

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

FEAST OF ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Year A, 12th & 13th August, 2017.



On Sunday morning, August 8th, 1909, Mother Mary of the Cross died peacefully at St. Joseph's Convent, North Sydney. The newspapers of the time recorded that *'Australia had lost one of its most unselfish workers and that what she achieved for the glory of God and for the people stands out as the noblest record of an Australian woman.'*

One hundred years later, Mary MacKillop's life still speaks to us about being one with Christ in continuing his mission of revealing God's compassionate love especially to the little ones of our world. Let us give thanks for the life of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and for all those who witness to the power of the Gospel.

MASS TIMES

<u>St Paul's</u>	
Tuesday	12 noon
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
	7.30pm
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:

Lord, be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies.

1st Reading:

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Psalms 84:9-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading:

Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 14:22-33

Before Communion:

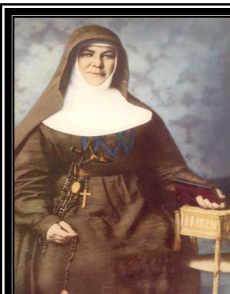
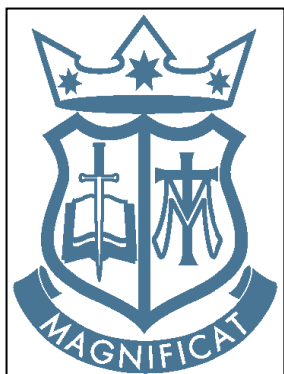
God of power, giver of the gifts we bring, accept the offering of your Church and make it the sacrament of our salvation.

Communion Antiphon:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem; he feeds you with the finest wheat.

After Communion:

Lord, may the eucharist you give us bring us to salvation and keep us faithful to the light of your truth.

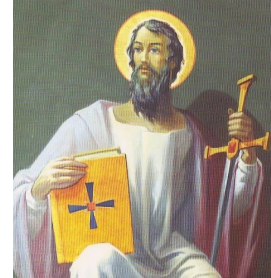


ST. MARY MACKILLOP

'Do not be uneasy about me but pray for me.'

ST. PAUL

'I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.'



Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli **In Residence:** Rev Gerard Johnson

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Mr Joseph Zahra—St Paul's

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Tuesday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption and also the patronal Feast of the Parish. It is a Holy Day of Obligation where we are required to attend Mass. Masses will be celebrated as follows:

9.30 a.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church
12 noon St. Paul's Church
7.30 p.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Please note the next meeting of the SVDP Keilor Downs Conference is this Monday, August 14th, 7pm at the St Mary of the Assumption Parish Centre.

The SVDP Keilor Downs Conference would like to thank all the Parishioners who so generously donated money, food and clothing to this year's Winter Appeal. Your support has really made a difference to those who need it. We appreciate your support.

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.

"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 continue this program on Thursday, 17th of August, for another 4 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

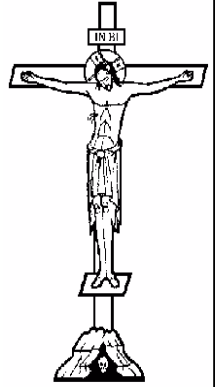
For more information contact Tara: 0434 636 719



In Remembrance...

Anniversaries:

Maria Stefani,
Daniella Sessarego,
Anthony Galea,
Constantino & Theresa
Mifsud,
Louisa Jones,
Desmond Nicholas,
Salvatore Paino,
Connie & Grezju Attard,
Josefina Salon,
Louisa Jones,
Desmond Nicholas.



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

WHAT DO CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE?

Our next DVD session will be on

Wednesday, 13th of September, at 7.30pm
SHARP! Deeply insightful.

Our topic this time will be **MORALITY**.

Our engaging speakers are Dr. Ray Guarendi and Fr. Kevin Fete.

Jesus calls us to holiness.

Bring a friend along.

We meet in the school area behind the St. Mary MacKillop parish office.

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

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or donate online at www.ccm.org.au

JUBILEE CROSS WEEK, AN EVENT NOT TO MISS

In April 1998, St. John Paul II said: "The Catholic Charismatic movement is one of the many fruits of the Second Vatican Council, which, like a new Pentecost, led to an extraordinary flourishing in the Church's life of groups and movements particularly sensitive to the action of the Spirit. How can we not give thanks for the precious spiritual fruits that the Renewal has produced in the life of the Church and in the lives of so many people? How many lay faithful - men, women, young people, adults and elderly - have been able to experience in their own lives the amazing power of the Spirit and his gifts! How many people have rediscovered faith, the joy of prayer, the power and beauty of the Word of God, translating all this into generous service in the Church's mission! How many lives have been profoundly changed! For all this today, together with you, I wish to praise and thank the Holy Spirit."

The **50th Anniversary of CCR** will be celebrated as we receive the **Jubilee Cross** in our parish on **12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th October**. Join us by participating in a **deeply** spiritual program, details and program coming soon.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will be held on
MONDAY 14TH AUGUST AT 7PM
at St. Mary MacKillop Church.



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, 16th August
Topic: **Hail Mary**
Speaker: Joseph Mamo
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, 17th August
7.30pm Prayer & Praise
8.00pm DVD—"Strength to Strength" - Part 2
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 19TH & 20TH AUGUST

SAT 19TH AUGUST 6.30PM
R Greg Moore
Special Ministers
M. Long, J. Tabone.

SUN 20TH AUGUST 10AM
R Norma Marot
Special Ministers
J. Zahra, M. Zahra.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

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

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 19TH & 20TH AUGUST

SAT 19TH AUGUST 5PM
R Marcella Fandino
Special Ministers
Hank Bader, Kathy Lindsay, Zbig Piorkowski.

SUN 20TH AUGUST 9AM
R June-Anne Caruana
Special Ministers
Joe Falvo, Marlene Brink, Hilda D'Souza.

SUN 20TH AUGUST 11AM
R Marisa Barberi
Special Ministers
Ray Caruana, Rosa Grabovac, Joe Camenzuli.

SUN 20TH AUGUST 5.30PM
R Anne Abeyasinghases
Special Ministers
Frank Lee, Doris Borg, Georgina Sant.

Music Group Rehearsals

This Week in the Parish

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
Monday 14th August—7pm
ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
To be advised

Feast Days

Monday, 14th August
St. Maximilian Kolbe

Tuesday, 15th August
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, 16th August
St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday, 19th August
St. John Eudes

Monday, 14th August
10.30am Prayer Group
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group - St. Paul's Church

Tuesday, 15th August
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 16th August
7.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday, 17th August
10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

Friday, 18th August
4.45pm Children of Mary

ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Entrance:

Loving God, we give you thanks this day as gladly we rejoice,
That a woman's life should so proclaim a love that heard your voice.
Now inspired by her example, may we strive to seek your face,
So that in our rugged homeland the poor will find a place.
Here with Mary of the Cross we pray your truth may guide our way,
That our open hearts may hear your call to follow you each day.

Let our praise now fill this joyful space as loudly we proclaim
That in Mary's life we see the faith that glorifies your name.
For her heart knew your compassion at the plight of children poor.
So she mustered all her courage and saw her future call.
Trusting firm in you she ventured forth, her eyes upon your cross.
From Penola's plains to all the world, her arms reached out in love.

Holy Spirit gift of love divine, with you we dare to dream.
May your wisdom come to lead us on where justice reigns supreme.
Now may Mary's love inspire us and the cross still lead us on.
Give us hearts that never waver 'til victory is won.
Let our lives show forth your tender love, compassion warm and bold.
Help us bring good news to all the world, your spirit love unfold.

Responsorial Psalm:

Let us see your kindness Lord,
Grant us your salvation. X 2

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
You have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Offertory:

In sacrifice you lived your life
and in God's will you found your delight,
child of God, bride of Christ,
Djurumin and shining light,
through the cross you show hope to everyone
shining in the heart of the great southern land.

Chorus

Saint Mary is your name
the Angels rejoice,
through your life you proclaimed
the name above all names;
helper of the poor,
mother of the lonely, pray for us.

You lifted the head of fallen ones
raising them up you helped them to stand,
with all your heart you served the Lord
and through God's love you care for the poor,
through the Cross you show hope to everyone
shining in the heart of the great southern land.

Chorus (x 2)

Communion:

If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of one my heart enjoys,
Of one who whispers, warm and calm,
Of one whose tender touch persists.
If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of beauty barely seen,
Of shadow gums and stringy bark,
Of tracks and water hard to find.

If I could tell the love of God,
I'd sing of women seen as fools
Because, in Joseph's hidden way,
They crossed an empty land with trust.
If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of women working hard,
Receiving bits of broken bread,
And poor enough to serve the poor.





If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of Christ who chose the cross.
His wisdom brings the mighty down.
His strength uplifts the stable's child.
If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of Christ who chose the cross.
His justice mends a broken world
His mercy turns the grave around.
If I could tell the love of God,
If I could tell the love of God.
If I could tell the love of God.

Recessional:

Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking,
know the everlasting peace.

Life eternal! heaven rejoices;
Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices;
child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages,
saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,
all await the glory given.

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