

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Year B - 17th & 18th 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



Our Lenten Journey began on Ash Wednesday. We were marked with the sign of the cross with ashes on our foreheads. Two sentences remain in our minds. *'Repent and believe the Good News' and 'Remember man, that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'*

Lent is a great season of GRACE, God's gift to us, to renew us in spirit. A time to listen attentively to the word of God. A time to go back to the ways of the Father.

Today's first reading tells us that God after saving Noah and his family from the flood, establishes a covenant with him. The rainbow will be a constant reminder of the Covenant.

In the second reading Peter compares Baptism to the rescue of Noah and his family.

Mark in the Gospel gives a brief account of Jesus' temptations and the beginning of his preaching.

The Lord again call us to a new beginning, a new creation. He never gives up on us.

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.

1st Reading:

Genesis 9:8-15
Psalms 24:4-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

2nd Reading:

Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

Mark 1:12-15

Before Communion:

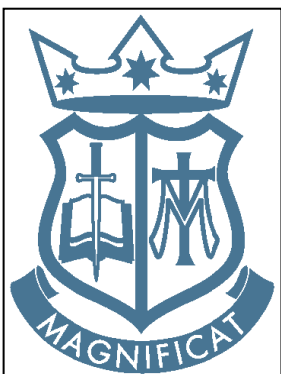
Lord, make us worthy to bring you these gifts. May this sacrifice help to change our lives.

Communion Antiphon:

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

After Communion:

Father, you increase our faith and hope, you deepen our love in this communion. Help us to live by your words and to seek Christ, our bread of life, who is Lord for ever and ever.

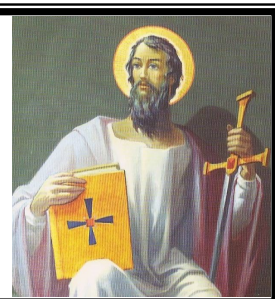


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'Try at least to excuse what you cannot understand.'

ST. PAUL

'The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.'



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

Faith Development: Mr Joseph Zahra—St Paul's **Sacramental Program Coordinator:** Andrew Sciberras—St. Mary MacKillop

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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

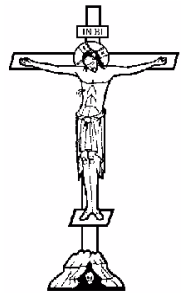
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Teresa Pinto & Fredica Pititto

Anniversaries:

Roshan Mendoza,
Stipe Gravovac,
Caroline Bajada,
Lesile Sammut,
Margret Alp,
Nicola Deluca,
Jacko, Mila, Drasko, Ivan,
Fredrick Highland,
Beryl & Locksley Hensicus, Hidred Halge,
Giuseppe Curseri Cangelosi, Betty & Antonio
Martinico, Michael Gusmin, Marcus Miral,
Rose & Carmenu Portelli, Charles Spiteri,
Richard & Helen Hammett, Joseph, Mary & Paul
Mercieca, Maureen Long, Nicole Borg, Mrika,
Nika Andria.



ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday in Lent at 7pm.

SVDP Thankyou



The Keilor Downs Conference of The St Vincent De Paul Society would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners who contributed to our 2017 Christmas Appeal. We were able to provide Christmas hampers and gifts to 60 families. We are always overwhelmed by your support and want you to know that the kindness and generosity you displayed truly showcased the spirit of Christmas.



DIVINE MERCY

Come and join us for the Divine Mercy Devotion on Sunday 25th February at 3.00pm at St Paul's Church commencing with the chaplet, followed by the rosary, intercession and praise and worship. The Guest Speaker will be Bernadette O'Hanlon. Bernadette will be giving her testimony and the title of the talk is I AM AN OVERCOMER IN THE LORD.

Come to hear the testimony from a Mother of a family of 10, and how with God's grace and intervention she has had the strength to deal with 8 children and all the troubles and tribulations that life has presented. Hear how she overcame these, and about the victories that came from God himself through her faith in Him.

"Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world" 1 John 4:4



First Sunday of Lent  Caritas AUSTRALIA
18th February 2018



Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. With the help of a Caritas

Australia supported program she is now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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



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 State 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 most Tuesday's 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.

Tuesday, 27 February at 4pm - Parents Information Session (children welcome), no Classes.

Tuesday, 6 March at 4pm - Classes resume for the year.

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.

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

Topic—The Power of Hope
 Speaker—Joseph Zahra
Wednesday, 21st February
 7pm Rosary, Praise, Worship & Teaching.
 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-4pm.
 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, 22nd February

Topic: 'In Touch With Heaven'
 Speaker: Adrian Commadeur
 7.30pm Praise & Worship,
 8pm Talk

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 24TH & 25TH FEB

SAT 24TH FEBRUARY 6.30PM
 R Greg Moore
Special Ministers
 J. Tabone.

SUN 25TH FEBRUARY 10AM
 R Marie Osa
Special Ministers
 C. Pirota, F. Afuic.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Rita Haig
 Herwin Allen
 Millie Monteiro

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 2:
 Joseph Barcellona
 Marita Tobin
 Mary Muscat
 Faye Colcao

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 24TH & 25TH FEB

SAT 24TH FEBRUARY 5PM
 R Anne Sargent
Special Ministers
 Zbig Piorowski, Victor Sammut, Mario Camilleri.

SUN 25TH FEBRUARY 9AM
 R Christina Santalucia
Special Ministers
 Mim Caruso, Joe Falvo, Maria Bianco.

SUN 25TH FEBRUARY 11AM
 R Neda Jurjevic
Special Ministers
 Jenny Saunders, Rosa Grabovac.

SUN 25TH FEBRUARY 5.30PM
 R Anne Abeyasinghases
Special Ministers
 Georgina Sant, Frank Lee, Keith Rodigo.

Music Group Rehearsals

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
 To be advised

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
 To be advised

Feast Days

Wednesday, 21st February
 St. Peter Damian

Thursday, 22nd February
 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Friday, 23rd February
 St. Polycarp

This Week in the Parish

Monday, 19th February
 10.30am Prayer Group

Tuesday, 20th February
 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
 - St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 21st February
 7.00pm Legion of Mary
 7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

Thursday, 22nd February
 10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
 7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

Friday, 23rd February
 4.45pm Children of Mary

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Entrance:

The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by Whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came
The steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
Delivered from the lions' might;
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
The herald of Messiah's Name.

Responsorial Psalm:

Your word Lord is Spirit and life
To whom shall we go?
You have that word of true life!
To whom shall we go?
You have that word of true life!

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ
No-one lives on bread alone
But on every word that comes from the mouth
of God..

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Offertory:

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend,
and did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
in you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and did thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and so to live
by your most holy Word.

And through these days of penitence,
and through your Passiontide,
forevermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, that through this life
of doubts and hope and pain,
an Easter of unending joy
we may at last attain!

Communion:

Led by the Spirit of our God,
we go to fast and pray
With Christ into the wilderness;
we join His paschal way.
"Rend not your garments, rend your hearts.
Turn back your lives to me."
Thus says our kind and gracious God,
whose reign is liberty.

Led by the Spirit,
we confront temptation face to face,
And know full well we must rely
on God's redeeming grace.
On bread alone we cannot live,
but nourished by the Word.
We seek the will of God to do:
this is our drink and food.

Led by the Spirit,
now draw near the waters of rebirth
With hearts that long to worship God
in spirit and in truth.

"Whoever drinks the drink I give
shall never thirst again."
Thus says the Lord who died for us,
our Saviour, kin and friend.

Led by the Spirit,
now sing praise to God the Trinity:
The Source of Life, the living Word
made flesh to set us free,
The Spirit blowing where it will
to make us friends of God:
This mystery far beyond our reach,
yet near in healing love.

Recessional:





Refrain:

Create a new heart, Holy Lord.
Beckon our lives through your word.
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.

Heighten our minds to your thoughts.
Heal us of pride and of hurt.
May we go forth in your name.
We pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross
lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope,
Promising truth. Refrain

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