

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, 26th & 27th August, 2017.



In today's Gospel Jesus is asking each one of us this question. 'Who do you say I am?' What would be our response?

We need to reflect, and in faith, recognize who Jesus is.

What attempts are we making to know him and love him, more and more each day?

We must not lose sight of how rich are the depths of our Lord and God. We need to pray more to our Father in heaven, who is loving and merciful, to gain enlightenment.

Peter, in Latin 'Petros' for Rock, whose faith faltered many a time, is open to God.

As long as we remain open to the gift of God - faith, we are offered forgiveness when we fail to treasure what God has given to us.

Prayer: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!

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

Entrance Antiphon:

Listen Lord, and answer me.
Save your servant who trusts
in you. I call to you all day long,
have mercy on me, O Lord.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalms 137:1-3,6,8

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do
not forsake the work of your
hands.

2nd Reading:

Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on
which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold
out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

Before Communion:

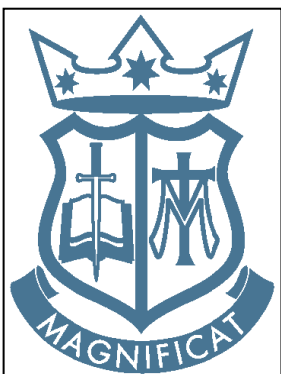
Merciful God, the perfect
sacrifice of Jesus Christ made
us your people. In your love,
grant peace and unity to your
Church.

Communion Antiphon:

Lord, the earth is filled with
your gift from heaven; man
grows bread from earth, and
wine to cheer his heart.

After Communion:

Lord, may this eucharist
increase within us the healing
power of your love. May it
guide and direct our efforts to
please you in all things.

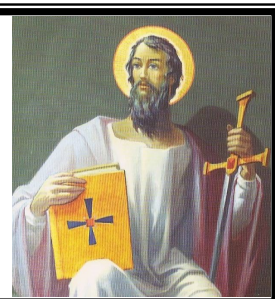


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

*'Live in charity
and peace.'*

ST. PAUL

*'From him,
through him, and in
him are all things.'*



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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JUBILEE CROSS TRAVELLING 40 PARISHES

As the Jubilee Cross travels Victorian Parishes it is breathing new life into the faith of Catholics. The 50th Anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal is bringing a greater awareness of how ordinary Catholics, co-operating with the Holy Spirit are discovering a deeper, more personal relationship with God who loves them. Cardinal Suenens described the Renewal as a "moving of the Holy Spirit," and as "a high voltage current of Grace which is coursing through the Church."

Join in on the special event in October and discover for yourself that God loves YOU personally.

Program coming soon.
Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON TOAN NGUYEN

All parishioners from St Mary of the Assumption are invited to attend the Ordination of our Deacon Toan Nguyen to the priesthood on Saturday the 9th of September at 10.00am 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.

A WONDERFUL WITNESS

This snippet comes via a parish worker at a busy inner-city parish.

The man outside the church porch, a local shop owner of no religious persuasion, was shaking his head in disbelief. 'I can't understand it,' he said to me. 'I work at that store across the road there and I watch people going in and out of this church all day - every day - not just Sundays! People of all ages, all nationalities... What is it about this place? I thought people didn't go to church any more.'

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DIVINE MERCY PRAISE & WORSHIP

Come and join us on Sunday 27th August 2017 at 3.00pm commencing with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers and praise and worship followed by talk on "the Gift of Serving" - St Mary MacKillop said - "Never see a need without doing something about it". Concludes at 4.30pm with fellowship. Prayer ministry is also available. For more information call Rita/Angela: 0435 956 226.

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.

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



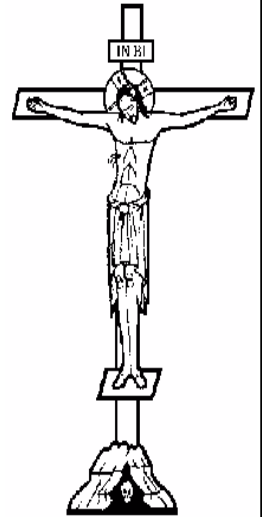
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Christopher Cutajar,
Rosetta Reale,
Maria & Stepan Kerkes.

Anniversaries:

Frank Camenzuli,
Miro Klarin,
Joe Pace,
Josephine & Ebenezer Guest,
Donald & Alice Wallace,
John & Geswalda Borg,
Lawrence De Brincat,
Nicholas Attard,
Angelo Rapa,
Nicola Deluca,
Domenico & Caterina Defina,
Michael Senn, Charles, Prince & Irvin Ratnam,
Anne & Peter Ratnam, Maxwell West,
Cruz-Romero Family, Jimenez-Barrios Family,
Marcus Miral, John, Leticia and James.



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



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FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

The Xaghra Association of Australia Inc. are celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Victories on Friday 8th September at The Maltese Cultural Centre, 27 Talmage Street, Albion at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to Attend.

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.



CLEANERS for St Mary MacKillop Church urgently needed. If you are available for approximately 1 hour on a Friday morning (after Mass) to assist with the cleaning of the church, please contact the Parish Office on 9364 0440. Cleaners will be on a rostered basis. Light cleaning i.e. dusting, vacuuming and mopping/buffing only.

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, 30th August

Topic:- **The Life of Abraham**
Speaker:- Adrian Commadeur
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, 31st August

7.30pm Prayer & Praise
8.00pm DVD—"Strength to Strength" - on Prayer, David Payne, CaFE Series.

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 2ND & 3RD SEPTEMBER

SAT 2ND SEPTEMBER 6.30PM
R Maurice Hammett
Special Ministers
Q. Diaz, D. Agius.

SUN 3RD SEPTEMBER 10AM
R Sharon Grass
Special Ministers
S. Scerri, J. Mamo.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 7:
Joe Sammut
John Fenech
Josephine Lowe
Anna Attard
Liz Di'Cianni
John Dykun

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 2ND & 3RD SEPTEMBER

SAT 2ND SEPTEMBER 5PM
R Marcella Fandino
Special Ministers
Michael Vytilingam, Joe Sammut, Joe Camilleri.

SUN 3RD SEPTEMBER 9AM
R Christina Santalucia
Special Ministers
Doris Pace, Lily Zovko, Kathy Lindsay.

SUN 3RD SEPTEMBER 11AM
R Marie Osa
Special Ministers
Maria DaSilva, Glen D'Souza, Merlyn DeCotta.

SUN 3RD SEPTEMBER 5.30PM
R Georgina Sant
Special Ministers
Frank Lee, Keith Rodigo, 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, 28th August
St. Augustine
Tuesday, 29th August
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Friday, 1st September
Ember Day

Monday, 28th August
10.30am Prayer Group
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group - St. Paul's Church
Tuesday, 29th August
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop
Wednesday, 30th August
7.00pm Legion of Mary
7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp
Thursday, 31st August
10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp
Friday, 1st September
4.45pm Children of Mary

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

Entrance:

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and Corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Thy faithful loving-kindness,
Hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee, forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

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
You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my church.
The gates of hell will not hold out against
it.
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:

Lord, I will bow to You
To no other God but You alone.
Lord, I will worship You
Nothing hands have made, but You
alone.

Refrain:

I will lay down my idols,
Thrones I have made,
All that has taken my heart.

Lord, I will bow to You,
To no other God but You alone.

Recessional:

I will be the God who walks with you
You will be always within my hand.
Take your heart and give it all to me.

Chorus:




Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

Should you wander far away from me,
I will search for you in every land
Should you call then you will truly know.
Chorus

When you know sorrow within your life
I will come, I will embrace your heart
Through your pain, you will discover me
Chorus



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