

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Year A, 5th & 6th August, 2017.



Today, we celebrate the great love of God, that not only gives us life, but also sustains that life with the food of the EUCHARIST: The love of God made visible in Christ our Lord.

Jesus is saddened by the news of John the Baptist's death. With the disciples they go to a lonely place. Thousands had followed him. Jesus is overwhelmed by compassion and he heals their sick. The crowds stay with him even into the evening.

The disciples ask Jesus to send them away. Jesus' response is a challenge to the disciples: feed them yourselves. They have just five loaves and two fish.

Jesus employs the ritual of the daily Jewish meal, in *Blessing, Breaking and Giving*. The actions are the basic pattern of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

All are fed and still much remains. In Jesus, we can be thoroughly satisfied. Jesus is the source of all we need.

St Paul in the second reading says "Nothing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ."

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St Paul's</b>	
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
<b>Saturday</b>	
	5:00 pm
	(Latin)
	6:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	
	8:00am
	(Maltese)
	10:00am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	6:00pm
<b>St Mary MacKillop</b>	
Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	9.30am
	7.00pm—8.00pm Holy Hour
Friday	9.30am
<b>Saturday</b>	
	5:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	
	9:00am
	11:00am
	5:30pm
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	4pm—4.50pm

**Entrance Antiphon:**

God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord. Do not be long in coming.

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 55:1-3  
Psalms 144:8-9,15-18

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

**2nd Reading:**

Romans 8:35,37-39

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Matthew 14:13-21

**Before Communion:**

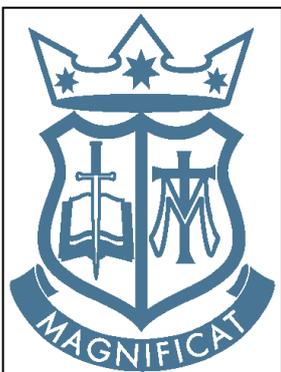
Merciful Lord, make holy these gifts, and let our spiritual sacrifice make us an everlasting gift to you.

**Communion Antiphon:**

You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat.

**After Communion:**

Lord, you give us the strength of new life by the gift of the eucharist. Protect us with your love and prepare us for eternal redemption.

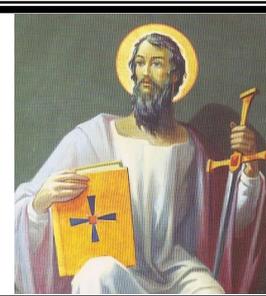


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'May God bless you all. With all the love in my heart I pray that God may do this.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.'*



**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### WHAT DO CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE?

Our next DVD Night will be on **Wednesday, 9th August, 7.30pm SHARP!** Topic is **"Baptism"**. If you haven't joined us yet, don't be shy. This is one way you can get to know your faith on a deeper level and grow in your personal understanding of it. Consider it a bit of a Bible Study without the hard work. Dr. Ray Guarendi and Fr. Kevin Fete are EXCELLENT teachers, and humorous. What we learn tends to stick! We often get challenged about our faith, this is one way to learn how to answer your challengers. Come along, you are very welcome.

We meet in the school area behind the parish office at St. Mary MacKillop.  
Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

### "STRENGTH TO STRENGTH" PROGRAM

We all need help and guidance. Is this program the one that will bring you to a better place? Do you struggle with prayer? Struggle with hearing from God? This program is sure to help.

We are running a six session DVD series designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. Inspired by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and filmed in an engaging and humorous way, each session lasts approx. 40 min. The **SPEAKERS ARE VERY ENGAGING.**

Speakers include: David Payne, Director of Catholic Faith Exploration, an inspiring speaker and author of four books who regularly leads parish missions & retreats. Giovanna Payne, teacher of RE and Philosophy and a popular conference speaker. Fr. Emmanuel Mansford CFR is a Friar of the Renewal currently based in New York City. He is a much sought-after speaker and Spiritual Director. Topics covered are: Pray for the Day, Food for Thought, The Life of Prayer, Pray before you Speak, Lord Teach us to Pray, Give us this Day.

We begin this program on Thursday, 10th of August, for 6 consecutive Thursdays, 8pm sharp start. We meet in the school area behind the parish office.

All VERY welcome, 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

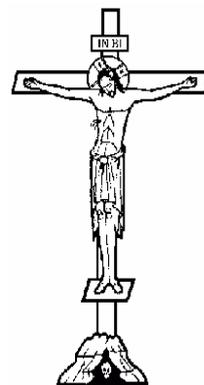
For more information contact Tara: 0434 636 719



## In Remembrance...

### Anniversaries:

Rose & William Duffy,  
John & Geswalda Borg,  
Lawrence De Brincat,  
Nicholas Attard,  
Angelo Rapa,  
Lucia Toudo,  
Michael Englezakis,  
Mary Camilleri,  
Giovanni Varchione,  
Maria Rudic,  
Paul & Dorothy Muscat,  
Dominic Hursey, Anthony Hursey,  
Joseph Hursey, Joseph Zammit, Vice Mrkonjich.



*We pray for all those who are sick especially,  
Barbara, Yolanda, Peter, Denise, Imalda,  
Teresita, Damian, 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](mailto:nstephen@gmail.com)  
Michael : 0434 601 811 | Hilda : 0450 006 316  
Andrew : 0405 346 207

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

Nicholas Noel Bell  
Maxwell Jacques Alexander  
Eden Buhagiar  
Isaac Joseph Camilleri  
Gabriel Di Domenica  
Mia Frances Galletta  
Kristian Vito Gallone  
Aylah Joy Italia  
Orla Mary Anne McClelland  
Ariana Fifi Naeck  
Havana Ivy Whelan  
Elijah Michael Young

### A REFLECTION

Mother Teresa began her ministry by picking up a single dying man from the streets of Calcutta... Jean Vanier started the first L'Arche community by sharing his home with three men with mental disabilities... Mary MacKillop's religious order began in a makeshift classroom with a handful of impoverished children... The stories of the church community consistently tell us that world renown, large-scale ministries are born not from complex, well-funded plans, but people with generous hearts who say 'Yes, Lord, take what I have'.

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### The Mary MacKillop Foundation

The Sisters of St Joseph established the Mary MacKillop Foundation in 1997 to continue the legacy of St Mary MacKillop by improving the lives of disadvantaged Australians through education.



This coming Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary Mackillop who believed: "Never see a need without doing something about it". In Australia today, there is a profound need for access to education that will lead to a better future for the vulnerable and marginalised in our community. To find out what you can do to make a real difference to the lives of those in need, please can call us on (02) 8217 2748 or visit our website at [www.mackillopfoundation.org.au](http://www.mackillopfoundation.org.au).

### 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, 9th August**

Topic: **Faith**

Speaker: Joseph Zahra

7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship followed by teaching. Concludes at 9pm with fellowship. Prayer ministry also available. 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, 10th August**

7.30pm Prayer & Praise  
8.00pm DVD—"Strength to Strength" - Part 1

Followed by discussion and 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 12TH & 13TH AUGUST

**SAT 12TH AUGUST 6.30PM**  
R Doris Agius  
**Special Ministers**  
Q. Diaz, D. Agius.

**SUN 13TH AUGUST 10AM**  
R Lidia Davies  
**Special Ministers**  
F. Mamo, F. Afuic.

#### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST**  
Rita Haig  
Herwin Allen  
Millie Monteiro

#### Counting Team

**COUNTING TEAM NO. 4:**  
Joe Falvo  
Justin Hilton  
Vivian Smith  
Carol Debrincat  
Karen Camilleri

### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 12TH & 13TH AUGUST

**SAT 12TH AUGUST 5PM**  
R Joe Sammut  
**Special Ministers**  
Victor Sammut, Joe Camilleri, Laurie Xerri.

**SUN 13TH AUGUST 9AM**  
R Geraldine Vytilingham  
**Special Ministers**  
Mickie Cavka, Doris Pace, Regina Duggan.

**SUN 13TH AUGUST 11AM**  
R Rosa Grabovac  
**Special Ministers**  
Merlyn DeCotta, Justin Wejak, Carmen LaBruna.

**SUN 13TH AUGUST 5.30PM**  
R Claire Calleja  
**Special Ministers**  
Peter Schwegler, Marcia Schwegler, Georgina Sant.

### 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, 7th August

St. Sixtus

St. Cajetan

#### Tuesday, 8th August

St. Mary of the Cross

#### Wednesday, 9th August

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

#### Thursday, 10th August

St. Lawrence

#### Friday, 11th August

St. Clare

#### Saturday, 12th August

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

#### Monday, 7th August

10.30am Prayer Group

7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group

- St. Paul's Church

#### Tuesday, 8th August

7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration

- St. Mary MacKillop

#### Wednesday, 9th August

7.00pm Legion of Mary

#### Thursday, 10th August

10.30am St Mary MacKillop

Morning Prayer Grp

7.30pm St Mary MacKillop

Evening Prayer Grp

#### Friday, 11th August

4.45pm Children of Mary

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

## Entrance:

O raise your eyes on high and see  
There stands our sovereign Lord,  
His glory is this day revealed,  
His Word a two-edged sword.

We glimpse the splendour and the power  
Of him who conquered death,  
The Christ in whom the universe  
Knows God's creating breath.

Of every creed and nation King  
In him all strife is stilled;  
The promise made to Abraham  
In him has been fulfilled.

The prophets stand and with great joy  
Give witness as they gaze;  
The Father with a sign has sealed  
Our trust, our hope, our praise.

## Responsorial Psalm:

All the earth proclaim the Lord  
Sing your praise to God.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice  
is heard  
"This is my beloved Son, hear him"  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## Offertory:

Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know that I am God

In Thee O Lord do I put my trust  
In Thee O Lord do I put my trust  
In Thee O Lord do I put my trust

I am the Lord that healeth thee  
I am the Lord that healeth thee  
I am the Lord that healeth thee

## Communion:

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
His the victory alone;  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how:  
Though the cloud from sight received  
him,  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Angels,  
Here on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to you from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
You the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth your foot stool, heav'n your throne:  
You, within the veil, have entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the Eucharistic feast.

## Recessional:

Hail, Redeemer, King Divine!  
Priest and lamb the Lord of time  
King, whose reign shall never cease  
Prince of everlasting peace

## Refrain:

Angels, saints and nations sing:  
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King,  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea;  
King of Love on Calvary."

King whose name creation thrills,  
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,  
Till in peace each nation rings  
With your praises, King of Kings. Refrain

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