

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, 29th & 30th July, 2017.

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



The lesson in the two parables in today's Gospel, is as true today as it was for the Palestinians to whom Christ spoke to 2000 years ago.

All Christians are called on to imitate the two wise men, and surrender all their earthly possessions, if necessary, in order to gain eternal life. There are some people who give up their worldly possessions and devote their entire lives to Christ.

Heaven is within the reach of all who follow the ordinary vocations of life and partake of this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's commandments, but never lose sight of the goal toward which they are moving.

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

1st Reading:

Kings 3:5,7-12
 Psalms 118:57,72,76-77,127-130

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands.

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-52

Before Communion:

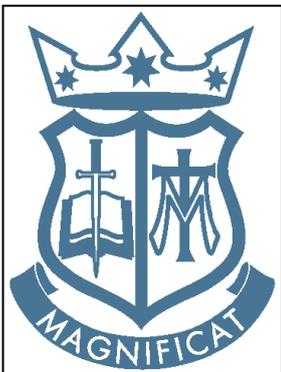
Lord, receive these offerings chosen from your many gifts. May these mysteries make us holy and lead us to eternal joy.

Communion Antiphon:

O bless the Lord, my soul, and remember all his kindness.

After Communion:

Lord, we receive the sacrament which celebrates the memory of the death and resurrection of Christ your Son. May this gift bring us closer to our eternal salvation.

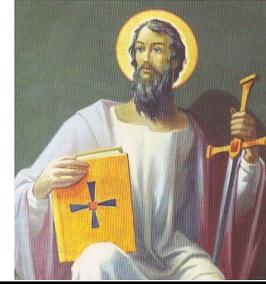


ST. MARY MACKILLOP

'God's will and glory and in these, the good of our Australian children, is alone what we seek.'

ST. PAUL

'He predestined us to become true images of his Son.'



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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ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON TOAN NGUYEN

On Saturday, September 9th, our Deacon Toan Nguyen will be ordained a priest at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary MacKillop Church the next day, Sunday September 10th at 9.00 a.m. There will be morning tea for all parishioners and other guests in the Hall after Mass. If you are able to help with this, or wish to bring a plate along for the morning, could you kindly contact the Office and leave your name, either by phone on 9364 0440 or via email at reception@stma.com.au. We look forward to welcoming Deacon Nguyen's parents who are coming from Vietnam as well as many other friends. We pray for Deacon Nguyen at this time as he makes his final preparations for this great event.

We are Celebrating the **Feast of God the Father** on Monday 7th August at 10.30am at St. Mary MacKillop Church, followed by morning tea. All are welcome to join this celebration.

MARY, MOTHER OF CHRIST—MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

On Thursday, 3rd August at 8pm, in the school area behind the parish office, Fr. Gerard Johnson will give a talk on 'Mary, Mother of Christ—Mother of the Church'. All are very welcome to attend.

FROM THE PROPHET NEXT DOOR

Gospel Echoes

(Do you know someone who has 'sold everything' for their greatest treasure?

Listen carefully and you'll hear echoes of today's Gospel in the lives of people around you...)

Dinner time

'Growing up I remember that my father always came home from work in time for dinner. Years later I learnt that this was a deliberate decision on his part: that no matter how busy he was at work, he would always put the family before the job.'

(Anna)

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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 Josephine on 9449 7106.

PARISH WEBSITE



www.stmaryoftheassumption.org.au

Please visit our website for information
and more about our Parish -
St. Mary of the Assumption.

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



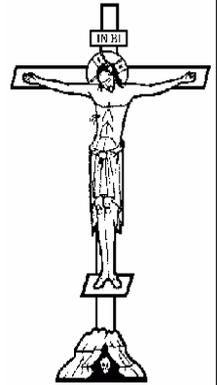
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Auis Le'Toille. Frank Attard
& Emanuel Cassar

Anniversaries:

Roland & Jeffery Rozario,
Doris & Timothy Highland,
Simon & Marjorie Peters,
Carmen Romero De Cruz,
Vincent Micallef,
Saverina Coleiro,
Leo Mc Menamin,
Luz Labrador, Nestor Labrador,
Carolina Labrador, Sabino Garcia,
Coronatu Sacco, John & Geswalda Borg,
Lawrence DeBrincat, Nicholas Attard,
Anglo Rapa, Lillian Adams, Marcus Miral,
Daphne Miral.



*We pray for all those who are sick especially,
Barbara, Yolanda, Peter, Denise, Imalda and Ray.*

DIVINE AUSTRALIA



WITH REV. FR. MICHAEL PAYYAPILLY, VC

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:6-8

Join us as we spend a day of worship and inspired talks with Fr. Michael Payyapilly, VC. The retreat will also include Holy Mass and Adoration.

9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

📍 **St. Paul's Kealba Catholic School Hall**
230 Sunshine Avenue, Kealba, VIC

Light lunch is provided for all retreatants.

For further details, contact:

Nicola : 0410 423 350 or nstephen@gmail.com
Michael : 0434 601 811 | Hilda : 0450 006 316
Andrew : 0405 346 207

CSA – The Visitation Program

Co.As.It. through the Visitation Program offers friendship and social support to elderly and socially isolated Italians. The organization is currently looking for Italian speaking individuals who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit aged persons of Italian origin, who are lonely and in need of company.

By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to their life, and your own. If you are interested to volunteer or would like to know more about the program, please call the West & Outer West Regional Coordinator Angela Vindigni on 0408 556 392.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

On the 12th October at St. Paul's, and 13th/14th/15th October at St. Mary MacKillop, the Jubilee Cross which is being sent forth to 40 parishes in Victoria by the Archbishop, will be here. Pope John 23rd in 1962 prayed for "a new Pentecost". The Holy Spirit answered that prayer in 1967 as he poured forth a new release of the Gifts of the Spirit, on a handful of people praying at Duquesne University, a Catholic university in Pittsburgh.

There are over 160 million people worldwide who have experienced a prayer for the release of the charisms of the Holy Spirit and have found a deeper peace, love and joy and witness to God because of it. Renewal supporters including our 4 most recent popes, believe that the charisms identified in Saint Paul's writings, especially in Romans 12:608, 1 Corinthians 12-14, and Ephesians 4:11-12, continue to exist and to build up the Church. Pope Francis in May this year met with thousands in Rome at Circus Maximus and affirmed the work of the Renewal within the church.

To celebrate, on the above dates a great program is being prepared, (more details in coming months), which **EVERYONE** in the parish is invited to participate. What we are celebrating is the **Holy Spirit's** work in **EACH** person, and **EACH** group within our wonderful parish.

The Holy Spirit is within each Christian, and each of us, gifted by Him, responds in unique ways to the building up of the church. So it's not just for those who are part of the Charismatic Prayer Groups, but indeed, for **each person** in our parish, as the **Holy Spirit** is the author of each person's faith and works.

We warmly invite you to set these dates aside, and let us come together to worship and love our God as the Body of Christ, as the animator of our faith, the Holy Spirit, unites us.

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975 - St. Mary MacKillop program
Doris 0419 393 676 - St. Paul's program

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
Wednesday, 2nd August
We will pray with the Holy Spirit on each other through the laying of hands.
7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship followed by praying on each other.
Concludes at 9pm with fellowship. All Welcome.
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, 3rd August
7.30pm Prayer & Praise
8.00pm Talk - **Mary, Mother of Christ-Mother of the Church**
Speaker: Fr. Gerard Johnson
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 5TH & 6TH AUGUST

SAT 5TH AUGUST 6.30PM
R Marita Tobin
Special Ministers
J. Tabone, M. Long.

SUN 6TH AUGUST 10AM
R Hip Falcoa
Special Ministers
J. Zahra, S. Scerri.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 3:
Sheila Grixti
Michael Medved
Kathy Lindsay
John Kiomall

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 5TH & 6TH AUGUST

SAT 5TH AUGUST 5PM
R Denise Morel
Special Ministers
Michael Vytilingam, Joe Sammut, Marcella Fandino.

SUN 6TH AUGUST 9AM
R Joan Peterson
Special Ministers
Joe Falvo, Wayne Harrison, Kathy Lindsay.

SUN 6TH AUGUST 11AM
R Jenny Saunders
Special Ministers
Doris Briffa, Helen Sorokowski, Glen S'Souza.

SUN 6TH AUGUST 5.30PM
R Brian Lobo
Special Ministers
Doris Borg, Frank Lee, 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, 31st July
St. Ignatius Loyola
Tuesday, 1st August
St. Alphonsus Liguori
Wednesday, 2nd August
St. Eusebius
St. Peter Julian Eymard
Thursday, 3rd August
St. Dominic
Friday, 4th August
St. John Vianney
Saturday, 5th August
The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Monday, 31st July
10.30am Prayer Group
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group - St. Paul's Church
Tuesday, 1st August
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop
Wednesday, 2nd August
7.00pm Legion of Mary
Thursday, 3rd August
10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp
Friday, 4th August
4.45pm Children of Mary

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

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:

I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of your kingdom.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Offertory:

Seek ye first, the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu-alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia
Allelu-alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu-alleluia
Alleluia
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Allelu-alleluia

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

Recessional:

You are salt for the earth, O people;
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people;
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people;
Light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people;
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

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