

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, 9th & 10th September, 2017.



In many ways, our day to day lives are no different to those shown in the Gospels.

Many times in our working and private lives, we have been, carpeted, 'called to the bosses office,' where the error of our ways, our mistakes, are explained to us.

If we do not listen and heed the advice we are given, the end result could be dismissal from employment, or loss of family or friends.

In today's Gospel this is exactly what Jesus is telling his disciples. We all have obligations that we must meet, and they include being 'our brother's keeper.' Helping and advising anyone who is in trouble, persevering, using all means available until we have succeeded.

If we love our neighbour, we have carried out our obligations!

MASS TIMES

St Paul's
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
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:

Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

1st Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalms 94:1-2,6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading:

Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

Before Communion:

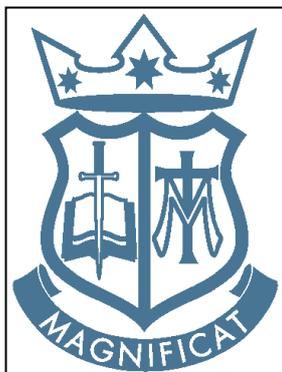
God of peace and love, may our offering bring you true worship and make us one with you.

Communion Antiphon:

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

After Communion:

Lord, your word and your sacrament give us food and life. May this gift of your Son lead us to share his life for ever.

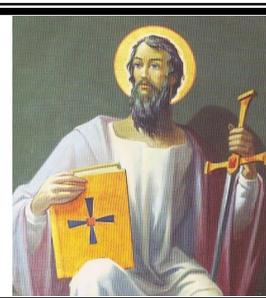


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'Trust in God who helps you in all things.'

ST. PAUL

'Love is the fulfilment of the Law.'



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 COMING SOON



"The Joy of the Lord is our Strength" ... and as Catholics carry the Jubilee Cross from parish to parish, we are being strengthened in our faith at a time when we need it most.

The 50th Anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal is the Holy Spirit's way of recharging our batteries.

Join us for the event in October, and believe God has something very special for this parish. Program coming soon - a timetable is on doors of the church.

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975 (St. Mary Mackillop), or Doris 0419 393 676 (St. Paul's).

Same Sex Marriage Debate

Pending a High Court hearing on the validity of the Same Sex Marriage Government postal survey, Ballot papers are due to commence to be distributed from the 12th of September 2017. These are to be returned by the 7th of November. It is important that we all vote with the full understanding of what it means to change our Marriage laws, considering all of the facts and consequences. From the weekend commencing the 16th/17th of September, there will be a series of materials available in the church foyer on this important issue. Please take a copy home. The first of these will be the Circular distributed by the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dennis Hart. There will be a meeting at the Parish Office on Tuesday the 12th of September 2017 at 6.30pm for those who may be interested in assisting the Coalition for Marriage in the **NO** vote campaign. All parishioners who are interesting in assisting are welcome to attend.

WHAT DO CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE?

Our next DVD night is on
Wednesday, 13th September at 7.30pm,
1/2 hour program plus discussion, one hour duration.
TOPIC: **MORALITY.**

This is a subject that we need to understand thoroughly, to be happy in this life, and in the next. Our presenters Dr. Ray Guarendi and Fr. Kevin Fete are **exceptional** teachers, and they do it with humour as well. Join us.
Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED

We are having Cuppas & Cake after mass. Come and make new friends, learn about what's on in our parish, and enjoy each other's company. Stay behind on the following dates:

Sunday, 17th Sept 9am & 11am Masses
Saturday, 23rd Sept 5pm Mass
Sunday, 24th Sept 5.30pm Mass
We LOOK FORWARD to mingling with you.

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

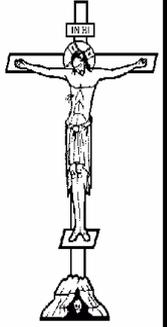
For more information contact Tara: 0434 636 719



In Remembrance...

Anniversaries:

Joseph Portelli,
Pauline Mascarenhas,
Jairaj Rego, Eva Cassar,
Pauline Agius, George & Nancy Vella, Catherine & John Caruana, Dominic Ashok, Juan Jose Alba, Tony Perinovic, Reale Family, Rosetta Reale, Dinko Restovich, Marija, Peric, Carmena Zammit, Annie Rego, Aldroy D'Souza, Charles & Mary Darmanin, Lora Attard, Snjenzana Batur, Peter Manicaro, George Abela, Miro Klarin, Teresa Rozario, Cyril & Aileen Williams, Frederick Highland, Russell D'Vaz, Alban & Edith Barwell, Connie & Grezju, Lawrence De Brincat, Nicholas Attard, John & Geswalda Borg, Angelo Rapa, Joba Andrade, Vincenzo & Maria Camilleri, Alberto Crupiaz, Carmen Tomkinson, Pham Thach, Norbert Laririt, Nicanor Jorge, Nattyidad Jorge, Ignacio Jorge, Manuel Cascado, Lourdes Cascado, Salvador Casado, Alfonso Casado.



We pray for all those who are sick especially, Yolanda, Peter, Denise, Imalda, Barbara & Ms D'Souza.



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Monday 11th
September
From 7pm-9pm

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WHY DO COUPLES 'MARRY IN THE CHURCH'?

When a couple is married in the Catholic Church, they not only say 'yes' to each other and to God's blessing on their marriage; they say 'yes' to being a sacrament. That is, they declare before the community of faith that they will be a special sign to that community; a sign of the life of unity that Christ desires for his Church. That's a lofty calling! By the example of their daily witness, sacramental couples summon all members of the Church to live as one, to be united in mind and heart.
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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.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **No morning Mass** at St. Paul's on Thursday the 14th September.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Please note the next meeting of the SVDP Keilor Downs Conference is this coming Monday 11th September at 7pm, at the St Mary of the Assumption Parish Centre.

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, 13th September
Topic:- **The Life of Job**
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, 14th September
7.30pm Prayer & Praise
8.00pm Talk
Speaker: **Pio Gauci** of Holy
Spirit of Freedom Community—
Philippines. Join us to hear his
experiences spanning the last
20 years ministering to the
poor in the Philippines.
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 16TH & 17TH SEPT

SAT 16TH SEPT 6.30PM
R Marita Tobin
Special Ministers
J. Tabone, M. Long.

SUN 17TH SEPTEMBER 10AM
R Lidia Davies
Special Ministers
F. Mamo, C. Pirotta.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 2:
Joseph Barcellona
Marita Tobin
Mary Muscat
Faye Colcao

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 16TH & 17TH SEPT

SAT 16TH SEPTEMBER 5PM
R Christine Peters
Special Ministers
Quintus Diaz, Victor Sammut,
Hank Bader.

SUN 17TH SEPTEMBER 9AM
R June Anne Caruana
Special Ministers
Regina Duggan, Doris Borg,
Doris Pace.

SUN 17TH SEPTEMBER 11AM
R Mark Royal
Special Ministers
Hilda D'Souza, Rosa Grabovac,
Carmen LaBruna.

SUN 17TH SEPT 5.30PM
R Georgina Sant
Special Ministers
Keith Rodigo, 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

Tuesday, 12th September
The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wednesday, 13th September
St. John Chrysostom
Thursday, 14th September
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday, 15th September
Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday, 16th September
Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Monday, 11th September
10.30am Prayer Group
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group
- St. Paul's Church
Tuesday, 12th September
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- St. Mary MacKillop
Wednesday, 13th September
7.00pm Legion of Mary
7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp
Thursday, 14th September
10.30am St Mary MacKillop
Morning Prayer Grp
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop
Evening Prayer Grp
Friday, 15th September
4.45pm Children of Mary

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

Entrance:

Refrain:

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song.
Refrain

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Refrain

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear His voice,
Harden not your hearts.
If today you hear His voice,
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord is alive
The word of God is active
It can judge our thoughts,
Bring us closer to the Father. Alleluia...

Offertory:

Refrain:

Where there is charity and love,
there the love of God abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
Let us revere and love the living God
And love each other with unfeigning hearts.
Refrain

And so when we are gathered here as one,
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.
Refrain

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
To where the blessed glory in your sight;
There let us see and love you face to face,
Gathered once more in everlasting light.
Refrain

Communion:

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,

let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water,
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord.

Recessional:

Awake from your slumber!
Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning
for all those who weep.
The people in darkness
have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing
has conquered the night.
Refrain
Let us build the city of God,
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning
we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us
has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness
has called us to be
a light for his people
to set their hearts free. **Refrain**

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