

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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>	
Saturday	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>	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm

Year A, 16th & 17th September, 2017.

Our theme today : Our forgiving Lord.



The need to settle conflict was the basis of last week's Gospel. How does one experience God's forgiveness? When one is truly sorry and experiences the loving forgiveness of God, it must be shared with others. We cannot celebrate today, the Lord of Compassion and Love, the Lord who died for us, and who lives to intercede for us, unless each of us has forgiven his brothers/sisters from his heart.

God's forgiveness is prodigious, but it is dependent on our willingness to forgive each other in the same way.

Peter went up to Jesus and said 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

Remember the commandments and do not bear your neighbour ill-will.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

**1st Reading:**

Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:7  
Psalms 102:1-4,9-12

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**2nd Reading:**

Romans 14:7-9

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Matthew 18:21-35

**Before Communion:**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people and receive our gifts. May the worship of each one

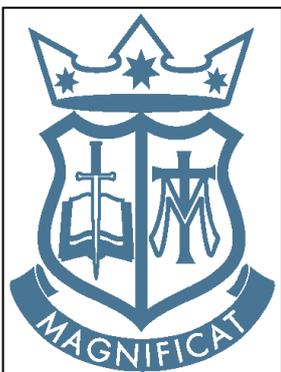
here bring salvation to all.

**Communion Antiphon:**

O God, how much we value your mercy! All mankind can gather under your protection.

**After Communion:**

Lord, may the eucharist you have given us influence our thoughts and actions. May your Spirit guide and direct us in your way.

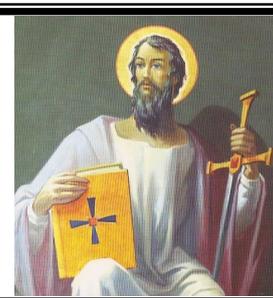


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Value your troubles as most precious gifts from a good and loving God.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.'*



**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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**50TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE EVENT AT ST. MARY OF ASSUMPTION PARISH**

Take home your Bulletins, you will find the flyer with the Program of the wonderful things you can participate in. Pop it on your fridge as a reminder. All details and contact numbers are in the flyer. **DON'T MISS THIS EVENT !!!**



**SAME SEX MARRIAGE DEBATE**

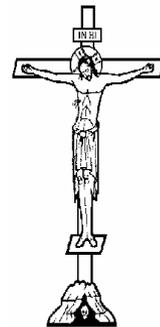
In a decision handed down on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2017, the High Court of Australia has cleared the way for the Same Sex Marriage postal survey to go ahead. Ballot papers are due to commence to be distributed from the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2017. These are to be returned by the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. It is very important that you **vote** and to fully understand the consequences if this vote is successful. There will be effects on loss of freedom of speech, loss of freedom of religion and explicit transgender sexual education classes will be forced on our children and grandchildren. This weekend we are distributing the Circular from the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dennis Hart. In his Circular, the Archbishop refers to a statement made by Pope Francis in his address to a Meeting of Families in the Philippines on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 where he stated: *'The family is threatened by growing efforts on the part of some to redefine the very institution of marriage, by relativism, by the culture of the ephemeral, by a lack of openness to life'*

Please take a copy of this Circular home. It is available at the rear of the Church. To seek additional information please go to [coalitionformarriage.com.au](http://coalitionformarriage.com.au)

**In Remembrance...**

**Recently Deceased:**

Pauline Edwards, Karan Joseph, Palmira Augugliaro.



**Anniversaries:**

Danielle Le Macchia, Oscar Borgonha, Luz & Nestor Labrador, Carolina Labrador, Sabilo Garcia, Thomas, Edith, William & Marie Grierson, Johnny & Daphne Soares, Edmond & Sharon Pereira, Jane Zahra, Francis Xavier, Vittoria, Joseph & Mary Agius, Gregorio Barrese, Carmela Barrese, John & Maria Xerri, Joseph Stellini, Aumdma Millado, Gemma & Michael Imbroll, Michael Englezakis, Joe & Nina Vella, Frank Cilia, Doris D'Rosario, Cyril Andrews, Denzil Andrews, Pia & Francesco Ingardia, Ingardia & Martinico Families, Rosalba & Antonio Mifsud, Ray Young.

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



**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.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAISE & WORSHIP**

Come join us for our Divine Mercy Praise and Worship commencing at 3pm with the chaplet, and concluding with fellowship on Sunday. Two important questions will be answered at this month's talk:

1. "Why not sin and just ask God to forgive you afterwards? and
2. Why not live however you want - and simply accept Christ right before you die? (A). You do not play games with God and (B) You may never get the chance to say sorry.

Prayer ministry also available.

**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



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

The St Vincent De Paul Society Keilor Downs Conference needs YOUR help.

We are looking for more members to help us with our work. Each month we receive over 40 calls for assistance.

If you have an hour or two to spare during the week, please contact Armando Bianco (Conference President) on 0400 255 172 or Margo Harley (Vice President) on 0425 850 824 for more information.

## 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.



## CAR PARK SAFETY

Parishioners are reminded of the need to drive with the utmost care whilst in the Car Parks, particularly, on school days when students are walking within the car parking areas on their way to school. The safety of the students and fellow parishioners must be given priority at all times.

## 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, 20th September**  
  
Scripture Sharing  
  
7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship  
followed by scripture share.  
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, 21st September**  
  
7.30pm Prayer & Praise  
8.00pm Finale of **Strength to  
Strength** DVD on Prayer  
  
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 23RD & 24TH SEPT

**SAT 23RD SEPT 6.30PM**  
R Greg Moore  
**Special Ministers**  
J. Tabone, Q. Diaz.

**SUN 24TH SEPTEMBER 10AM**  
R Norma Marot  
**Special Ministers**  
J. Zahra, M. Zahra.

### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER**  
Rita Haig  
Herwin Allen  
Millie Monteiro

### Counting Team

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

### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 23RD & 24TH SEPT

**SAT 23RD SEPTEMBER 5PM**  
R Anne Sargent  
**Special Ministers**  
Laurie Xerri, Kathy Lindsay,  
Joe Camilleri.

**SUN 24TH SEPTEMBER 9AM**  
R Mim Caruso  
**Special Ministers**  
Joe Falvo, Mickie Cavka,  
Lily Zovko.

**SUN 24TH SEPTEMBER 11AM**  
R Marisa Barberi  
**Special Ministers**  
Marisa Barberi, Helen  
Sorokowski, Joe Camenzuli.

**SUN 24TH SEPT 5.30PM**  
R Claire Calleja  
**Special Ministers**  
Kimberley D'Cruz, Georgina  
Sant, Frank Lee.

### 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, 19th September**  
St. Januarius  
  
**Wednesday, 20th September**  
Ss. Andrew Kim Taegõn and  
Paul Chõng Hasang  
  
**Thursday, 21st September**  
St. Matthew  
  
**Saturday, 23rd September**  
St. Pius of Pietrelcina

**Monday, 18th September**  
10.30am Prayer Group  
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group  
- St. Paul's Church  
  
**Tuesday, 19th September**  
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
- St. Mary MacKillop  
  
**Wednesday, 20th September**  
7.00pm Legion of Mary  
7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp  
  
**Thursday, 21st September**  
10.30am St Mary MacKillop  
Morning Prayer Grp  
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop  
Evening Prayer Grp  
  
**Friday, 22nd September**  
4.45pm Children of Mary

# TWENTY-FOURTH 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:

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

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## Offertory:

Chorus:  
Hear then what our God asks of you  
To live justly,  
To love tenderly,  
And to walk humbly with your God.

I have come that you may have life,  
And have it to the full.

Ask and you shall receive,  
Knock and it shall be yours.

Father your Kingdom come,  
May your will be done.

Take up your cross and follow me,  
You shall share my life.

## Communion:

Before the world began  
You were on His mind  
And every tear you cry  
Is precious in His eyes  
Because of His great love  
He gave His only Son  
Everything was done  
So you would come

Nothing you can do  
Could make Him love you more  
And nothing that you've done  
Could make Him close the door  
Because of His great love  
He gave His only Son  
Everything was done  
So you would come

## Refrain:

Come to the Father  
Though your gift is small  
Broken hearts, broken lives  
He will take them all  
The power of the Word  
The power of His blood  
Everything was done  
So you would come (repeat refrain)

The power of the word  
The power of His blood  
Everything was done so you would come

## Recessional:

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord, there is none like you  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the king  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

At the sound, of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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