

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**COMMEMORATION OF FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL**

Year A, 1st & 2nd July, 2017.

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St Paul's</b>	
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Saturday	5:00 pm (Latin)
	6:30 pm
Sunday	8:00am (Maltese)
	10:00am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Saturday	6:00pm
<b>St Mary MacKillop</b>	
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
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm

In the Gospel, Peter confesses Jesus as the Messiah and Jesus establishes Peter as the 'rock' upon which he would build his Church.

It is know for certain that Peter eventually went to Rome, became its first bishop and died there by being hanged upside down on a cross.

Paul was converted about 34A.D. and spent the better part of his Christian life as a missionary to Cyprus and Asia Minor. He was taken prisoner in Rome and was beheaded in the same year as Peter.



This solemnity celebrates these two great apostles. It celebrates the Church's preaching to both Jew and Gentile alike, it celebrates the faithfulness of disciples, it celebrates the establishment of the Church with Rome as its centre. Most of all this solemnity celebrates the victory of Christ that is shared with his faithful disciples.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

All nations, clap your hands.  
Shout with a voice of joy to God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.  
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:**

O, bless the Lord, my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.

**1st Reading:**

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16  
Psalms 88:2-3,16-19

**After Communion:**

Lord, may this sacrifice and communion give us a share in your life and help us bring your love to the world.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel:**

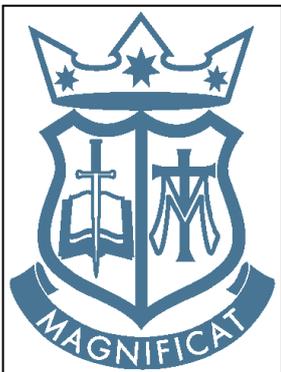
Matthew 10:37-42

**2nd Reading:**

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

**Before Communion:**

Lord God, through your sacraments you give us the power of your grace. May this eucharist help us to serve you faithfully.

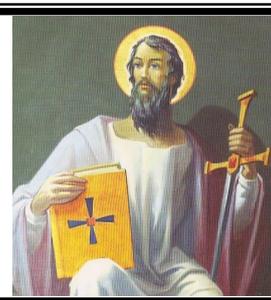


**ST. MARY MACKILLOP**

*'Let the motives of our actions be to please God alone.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.'*



**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.

## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

### *Why do we sign ourselves before the Gospel?*

The Church distinguishes between the 'large' sign of the cross (made with right hand outstretched on forehead, chest and shoulders) and the 'small' sign of the cross (made with the thumb on forehead, mouth and chest). With this latter action just prior to the reading of the Gospel, we are asking God's blessing upon our thoughts, words and desires.

Next time you make this sign, be aware that you are praying to open yourself to God's Word.

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## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

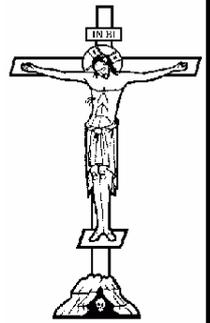
The Annual Collection for the Holy Father will be taken at all masses this weekend after Communion. This collection goes to support the charitable work of Pope Francis around the world.



## In Remembrance...

### Recently Deceased:

Emmanuel Cassar,  
Kenny Brown.



### Anniversaries:

Joseph & Josephine Portelli,  
Joseph Agius,  
John Galea,  
Gerald & Pam Grierson,  
Margret Melder,  
Josephine & George Farrugia,  
Buttigieg Family,  
Pace Family,  
Ben Adams,  
Kenneth Browne,  
Martin Dimech,  
Coreen Debattista,  
Lawrence De Brincat,  
Nicholas Attard,  
John & Geswalda Borg,  
Angelo Rapa.

*We pray for all those who are sick especially, 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.



## BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

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

James Paul Dick  
Mia Charlotte Galea  
Estela Adriana Psaila  
Indie Viney  
Lilah Viney

## 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.

### SAVE THE DATE

On 12<sup>th</sup> October at St. Paul's and 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October at St. Mary MacKillop, the Jubilee Cross for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be at both Churches. A time to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in our parish amongst all groups and all parishioners. A wonderful program is being organised, special guest speakers, prayer times, and so much more. You won't want to miss this event, it will give you a recharge of your faith batteries!

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975,  
Doris 0419 393 676.

### 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

### MONDAY 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, 5th July**  
Join us in an evening of Praising & Thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ.  
7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship & Thanksgiving.  
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**  
**Resuming**  
**Thursday, 20th July**  
The group will take a break over the school holidays, we will resume on Thursday, 20th July, 7.30pm. All VERY Welcome.  
Enquiries:  
Christina 0431 955 975

### LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room  
All Welcome

### ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 8TH & 9TH JULY

**SAT 8TH JULY 6.30PM**  
R Maurice Hammett  
**Special Ministers**  
J. Tabone, M. Long.

**SUN 9TH JULY 10AM**  
R Sharon Grass  
**Special Ministers**  
J. Mamo, C. Pirotta.

### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 7TH JULY**  
Mary Formosa  
Margo Harley  
Pauline Portelli  
Mary Xuereb

### Counting Team

**COUNTING TEAM NO. 6:**  
Zbig Piorkowski  
Lionel Nicholas  
Irene Kietner  
Yolanda Harris  
Rani Ramanathanpulle  
Kimberley Stapleton

### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 8TH & 9TH JULY

**SAT 8TH JULY 5PM**  
R Marcella Fandino  
**Special Ministers**  
Quintus Diaz, Mario Camilleri, Marcella Fandino.

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

**SUN 9TH JULY 11AM**  
R Mark Royal  
**Special Ministers**  
Carmen LaBruna, Maria DaSilva, Teresa Taverna.

**SUN 9TH JULY 5.30PM**  
R Kerry Tieppo  
**Special Ministers**  
Georgina Sant, Doris Borg, Kimberley D'Cruz.

### 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

**Monday, 3rd July**  
St. Thomas  
**Tuesday, 4th July**  
St. Elizabeth of Portugal  
**Wednesday, 5th July**  
St. Anthony Zaccaria  
**Thursday, 6th July**  
St. Maria Goretti  
**Friday, 7th July**  
Blessed Peter To Rot

**Monday, 3rd July**  
10.30am Prayer Group  
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group - St. Paul's Church  
**Tuesday, 4th July**  
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop  
**Wednesday, 5th July**  
7.00pm Legion of Mary



# SS. PETER & PAUL

**Entrance:**

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

**Refrain:**

We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly,  
We are called to serve one another;  
To walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!

**Refrain**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Forever I will sing,  
forever with you  
of the goodness and beauty of our God,  
forever I will sing!

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
“Even if you have to die,  
close to my word keep faithful;  
for your faithfulness  
I will give you the crown of life” Alleluia...

**Offertory:**

Will you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are travellers on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you  
In the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you.  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
'Til we've seen this journey through.

**Communion:**

**Refrain:**  
Unless a grain of wheat shall fall  
Upon the ground and die,  
It remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him then we shall live  
with him;  
If we hold firm we shall reign with him. **Refrain**

If anyone serves me then they must follow me;  
Wherever I am my servants will be. **Refrain**

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;  
Those who remain in me bear much fruit.  
**Refrain**

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;  
Then you will be my disciples. **Refrain**

Those who love me are loved by my Father;  
We shall be with them and dwell in them.

**Refrain**

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;  
Peace which the world cannot give is my gift.

**Refrain**

**Recessional:**

Lord, you give the great commission:  
“Heal the sick and preach the word”  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
And the Gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose  
With renewed integrity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:  
“In your name baptize and teach”  
That the world may trust your promise,  
Life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervour, draw us  
Closer in community:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:  
“This my body, this my blood”  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
Daily lift life heaven-ward,  
Asking that the world around us  
Share your children's liberty;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

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