Quintus Diaz, Joe Camilleri, Hank Bader.

**SUN 2ND JULY 9AM**  
 R Robert Hose  
**Special Ministers**  
 Kathy Lindsay, Regina Duggan, Wayne Harrison.

**SUN 2ND JULY 11AM**  
 R Marie Osa  
**Special Ministers**  
 Marie Osa, Justin Wejak, Doris Briffa.

**SUN 2ND JULY 5.30PM**  
 R Brian Lobo  
**Special Ministers**  
 Georgina Sant, Doris Borg, Keith Rodigo.

### Music Group Rehearsals

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

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

### Feast Days

**Tuesday, 27th June**  
 St. Cyril of Alexandria  
**Wednesday, 28th June**  
 St. Irenaeus  
**Thursday, 29th June**  
 Ss. Peter and Paul  
**Friday, 30th June**  
 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

**Monday, 26th June**  
 10.30am Prayer Group  
 7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group - St. Paul's Church  
**Tuesday, 27th June**  
 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop  
**Wednesday, 28th June**  
 7.00pm Legion of Mary  
**Thursday, 29th June**  
 10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp  
 7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp  
**Friday, 30th June**  
 4.45pm Children of Mary

# TWELFTH SUNDAY

## Entrance:

You shall cross the barren desert  
But you shall not die of thirst;  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way;  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
And all will understand;  
You shall see the face of God and live!

## Chorus

Be not afraid – I go before you always,  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters,  
In the sea, you shall not drown;  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
You shall not be harmed;  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell,  
And death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all!  
**Chorus**

## Responsorial Psalm:

Keep me safe O God!  
You are my hope!

## Gospel Acclamation:

God called us into the gospel  
to share in the glory of Christ.  
Alleluia! Praises to God.  
God upholds my life.  
Alleluia! Praises to God.  
God upholds my life.

## Offertory:

God gives his people strength.  
If we believe in his way,  
He's swift to repay  
All those who bear the burden of the day.  
God gives his people strength.

God gives his people hope.  
If we but trust in his word,  
Our prayers are always heard.  
He warmly welcomes anyone who's erred.  
God gives his people hope.

God gives his people love.  
If we but open our heart,  
He's sure to do his part;  
He's always the first to make a start.  
God gives his people love.

God gives his people peace.  
When sorrow fills us to the brim,  
And courage grows dim,  
He lays to rest our restlessness in him.  
God gives his people peace.

## Communion:

I will come to you in the silence  
I will lift you from all your fear  
You will hear My voice  
I claim you as My choice  
Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless  
I am eyes for all who long to see  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light  
Come and rest in Me. **Refrain**

## Refrain:

Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame  
All the blind will see,  
the lame will all run free  
And all will know My name. **Refrain**

I am the word that leads all to freedom  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
Embracing all your pain,  
Stand up, now walk, and live! **Refrain**

## Recessional:

**Chorus:**  
Though the mountains may fall,  
And the hills turn to dust,  
Yet the love of the Lord will stand.  
As a shelter for all who will call on his name,  
Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget his love?  
Though a mother forsake her child,  
He will not abandon you. **Chorus**

Should you turn and forsake him,  
He will gently call your name.  
Should you wander away from him,  
He will always take you back. **Chorus**

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