

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A - 23rd & 24th September, 2017

MASS TIMES

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



Today's parable is a difficult one to understand in the terms of 'equal pay for equal work,' but, we must learn to look and measure by God's yardstick and not our own, for God's generosity with us, goes far beyond any measurement by human standards.

The parable is ultimately about God's generosity in granting salvation, it does not matter at what hour we come to Him, salvation will always be granted. All we need to do is come!

The point is, that God is generous, not only to the righteous, but to sinners as well.

After all, does not God make "His sun rise on the good and the bad?"

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be faithfully kept. May my footsteps be firm in keeping your commands.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalms 144:2-3,8-9,17-18

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16

After Communion:

Lord, help us with your kindness. Make us strong through the eucharist. May we put into action the saving mystery we celebrate.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Before Communion:

Lord, may these gifts which we now offer to show our belief and our love be pleasing to you. May they become for us the eucharist of Jesus Christ your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.



2nd Reading:

Philippians 1:20-24,27

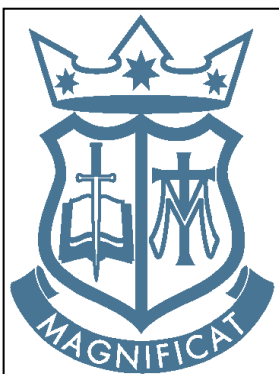
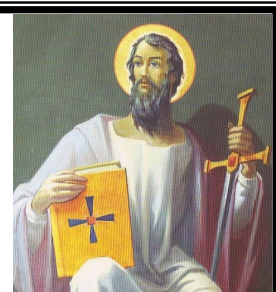
**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'Love one another, each one always, in good or bad, not minding how things seem.'



ST. PAUL

'For me to live is 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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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL—JUBILEE CROSS



The Jubilee Cross is moving through Victoria, and will soon be in our own parish. By carrying the Cross, and gathering in prayer, people's hearts have been profoundly moved.

Our event begins at St. Paul's on 12th October, and at St. Mary MacKillop on 13th/14th/15th October. Check the official flyers for all details. Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975, or Doris 0419 393 676.

SAME SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Voting is under way in this very important issue confronting the Australian electorate. One of the major issues for our Catholics and our schools is Freedom of Religion. The Government has not made it clear what protections for freedom of religion, if any will be included in any legislation to change the Marriage Act. The following is a current news report on the Northern Territory Government's proposed anti discrimination laws. It indicates the direction that this issue is heading:

'The Northern Territory Government has unveiled proposals for anti-discrimination laws which would abolish exemptions for religious organisations, except the freedom to ordain ministers, The Catholic Weekly reports. The proposals are among the most extreme ever floated by a state or territory government in Australia, but are broadly in accord with measures introduced in all other countries where same-sex marriage has been introduced.

Religious organisations in the NT would still be allowed to choose who was selected for education and ordained to official priesthood – beyond that almost all exemptions would disappear.

Among measures floated by the paper are the removal of all current exemptions for religious bodies in the areas of schools, accommodation controlled by religious bodies or used for religious purposes such as retreat centres and monasteries and access to religious sites.

Another exemption that could be removed is Section 37A that permits religious schools to discriminate against employees on the grounds of religious beliefs, activity or sexuality if done in good faith to avoid offending the religious sensitivities of people of the particular religion," the paper says. Under the ideas floated as ways of extending the NT's existing anti-discrimination legislation, no religious organisations would be able to deny the use of sites or facilities such as parish churches, mosques and synagogues to organisations supporting same-sex marriage or bodies opposed to the beliefs of those churches.'

This weekend we are distributing a one page brochure on some of the consequences of re defining marriage. Please take a copy. They are available at the rear of the Church.

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED

Stay with us after mass on
Saturday, 23rd September 5pm and
Sunday, 24th September 5.30pm mass
and have a Cuppa & Supper. Meet and make
friends with fellow parishioners, learn about
what is going on in the parish.

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

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...

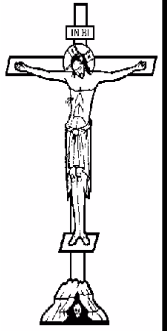
Recently Deceased:

Zarine Bathaccino,
Scott Fenech.

Anniversaries:

Francesco Pappaluca,
Giacomo Colella,
Ana Stanovic,
Dominic Hursey,
Carmello Portelli,
Rose Portelli,
Mary Aquilina,
Luz Labrador, Nestor Labrador, Carolina
Labrador, Sabino Garcia, Rosalba Misfud,
Antonio Misfud.

*We pray for all those who are sick especially,
Barbara & Christopher.*



Archie Foundation Annual Trivia night!

Archie is a 5 year old boy who has spastic/dystonic
Quadraplegic Cerebral Palsy.

We complete many daily/weekly therapies with him and
2-3 times a year we do a 3 week intensive with NAPA in
Sydney. They cost over \$10,000 per session.

Every cent made at this fundraiser goes straight to Archie's
therapy costs!

Date: 21st October 2017

Time: Sausage sizzle, Raffle ticket sales and silent
auction starts at 6, Trivia kicks off @7.

Venue: St Mary Mackillop Primary School. 152
Odessa Avenue, Keilor Downs.

Cost: \$25 per person.

10/12 per table. We can add you to a table as well!
BYO food and drink. Soft drink cans available for
purchase.

Please email archiekwiez@gmail.com for bookings
or questions!

**RAFFLE - TRIVIA - SILENT AUCTION - DOOR
PRIZES**

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 24th September at St. Pauls Church.
Two important questions will be answered at
this months 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.

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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IN A NUTSHELL

At first glance, today's Gospel seems to be a shocking promotion of unfair labour practices. In its layers of meaning, however, we find a challenging message about 'letting God be God'. We should rejoice in the abundance of God's mercy and gifts rather than demanding that they conform to our limited view of fairness and reward.

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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 4th Sunday of the month at 3pm.
Info: Deacon David 0451240713

WEDNESDAY EVENING

ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
Wednesday, 27th September

Guest Speaker:
Caroline Simoes

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
We are taking a break over the school holidays. Prayer group will resume on Thursday, 12th October at 7pm. **VENUE CHANGE FOR JUST ONE WEEK**, it will be at **St. Paul's**. All 3 Charismatic groups in St. Mary Assumption Parish will all join together for the 50th Anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Jubilee. Great program on the night. 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 30TH SEPT & 1ST OCT

SAT 30TH SEPT 6.30PM
R Maurice Hammett
Special Ministers
M. Long, Q. Diaz.

SUN 1ST OCTOBER 10AM
R Sharon Grass
Special Ministers
C. Pirota, F. Afuic.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

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

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 30TH SEPT & 1ST OCT

SAT 30TH SEPTEMBER 5PM
R Marcella Fandino
Special Ministers
Zbig Piorowski, Marcella Fandino, Victor Sammut.

SUN 1ST OCTOBER 9AM
R Geraldine Vytilingham
Special Ministers
Kathy Lindsay, Armando Bianco, Hilda D'Souza.

SUN 1ST OCTOBER 11AM
R Althea D'Souza
Special Ministers
Ray Caruana, Justin Wejak, Doris Briffa.

SUN 1ST OCTOBER 5.30PM
R Julie Cassar
Special Ministers
Julie Cassar, 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, 26th September
Ss. Cosmas & Damian
Wednesday, 27th September
St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday, 28th September
St. Wenceslaus
St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
Friday, 29th September
Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Saturday, 30th September
St. Jerome

Monday, 25th September
10.30am Prayer Group
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group - St. Paul's Church
Tuesday, 26th September
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop
Wednesday, 27th September
7.00pm Legion of Mary
7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

Entrance:

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thru' many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia!
Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.
Alleluia!
Open our hearts to your word.

Offertory:

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.

Communion:

Lord I come to you
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in you
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the Power of your love.

Chorus:

Hold me close
Let your love surround me
Bring me near

Draw me to your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with you
Your spirit leads me on
In the Power of your love

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see you face to face
The knowledge of your love
As you live in me
Lord renew my mind
As your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
In the Power of your love. Refrain.

Recessional:







Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

CHORUS:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

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