

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B - 10th & 11th February, 2018

MASS TIMES

St Paul's
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am

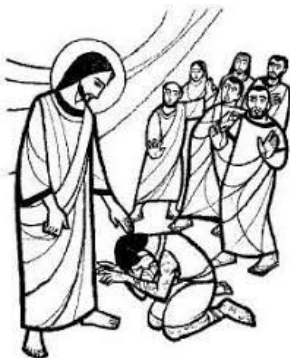
Saturday 5:00 pm
(Latin)
6:30 pm
Sunday 8:00am
(Maltese)
10:00am

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



Lepers have been ostracized from society for centuries. Leprosy was a terrible disease that was infectious and caused people to have severe deformities. These people were often isolated from others so that the disease would not spread and because of their appearance, they often led very sad and lonely lives.

In the Gospel, it is the leper who approaches Jesus, defying all the rules and conventions of his society. Despite his exclusion and isolations, he has not lost hope.

Jesus is moved by pity not revulsion. Instead of sending the man away, he responds with immense compassion to the man's courage and faith. Jesus reaches out and touches him. The man is healed.

Who are the lepers in our lives today? Whom do we exclude from society and refuse to touch?

Living the word of God this week: Reach out and touch someone who needs a sign of acceptance or a gift of compassion.

Entrance Antiphon:

Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.

1st Reading:

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
Psalms 31:1-2, 5, 11

Responsorial Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 1:40-45

Before Communion:

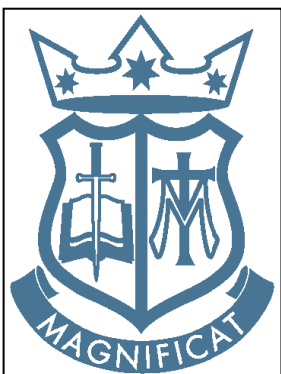
Lord, we make this offering in obedience to your word. May it cleanse and renew us, and lead us to our eternal reward.

Communion Antiphon:

They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire.

After Communion:

Lord, you give us food from heaven. May we always hunger for the bread of life.



**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

*'With humility, charity
and truth on our part,
all will in the end
be well.'*

ST. PAUL

*'Be imitators of me,
as I am of Christ.'*



Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Paul Chandler

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POSITION VACANT

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish is currently seeking a Diploma Qualified Co-ordinator with experience for their Outside School Hours Care Program. This is an opportunity to work in an exciting and safe environment and also develop engaged activities for primary school aged children.

St. Mary of the Assumption Outside School Hours Care offers a morning and afternoon care program, Monday to Friday. It is a moderate sized service with consistent team assistants every morning and afternoon. The service has excellent routines in place and a supportive school community. The children and their families enjoy being involved in a wide range of activities indoors and outdoors.

Duties will include :

Leading a team of Assistants; Ensuring the children are safe and engaged; Developing strong relationships with the school community; Managing day to day administration duties; Reporting to Key Responsible Person and Director; Creating a program that meets National Quality Framework requirements; and Maintaining positive experiences and activities for children attending our service.

Requirements are as follows:

Diploma in Education and School Age Service / Certificate IV;
Experience working with School Age children in OSHC;
Knowledge of National Laws and Regulations;
Employee Working with Children Check;
Police Check;
Current and valid First Aid, Anaphylaxis and Asthma certificates; and
Availability Monday to Friday between the hours of 7:00am - 9:00am and 2:00pm-6:00pm.

To apply please forward applications and a resume to Mary Zambara, Key Responsible Person email address: maryz@spkealba.catholic.edu.au

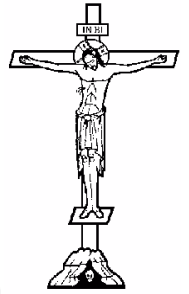
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Lucietta Cascio & Edvard Hrvatin

Anniversaries:

Rudolf Bader,
Mirko Grabovac,
Nestor Labrador,
Luz Labrador,
Carolina Labrador,
Sabino Garcia,
Carmen Tomkinson,
Mary, John & Louis Darmanin,
Mary & Charles Bellotti, Lora Attard,
Carmena Zammit, Giacube (Lich Duy Dinh),
Carmela Barresc, Marianne Falzon, Rosemarie
& Joseph Mifsud, Vita Martinico, Domenic &
Maria Nguyen, Ignazio Scarpa, Giovanni Bruno,
Maria Bruno, Rosario Bruno, Psaila Family,
Mary & Vincent Vella, Connie Catanja, Connie &
Greju Attard, Lawrence De Brincat, Nicholas
Attard, John & Geswalda Borg, Angelo Rapa,
Tonina Spiteri, Mario & Klara Cirevic.



We pray for all those who are sick especially, Frank.

LENT - 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY ARE DAYS OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

On all other Fridays, the law of the practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(A)**PRAYER** - for example, Mass attendance; Family Prayer; A visit to a Church or Chapel; Reading the Bible; Making the Stations of the Cross; Praying the Rosary; or in other ways.

(B)**SELF DENIAL** - for example, Not eating meat; Not eating sweets or dessert; Giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; Limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways.

(C)**HELPING OTHERS** -example, Special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely, or over-burdened; or in other ways.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

The season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are encouraged to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves. Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This percent must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14th February and Trinity Sunday, 27th May 2018 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

All faithful are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

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



ADVANCE NOTICE


Come along to hear a beautiful talk by the author of the book titled, "*In Touch with Heaven*". The sub-title is *Guideposts to Holiness*, by Adrian Commadeur.

The theme of the talk on Thursday, 22nd of February will be "*The Call to Holiness*".

The talk begins at 8pm, in the school area behind the Parish Office at St. Mary MacKillop.

For those who would like a copy of his book, you can purchase it on the night (approx. \$20). Come along and meet the author, a man who has given 40 years of his life devoted to making our saviour Jesus known.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES
 Wednesday, 14th February
 9.30am— St Paul's
 12noon—St Mary MacKillop
 7.30pm—St Mary MacKillop



Hello dear Parish I would like to introduce myself, my name is Andrew Sciberras and I am the new Coordinator and one of the teachers of the Sacramental Program we provide to the non-Catholic School children, which we run out of St Mary MacKillop Church/School.
 I am a local having grown up in St Albans and now residing in Keilor Downs. You may have also seen me Altar Serving at some of the Parish Masses. I am happy and excited to be Coordinating the Sacramental Program this year and look forward to helping the children learn more about Christ and our beautiful faith!
 If you have any enquiries please call the Parish Office. I shall be in every Tuesday of the school year if you wish to speak with me directly. May it be a grace-filled year ahead, God's blessing to you all.

ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Will be held every Friday in Lent at 7pm beginning Friday 16th February.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING
ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
 Individual prayer in laying of hands through the Holy Spirit followed with reflection.
Wednesday, 14th February
 7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship, Prayer & Reflection. Concludes at 9pm with fellowship.
 Prayer ministry also available.
 For more information call Doris: 9367 4126

SUNDAY AFTERNOON


SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP
 Samoan Divine Mercy Prayer Group - at St Pauls Church every Sunday at 12pm—3pm.
 Info: Deacon David 0451240713

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, 15th February
 7.30pm Praise & Worship,
 8pm Sunday's Gospel Reflection
 All 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 17TH & 18TH FEB

SAT 17TH FEBRUARY 6.30PM
 R Marita Tobin
Special Ministers
 M. Long.

SUN 18TH FEBRUARY 10AM
 R Jean Falcoa
Special Ministers
 J. Zahra, M. Zahra.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
 Mary Formosa
 Margo Harley
 Pauline Portelli
 Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 1:
 Ray Basile
 Robert Stoppa
 Mickie Cavka
 James Barberi
 Wanda Peplow

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 17TH & 18TH FEB


SAT 17TH FEBRUARY 5PM
 R Marcella Fandino
Special Ministers
 Laurie Xerri, Marcella Fandino, Joe Camilleri.

SUN 18TH FEBRUARY 9AM
 R Joe Albioli
Special Ministers
 Lily Zovko, Doris Pace, Doris Borg.

SUN 18TH FEBRUARY 11AM
 R Brian Davis
Special Ministers
 Teresa Taverna, Helen Sorokowski, Glen D'Souza.

SUN 18TH FEBRUARY 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 To be advised	Monday, 12th February 10.30am Prayer Group
ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP To be advised	Tuesday, 13th February 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop
Feast Days	Wednesday, 14th February 7.00pm Legion of Mary 7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp
Wednesday, 14th February Ash Wednesday	Thursday, 15th February 10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp 7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp
Saturday, 17th February The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	Friday, 16th February 4.45pm Children of Mary



SIXTH SUNDAY

Entrance:

Refrain

I will go up to the altar of God,
to the God who gives me life;
I will go up to the altar of God,
to the God of my delight!

As the deer that yearns, yearns for running streams,

So my soul is yearning for you, my God.
My soul is thirsting, is thirsting for you;
O when will I enter and see your face? **Refrain**

Tears by dawn by dusk: tears I taste like bread,
as I hear it said: "Well, where is your God?"
and yet I remember in all my woe
I lead your people up to your home. **Refrain**

Deep calls out to deep while your waters roar;
All your waves, your torrents swept over me.
by day you will send me your kindness and love
by night I will sing you my song of praise.
Refrain

Responsorial Psalm:

Be with me, Lord
When I am in trouble,
Be with me Lord, I pray.

Gospel Acclamation:

God called us into the gospel
to share in the glory of Christ.
Alleluia! Praises to God.
God upholds my life.

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God upholds my life.

Offertory:

Antiphon:

Whatever you do to the least of my people,
That you do unto me.

When I was hungry you gave me to eat,
When I was thirsty you gave me to drink.

Now enter into the home of my father.

Antiphon

When I was homeless and strange in this land,
Searching for kindness, you held out your hand.
Now enter into the home of my father.

Antiphon

When in a prison you bothered to heed,
When on a sick bed you cared for my need.

Now enter into the home of my father.

Antiphon

When I was weary you helped me find rest,
When I was anxious you calmed all my fears.

Now enter into the home of my father.

Antiphon

Communion:

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.

I am with you always,
Till the end of time.

Recessional:





You are salt for the earth, O people;
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people;
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people;
Light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people;
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

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