

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



Year A, 15th & 16th July, 2017.

In today's Gospel, Christ's description of His audience, that day in Galilee, is unfortunately as true today as it was then.

Christ's message of salvation has been preached to a great part of the world's population, but the proportion of those who accept it and live up to it, is about the same today, as it was then.

Each one of us can look into our own conscience today and discover what class we belong to.

Are we the seed that fell on the rocky soil?
Are we the seed that fell amongst the thorns?
Or are we the seed that fell on the rich soil, and produced a large harvest?

Entrance Antiphon:

In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord; when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalms 64:10-14

Responsorial Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 13:1-23

Before Communion:

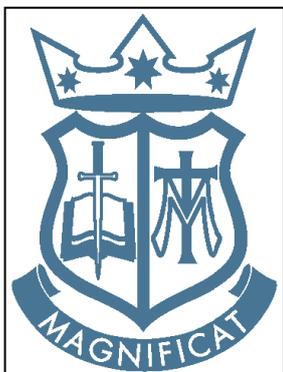
Lord, accept the gifts of your Church. May this eucharist help us grow in holiness and faith.

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

After Communion:

Lord, by our sharing in the mystery of this eucharist, let your saving love grow within us.

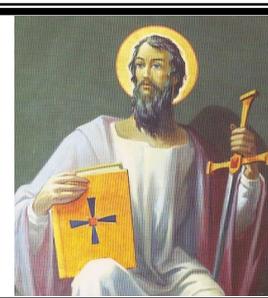


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

*'Thank God for the way
God protected me
through all.'*

ST. PAUL

*'All creation is waiting
for the revelation of
the children of God.'*



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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Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to assist build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations. Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the requests of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there.



If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can join a **13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience** starting on **September 24th**. The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. Check out www.palms.org.au/encounters. You can also call Roger during business hours on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au.

WHAT DO CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE?

DVD NIGHTS

Do you struggle to explain our faith to those who challenge you sometimes?

This DVD series we hold once a month equips us with these answers.

Our next one will be on Wednesday, August 9th, 7.30pm sharp start.

We meet at St. Mary MacKillop, 152 Odessa Ave, Keilor Downs, in the school area behind the parish office. Next topic is: **Baptism**.

What Baptism really is, and what it really does. All VERY Welcome.

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

SPIRIT OF SURPRISES

Our friends in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal offered to pray over us! Well it wasn't really our style at all, but my wife and I didn't want to offend these good people, so we dutifully allowed them to lay hands on us and call upon the Holy Spirit to fill our lives. As I expected, 'nothing happened'. We thanked them and got on with life as usual—or so we thought. Within a month my wife and I had surprised ourselves by volunteering for a significant leadership role in our parish; something we would normally **never** have done and a decision which, over the years, has changed our lives considerably. From being 'passive' Catholics we have become increasingly 'active'. Perhaps that prayer to the Holy Spirit had something to do with it...? (Gary)

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STATUE OF OUR LADY



If any parishioners would like to have the Statue of Our Lady in their home, please contact

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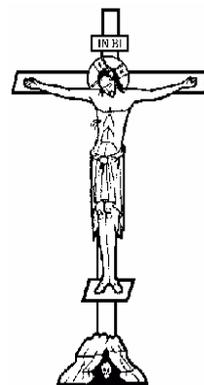
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In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Margaret McCartin,
Alice Busuttill,
Maria Rudic.



Anniversaries:

Josephine Portelli,
Mrika, Nika & Andria Tagic,
Vinicio Carbone,
Carmela Scarpa,
Leonard Morris,
Lambert Adams,
Madeline & Julieanne Tanti,
Anthony & Maria Tanti,
Emma Imbroli,
Edith Barwell,
Marie Grierson,
Leonard Morris,
Lambert Adams.

DIVINE MERCY PRAISE & WORSHIP

Come join us for our Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayers and Praise and Worship on Sunday 23rd July at 3.00pm at St. Paul's Church. The topic this month by Louiza Romanic is:-

Persistence - Don't Take No For An Answer.

Often we HAVE not, because we ASK not—
OR we have not simply because we are impatient.

We too soon give up on our prayers as unanswered.— Are you persistent in prayer?
Are you living in obedience to His word-???

Is your heart clean???

Are you living in repentance for what you have done??

OR ARE YOU LIVING IN DENIAL??

Or are you living in the flesh and expecting God to close His eyes.?

Come- Listen- Surrender- Pray.

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



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good works

VOLUNTEERS 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.



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.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Advanced notice of the Jubilee Cross for this event coming to our parish on 12th October at St. Paul's, and 13th/14th/15th October at St. Mary MacKillop Church. A great program is being organised. Whether you are part of this movement or not, you will enjoy the wonderful presence of God throughout the event, and **EVERYONE** is invited to participate. We are celebrating the Holy Spirit's work in **each** person and **each** group within our wonderful parish. Pop it in your diary.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

All Welcome.
Come spend some time with Jesus in Eucharist Adoration.
Wednesday, 19th July
7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship & Adoration.
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, 20th July
7.30pm Prayer & Praise
8.00pm Intercessory & Personal Prayer followed by Supper.
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 22ND & 23RD JULY

SAT 22ND JULY 6.30PM
R Greg Moore
Special Ministers
M. Long, D. Agius.

SUN 23RD JULY 10AM
R Jean Falcoa
Special Ministers
C. Pirota, F. Afuic.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 21ST JULY
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 1:
Ray Basile
Robert Stoppa
Mickie Cavka
James Barberi
Wanda Peplow

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 22ND & 23RD JULY

SAT 22ND JULY 5PM
R Zbig Piorowski
Special Ministers
Quintus Diaz, Joe Camilleri, Laurie Xerri.

SUN 23RD JULY 9AM
R Armando Bianco
Special Ministers
Joe Falvo, Mim Caruso, Regina Duggan.

SUN 23RD JULY 11AM
R Brian Davis
Special Ministers
Ray Caruana, Joe Camenzuli, Justin Wejak.

SUN 23RD JULY 5.30PM
R Kerry Tieppo
Special Ministers
Kimberley D'Cruz, 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

Thursday, 20th July
St. Apollinaris

Friday, 21st July
St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Saturday, 22nd July
St. Mary Magdalene



Monday, 17th July
10.30am Prayer Group
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group - St. Paul's Church

Tuesday, 18th July
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 19th July
7.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday, 20th July
10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

Friday, 21st July
4.45pm Children of Mary

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

Entrance:

Church of God, Chosen people,
Sing your praise to God.
He has called you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

Come, people of God, with joyful song,
Praise God the Father of all.
Baptised in Christ,
Reborn in him,
Our hearts are filled with joy.
He cleanses our sin,
Renewing our lives. Refrain

The church is built with living stones
With Christ as cornerstone.
In him we trust who makes us one,
Uniting us in love.
We build on the rock of faith in Christ.
Refrain

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us.
We are filled with joy.
We are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to God for the Word, alleluia
That God's voice will be heard, alleluia
Now proclaim in God's holy name:
Alleluia, alleluia! (repeat)

Offertory:

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me;
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me!

Refrain:

Come home! Come home!
Ye who are weary – come home!
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, for you to come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is
pleading
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His
mercies
Mercies for you and for me? Refrain

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:

Refrain:
Create a new heart, Holy Lord.
Beckon our lives through your word.
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.

Heighten our minds to your thoughts.
Heal us of pride and of hurt.
May we go forth in your name.
We pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross
lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope,
Promising truth. Refrain

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