

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Year A - 14th & 15th October, 2017

**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



It is always such a joyous occasion when so many invited guests turn up to celebrate the event, whether it be a wedding, birthday or christening. We can well identify then with the disappointment and anger of the host in today's gospel when so many invitees failed to turn up for the special occasion.

Each Sunday we are called to the lavish banquet, to partake of the Eucharist. Are we prepared to take part in this banquet?

Our everyday living is not inconsequential – even the little things we do are helping us put on our own 'wedding garment.'

**Entrance Antiphon:**

If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 25-6-10  
Psalms 22

**Responsorial Psalm:**

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**2nd Reading:**

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Matthew 22:1-14

**Before Communion:**

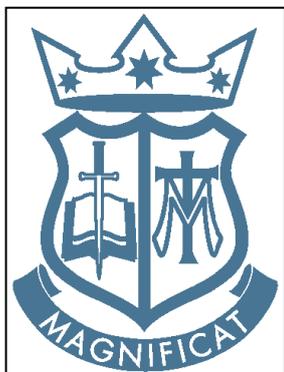
Lord, accept the prayers and gifts we offer in faith and love. May this eucharist bring us to your glory.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but nothing shall be lacking to those who fear the Lord.

**After Communion:**

Almighty Father, may the body and blood of your Son give us a share in his life, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

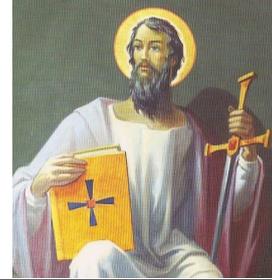


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Be obedient in heart and deed.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.'*



**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

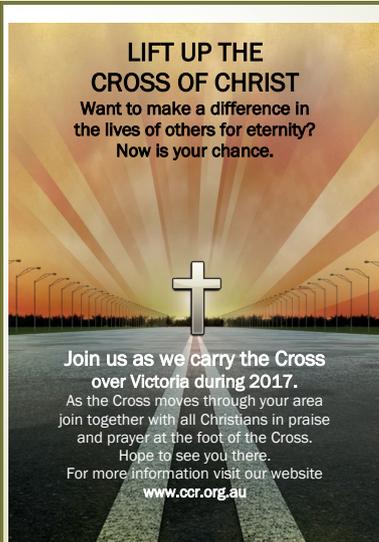
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 As the Cross moves through your area join together with all Christians in praise and prayer at the foot of the Cross.  
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 For more information visit our website [www.ccr.org.au](http://www.ccr.org.au)

**50TH ANNIVERSARY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL JUBILEE THIS WEEKEND**

We rejoice as we received the Jubilee Cross and celebrated Thursday at St. Paul's with an amazing program. The Cross arrived at St. Mary MacKillop on Friday with another blessed program. **FOR ALL 4 MASSES this weekend**, please find the **PRAYER INTENTION CARDS** on your seats. Write your intentions, and **AFTER MASS, not during**, place your intentions at the base of the Jubilee Cross. As a Community let us pray for all the intentions, pray for each other's needs. **(Please leave the pencils on the seats for use at other masses)** These cards will continue their journey to the 40th stop, at St. Peter Chanel Church in Deer Park on Sunday, 22nd October, 2pm Prayer & Praise, 2.30pm Mass, where **Fr. Dan**

**Serratore, MGL** will celebrate the finale of the Cross' journey and we will pray for all our intentions collected on this 40 week journey.

Join us this Sunday for the last leg of our program between 12pm and 5pm, see your Jubilee Flyers for details or flyers at the doors of the Church. The finale at St. Mary MacKillop will be the 5.30pm Jubilee Mass with the team from the Holy Spirit of Freedom Community who have led us so prayerfully and lovingly through the Retreat. We thank them profusely for all their contributions. We also thank everyone involved in any way both at St. Paul's and at St. Mary MacKillop for all their prayerful and practical help, you all know who you are, most especially a big thank you to Monsignor Charles Portelli.

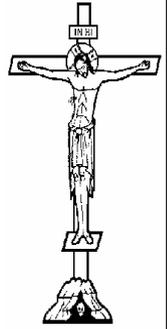
There will also be an ecumenical event at **Federation Square** on the 28th of October. Catholic and Other Christian denominations joining together to pray for the world. Program will run from 2pm to 7pm.

Inquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

**In Remembrance...**

**Recently Deceased:**

Daniela Rizzo, Joan Larken, Filippo Prestia, Dominic Tung, Dominic Phong.



**Anniversaries:**

Philomena Rego  
 Gerry Mascarenhas  
 Cynthia Raspin  
 Wayne Rebeiro  
 Elaine Latima, Noreen Fraser, Angelo Rapa, Tonina Spiteri, Tom, Esme & Glen Maple, Aloyz Lendrec, Yadranka Lendrec, Zvonko Bill Sestan, Lawrence De Brincat, Nicholas Attard, John & Geswalda Borg, George Brooks, Enzo Leo.

*We pray for all those who are sick especially, Dominic, Therese, Giovanni, Yolanda, Peter, Denise, Joseph and Imalda.*

**CHOIR PRACTICE**



Will be held on  
**MONDAY 16TH OF OCTOBER at 7pm**  
 At St. Mary MacKillop Church

**Same Sex Marriage – Effect on Families**

In previous articles in our Parish Bulletin we have highlighted some of the consequences on families if marriage is redefined to include 'two persons'. These include changes of sex education for primary and secondary school children, gender confusion and the removal of parental rights. There are other effects on families that need to be highlighted. These are as follows: **The push for commercialised surrogacy and increased use of assisted reproduction:** It is reasonable to expect that a change in the marriage law will lead to an increased desire for same sex couples to raise children, and consequently increase pressure for the legislation of commercial surrogacy, paid gamete donation and other mechanisms. Commercial surrogacy that exist overseas have many disturbing consequences including the exploitation of financially vulnerable women.

**The removal of mothers and fathers:** A number of children conceived through donor procedures and raised by same sex parents are beginning to tell their stories about their desire for a connection to their biological parents. Melbourne women Millie Fontana, who was raised by two women, gave an address at Parliament House in Sept 2015, where she said that the suggestion that 'love is love' and that children do not need access to their biological roots to be happy were incorrect for her and many others. She stated, *'And there is not a moment where I have looked back and thought that I did not crave that male stability and that father in my life. When I was 11, I was finally able to meet my father and it was one of the happiest days of my life. I felt stable and at peace for what was probably the first time in my childhood.'*

**This weekend we are continuing to distribute the brochure on some of the consequences of re defining marriage. Please take some and talk to your friends and relatives about the consequences of re defining marriage. They are available at the rear of the Church.**

**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



**MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

This week we pray for the wellbeing of those experiencing same-sex attraction or gender uncertainty. Please make this your intention during Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, parish rosaries and prayer groups and family prayer times. Please join this intention to your acts of fasting and sacrifice during the week. visit [www.acmfc.org.au](http://www.acmfc.org.au) for more information.

## THE "GIFT" PROGRAM

Following our Jubilee Event, at St. Mary MacKillop a great program is set to continue the spiritual journey deepening our faith.

Over the next 7 Thursdays, beginning on 19th of October consecutively through to 30th of November, starting time 7.30pm, come and experience World Renowned Speakers take us on a journey of faith that will **CHANGE YOUR LIFE.**

This will be held in the school area behind the Parish Office.

Flyers available, pick one up at rear of church.  
Inquiries: Christina on 0431 955 975.

### DIVINE MERCY PRAISE & WORSHIP

Divine Mercy Chaplet, intercession and praise and worship on Sunday 22nd October at 3pm at St. Paul's Church, Kealba. The talk by Louiza Romanic will be on:

Do you run from Sin or to it - Part 2

Sin cannot stand in the light of the truth. The truth of God's word Exposes sin - for the lie it is that is why those who choose sin, do Their best to silence those proclaiming the truth of God's word.

All are welcome . Prayer ministry to follow and fellowship.

### 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**

**St Paul's Choir: Hung 0402 171 733**

## PRAYER GROUPS

### MONDAY MORNING

Following 9.30am Mass  
10am Fellowship  
10.30am - 11.30am Devotions

Join us in praying the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** 10am-10.30am

### TUESDAY EVENING

#### SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Samoan Divine Mercy Prayer Group - at St Pauls Church every Tuesday at 6pm 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, 18th October**

Please join us as we begin a 6 week DVD seminar '**Strength to Strength**'

Week 1 topic: **Pray for the Day**  
7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship followed by seminar.

Conclude at 9pm with fellowship Prayer ministry also available.

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, 19th October**

7.30pm Prayer & Praise  
8pm **THE GIFT PROGRAM BEGINS** for 7 consecutive Thursdays.

ALL VERY WELCOME.

Enquiries:  
Christina 0431 955 975

#### LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room  
All Welcome

### 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?"*



#### ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 21ST & 22ND OCT

**SAT 21ST OCTOBER 6.30PM**

R Marita Tobin  
**Special Ministers**  
Q. Diaz, J. Tabone.

**SUN 22ND OCTOBER 10AM**

R Jean Falcoa  
**Special Ministers**  
M. Zahra, C. Pirotta.

#### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER**

Rita Haig  
Herwin Allen  
Millie Monteiro

#### Counting Team

**COUNTING TEAM NO. 7:**

Joe Sammut  
John Fenech  
Josephine Lowe  
Anna Attard  
Liz Di'Cianni  
John Dykun

#### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 21ST & 22ND OCT

**SAT 21ST OCTOBER 5PM**

R Antonia Camilleri  
**Special Ministers**  
Laurie Xerri, Marcella Fandino,  
Joe Camilleri.

**SUN 22ND OCTOBER 9AM**

R Joe Albioli  
**Special Ministers**  
Lily Zovko, Doris Pace,  
Doris Borg.

**SUN 22ND OCTOBER 11AM**

R Brian Davis  
**Special Ministers**  
Joe Camenzuli, Helen Sorokowski, Glen D'Souza.

**SUN 22ND OCTOBER 5.30PM**

R Georgina Sant  
**Special Ministers**  
Georgina Sant, Marcia Schwegler, Kimberley D'Cruz.

#### Music Group Rehearsals

#### This Week in the Parish ....

**ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP**  
Monday, 16th October -7pm

**ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP**  
To be advised

#### Feast Days

**Monday, 16th October**  
St. Hedwig  
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

**Tuesday, 17th October**  
St. Ignatius of Antioch

**Wednesday, 18th October**  
St. Luke

**Thursday, 19th October**  
Ss. John de Brebeuf &  
Isaac Jogues  
St. Paul of the Cross

**Monday, 16th October**  
10.30am Prayer Group

**Tuesday, 17th October**  
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
- St. Mary MacKillop  
6.00pm Samoan Prayer Group  
- St. Paul's Church

**Wednesday, 18th October**  
7.00pm Legion of Mary  
7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

**Thursday, 19th July**  
10.30am St Mary MacKillop  
Morning Prayer Grp  
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop  
Evening Prayer Grp

**Friday, 20th October**  
4.45pm Children of Mary

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY

## Entrance:

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.

## Responsorial Psalm:

My shepherd is the Lord,  
Nothing, indeed, shall I want

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Your words, Lord are Spirit and life;  
You have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Offertory:

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.

## Communion:

Welcome Holy Spirit  
Be here with Your presence  
Fill me with Your power  
Live inside of me (repeat)

You're the living water  
The never drying fountain  
Comforter and counsellor  
Take complete control

Welcome Holy Spirit  
Be here with Your presence  
Fill me with Your power  
Live inside of me

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing:  
You reign now in splendour with Jesus our  
King.

## Refrain

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,  
God will you both virgin and mother to  
be. Refrain

To you by an angel, the Lord God made known  
The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the  
Son. Refrain

Most blest of all women, you heard and be-  
lieved,  
Most blest in the fruit of your womb then  
conceived. 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.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

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