

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, 19th & 20th August, 2017.



The readings today all speak of foreigners (pagans) who have accepted faith in the one God.

Isaiah says : 'foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord, to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it – these I will bring to my holy mountain.'

St. Paul says : 'I have been sent to the pagans, as their Apostle, and I am proud of being sent.'

Matthew tells us that Jesus and his disciples are now moving into Gentile territory. Jesus' fame has obviously spread even here.

On seeing Jesus, a Canaanite woman shouts out 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' The non-Jewish woman persists and follows him and when she is near Jesus, kneels at his feet and says humbly 'Lord, help me, I know that I have faith and that God's salvation is for all people.' Jesus responds generously for her faith and persistence.

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:

God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people. For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.



1st Reading:

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Psalms 66:2-3,5-6,8

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading:

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 15:21-28

Before Communion:

Lord, accept our sacrifice as a holy exchange of gifts. By offering what you have given

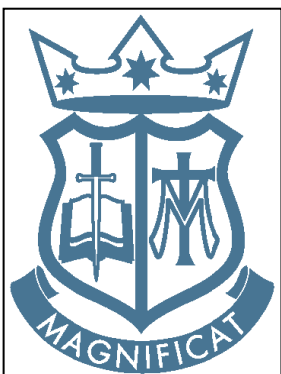
us may we receive the gift of yourself.

Communion Antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

After Communion:

God of mercy, by this sacrament you make us one with Christ. By becoming more like him on earth, may we come to share his glory in heaven, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

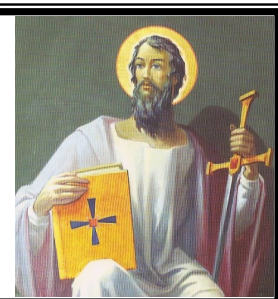


ST. MARY MACKILLOP

'Look upon your crosses as stepping-stones to an eternity of happiness.'

ST. PAUL

'The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.'



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

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Archbishop Hart blessed and sent the Jubilee Cross, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, to 40 parishes to be a visible sign throughout Victoria of God's love for all. We will have the cross at St. Paul's on 12th October, and at St. Mary MacKillop on 13th/14th/15th October.

Mark your diaries, a wonderful program is being planned, come and join with the whole parish and recharge your spiritual batteries. More details coming soon.

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.

THE WISE MAN

When I was working on a community service project, I met an elderly Aboriginal Christian, a man I found to be very much at peace with himself and always willing to love. One of my regrets is not taking up his invitation to 'take me bush' to teach me his wisdom. At the time I thought I knew what I needed out of life and his own recipe didn't quite 'fit' with my plans. Not long afterwards, he returned home to be among his own people. It was only when he died that I realised I had chosen wrongly. I had ignored his gift and instead gone for something more immediate, but less sustaining. He had said to me: 'I will wait for you to come to me'. There was no pressure, just a gentle hope that I would accept his gift. (MG)

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Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

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

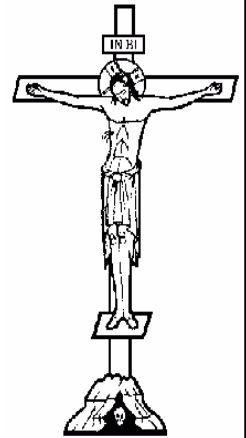
For more information contact Tara: 0434 636 719



In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Luke Evans,
Bienvenido Dela Cruz.



Anniversaries:

Moses Galea,
Joseph Assunta,
Emanuel Muscat,
Edward Levett,
Denis Levett,
Ian Jurcevic,
Carl Galea,
Frances Grech,
Elicia Montoro,
Joseph Buttigieg, Jerry Attard,
John & Mary Xuereb, George & Guza Farrugia,
Paul & Carmen Pace, Lorry Galea, Pala Lezda,
Toni & Dila Marku, Tagic Family,
Romeo Camilleri, Mary Camilleri,
Philip Kechenovich, Josipa Antolos.

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

FURNITURE FOR THE TAKING

St. Mary MacKillop P.S. is currently upgrading furniture in learning spaces throughout the school. Whilst we have donated lots of furniture to schools and institutions in need, we still have some furniture to give away.

Have a look on the verandah facing the carpark in the middle of the school. If you would like to take any of this furniture, please take as much as you want. It is too good to throw out, but it may be handy in your home or garage. Bring a trailer and take it away.... All to a good home!

You will find available:

Prep size classroom chairs. These are small and easy to stack in the garage. Bring them out for party in the back yard.

Classroom tables with adjustable legs. These make great study tables or additional bench space in the garage.

Swivel Chairs. Ideal for your child's study desk.

Random pieces of furniture. Take what you want.

And if you don't want it... tell friend!

The gates will be open all of Sunday, until after the last Mass. Otherwise come by the school during the week. Somebody will let you in so you can collect the furniture you want.

Thanks everyone.

Anthony McCluskey
Principal



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.

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, 23rd August
Join us in a DVD night with a
presentation by TV presenter
Mike Willesee.
7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship
followed by DVD.
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, 24th August
7.30pm Prayer & Praise
8.00pm DVD—**"Strength to
Strength"** - EXCELLENT
speakers teach on prayer
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 26TH & 27TH AUGUST

SAT 26TH AUGUST 6.30PM
R Marita Tobin
Special Ministers
Q. Diaz, J. Tabone.

SUN 27TH AUGUST 10AM
R Jean Falcoa
Special Ministers
J. Zahra, J. Mamo.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST
Rita Haig
Herwin Allen
Millie Monteiro

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 6:
Zbig Piorkowski
Lionel Nicholas
Irene Kietner
Yolanda Harris
Rani Ramanathanpulle
Kimberley Stapleton

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 26TH & 27TH AUGUST

SAT 26TH AUGUST 5PM
R Ginali Wickramasinghe
Special Ministers
Victor Sammut, Mario
Camilleri, Marcella Fandino.

SUN 27TH AUGUST 9AM
R Joe Albioli
Special Ministers
Mim Caruso, Wayne Harrison,
Mickie Cavka.

SUN 27TH AUGUST 11AM
R Tara Ciantar
Special Ministers
Teresa Taverna, Carmen
LaBruna, Helen Sorokowski.

SUN 27TH AUGUST 5.30PM
R Kerry Tieppo
Special Ministers
Frank Lee, Doris Borg,
Kimberley D'Cruz.

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, 21st August
St. Pius X
Tuesday, 22nd August
The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, 23rd August
St. Rose of Lima
Thursday, 24th August
St. Bartholomew
Friday, 25th August
St. Louis
St. Joseph Calasanz

Monday, 21st August
10.30am Prayer Group
7.00pm Samoan Prayer Group
- St. Paul's Church
Tuesday, 22nd August
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- St. Mary MacKillop
Wednesday, 23rd August
7.00pm Legion of Mary
7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp
Thursday, 24th August
10.30am St Mary MacKillop
Morning Prayer Grp
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop
Evening Prayer Grp
Friday, 25th August
4.45pm Children of Mary

TWENTIETH SUNDAY

Entrance:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear, now to his altar draw near,
Join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord

Who shall prosper our work and defend us.

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with his love will befriend us.

Responsorial Psalm:

All the earth proclaim the Lord
Sing your praise to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to God for the Word, alleluia
That God's voice will be heard, alleluia
Now proclaim in God's holy name:
Alleluia, alleluia! (repeat)

Offertory:

You have become for us wisdom,
You have become for us righteousness.
You have become our salvation,
You have become all our holiness.

Refrain:

All that we need is found in you,
Oh, all that we need is in you;
All that we need is found in you,
You are our all in all,
You have become our all in all.

You have become our provision,
In union with you we have victory;
In you we have died and have risen
And you are our great hope of glory.

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:

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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