

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Year B - 24th & 25th February, 2018

MASS TIMES

<u>St Paul's</u>	
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Saturday	5:00 pm (Latin)
	6:30 pm
Sunday	8:00am (Maltese)
	10:00am
Reconciliation	
Saturday	6:00pm
<u>St Mary MacKillop</u>	
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



Last Sunday's Gospel presented us with a firm short-range goal; the renewal of our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil.

This week's Gospel gives us an even longer-range goal of resurrected glory.

Jesus goes up the mountain and there becomes transfigured. The mount top that is the end of our life's journey is also one of transfigured glory. On the way to the mountain of glory, other mountains less inviting must be climbed. Staying the hard path up these mountains is our only way to transfigured glory.

Before glory must come the dying – dying to self, for the sake of others.

Entrance Antiphon:

Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.

1st Reading:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Psalms 115:10, 15-19

Responsorial Psalm:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:31-34

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel:

Mark 9:2-10

Before Communion:

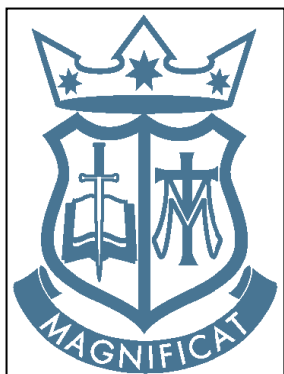
Lord, make us holy. May this eucharist take away our sins that we may be prepared to celebrate the resurrection.

Communion Antiphon:

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

After Communion:

Lord, we give thanks for these holy mysteries which bring to us here on earth a share in the life to come, through Christ our Lord.

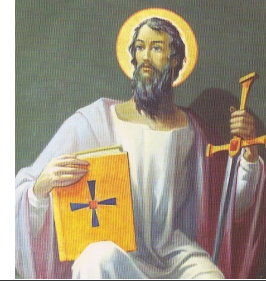


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'God loves us all.'

ST. PAUL

'God did not spare his own Son.'



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

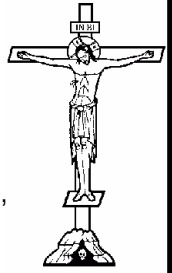
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Leigh Torney, Leslie Sammut,
Andrew Camilleri, Margaret Alp.

Anniversaries:

Mary & Tony Xuereb,
Tony, Paul, John & Carmen Pace,
Joseph Buttigieg,
George & Guza Farrugia,
Lorry Galea,
Dominic & Anthony Hursey,
Timothy, Doris, Ivy & Victor Highland,
Carmela Barrese,
Peter Andrade,
Reno Spiteri,
Salvatore Poidomani,
Filomena Rodrigues,
Enid & Norman D'Souza,
Michael Angelo Sammut,
Catherine & Domenico Defina.



We pray for all those who are sick, especially Rosa and Victor, Peter, Ray & Fr. Joe Micallef.

ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday in Lent at 7pm.

BELOVED CHILD

A 39-year-old father makes the comment that one of the greatest gifts he can give his children is a positive self-esteem: 'Whatever "dark" experiences our children face during their lifetime I hope that a good self-image will be their sustaining light; helping them to see things more clearly, especially their immeasurable worth in the eyes of God.' (Anthony)

This week, find a practical way to tell your child (or niece, nephew, godchild) of whatever age that he/she is God's beloved son or daughter. Say it, write it or show it in an act of love. A publication of The Story Source, © 1992-2002.

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

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



Second Sunday of Lent 25th February 2018



Rattanak is a skilled young barber, living an independent life in rural Cambodia. But it wasn't always that way. As a child he contracted polio and also became deaf. Like many people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Rattanak faced isolation, with a lack of opportunity to escape poverty. After joining the Deaf Development Program run

by Caritas Australia's partner, Maryknoll Cambodia, his life was transformed and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.

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.

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.

PRAYER GROUPS

MONDAY MORNING

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

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Join us to reflect and share your thoughts as a group in a discussion on Holy Scripture.
Wednesday, 28th February
 7pm Rosary, Praise, Worship & Scripture Share.
 Concludes at 9pm with fellowship.
 Prayer ministry also available.
 For more information call Doris: 9367 4126

THURSDAY EVENING

ST MARY MACKILLOP EVENING PRAYER GROUP

Thursday, 1st March

7.30pm Praise & Worship,
 8.00pm Lenten Theme

All Welcome.

Enquiries:
 Christina 0431 955 975

CHOIR PRACTICE

To prepare for Holy Week and Easter will be held on the following days:-

Monday 12th of March at 6.45pm
Monday 19th of March at 7pm
Monday 26th of March at 7pm

At St. Mary MacKillop Church.

Enquiries: Rosanna 0425 751 230

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

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

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 3RD & 4TH MARCH

SAT 3RD MARCH 6.30PM
 R Maurice Hammett
Special Ministers
 D. Agius.

SUN 4TH MARCH 10AM
 R Sharon Grass
Special Ministers
 J. Mamo, F. Mamo.

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 3RD & 4TH MARCH

SAT 3RD MARCH 5PM
 R Joe Sammut
Special Ministers
 Quintus Diaz, Joe Camilleri, Hank Bader.

SUN 4TH MARCH 9AM
 R Robert Hose
Special Ministers
 Kathy Lindsay, Regina Duggan, Wayne Harrison.

SUN 4TH MARCH 11AM
 R Tara Sciberras
Special Ministers
 Joe Camenzuli, Justin Wejak, Doris Briffa.

SUN 4TH MARCH 5.30PM
 R Brian Lobo
Special Ministers
 Georgina Sant, Keith Rodigo, Kimberley D' Cruz.

Music Group Rehearsals

This Week in the Parish

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
 Monday 12th March-6.45pm

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
 To be advised

Monday, 26th February
 10.30am Prayer Group

Tuesday, 27th February
 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop

Feast Days

Wednesday, 28th February
 7.00pm Legion of Mary
 7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

Thursday, 1st March
 10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
 7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

Friday, 2nd March
 4.45pm Children of Mary

Friday, 2nd March
 Ember Day

WINTER OIL AUTUMN
EMBER DAYS

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

Mary Formosa
 Margo Harley
 Pauline Portelli
 Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 3:

Sheila Grixti
 Michael Medved
 Kathy Lindsay
 John Kiomall

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Entrance:

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send? Chorus

Responsorial Psalm:

Here am I, Lord
I come to do your will,
Here am I, Lord
Here I am. (repeat)

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Offertory:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

Communion:

O raise your eyes on high and see
There stands our sovereign Lord,
His glory is this day revealed,
His Word a two-edged sword.
We glimpse the splendor and the power
Of him who conquered death,
The Christ in whom the universe
Knows God's creating breath.

Of every creed and nation King
In him all strife is stilled;
The promise made to Abraham
In him has been fulfilled.

The prophets stand and with great joy
Give witness as they gaze;
The Father with a sign has sealed
Our trust, our hope, our praise.

This glory that today our eyes
Have glimpsed of God's own Son
Will help us ever sing with Love
Of Three who are but One.

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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