

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Year B - 3rd & 4th March, 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



In this week's Gospel, Jesus goes up to Jerusalem, whilst in the Temple, Jesus finds that business transactions were taking precedence over the worship of the people. The Gospel describes the 'angry' side of Jesus as he drives the trade and money changers out of the Temple and chastises them for their actions.

Additionally, Jesus provides an insight into what is to happen in a short time when he says... 'Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up...' It was these words that the disciples remembered at the time of His resurrection and they 'believed the Scripture and the words He had said...'

Entrance Antiphon:

My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

1st Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalms 18:8-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Gospel:

John 2:13-25

Before Communion:

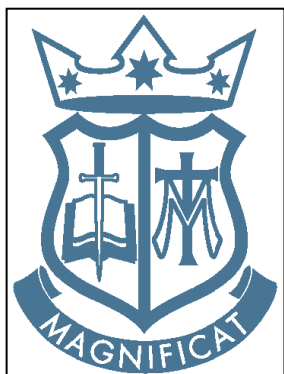
Lord, by the grace of this sacrifice may we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another.

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

After Communion:

Lord, in sharing this sacrament may we receive your forgiveness and be brought together in unity and peace.



**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'When I want something very much I thank God beforehand for I feel God will certainly grant what He has been thanked for.'

ST. PAUL

'We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.'



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:

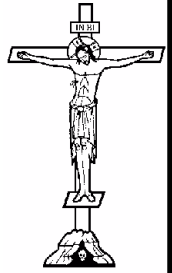
Diploma in Education and School Age Service / Certificate IV;
Experience working with School Age children in OSHC;
Knowledge of National Laws and Regulations;
Employee Working with Children Check;
Police Check;
Current and valid First Aid, Anaphylaxis and Asthma certificates; and
Availability Monday 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...

Anniversaries:

Denis Johnstone,
Mary & John Xureb,
Zackary Pace,
Luke Evans,
Gerry Attard,
Priscilla Andreade,
Philop Pais,
P.J Washington,
Joseph & Assunta Muscat,
Moses & Rose Galea, Paul & Grace Mifsud,
Vincent & Marinton Magrin, Giseppina Rando,
John & Geswalda Borg, Lawrence De Brincat,
Nicholas Attard, Angelo Rapa, Antonia Spiteri,
Nicole Borg, Edvard Hrvatin.



We pray for all those who are sick, especially Rosa and Dianne.

ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday in Lent at 7pm.

CLEARING THE AIR

I admit to being a radio junkie. I often have commercial radio playing as background to whatever I'm doing.

I love the instant flow of music and communication.

But there is another side that bothers me: like being constantly bombarded by the advertisements. A lot of the music is rather repetitive and much of talkback radio can be brainless.

I began to wonder if my radio habits were 'cluttering' my head and my heart, filling up my emotional and thinking space with junk.

So I decided to cut down on radio - drive in silence, play tasteful CDs, and so on. As a result I am hearing things I never heard before - the beauty of silence, the richness of my own thoughts and feelings, and the presence of my God.

What practical steps am I taking this Lent to 'unclutter' my lifestyle and drive out all hypocrisy?

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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.



Third Sunday of Lent
4th March 2018



Bayan is a 12 year old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan. An ambitious student, Bayan has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. As a quiet, young refugee she struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and faced the prospect of missing out on schooling. With Caritas Australia's

support, Bayan is an academic high-achiever who is flourishing in a stable school environment.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

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

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
 Join us in this Lenten season as we will be entertained with a performance of an Easter Play about Repentance & Forgiveness.
Wednesday, 7th March
 7pm Rosary, Praise, Worship & Easter Play
 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, 8th March
 7.30pm Praise & Worship,
 8.00pm-9.00pm Lenten Gospel Reflections
 All Welcome.
 Enquiries:
 Christina 0431 955 975

LEGION OF MARY
 Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room
 All Welcome

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

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 10TH & 11TH MARCH

SAT 10TH MARCH 6.30PM
 R Doris Agius
Special Ministers
 Q. Diaz.

SUN 11TH MARCH 10AM
 R Lidia Davies
Special Ministers
 M. Osa, S. Scerri.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH
 Rita Haig
 Herwin Allen
 Millie Monteiro

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 4:
 Joe Falvo
 Justin Hilton
 Vivian Smith
 Carol Debrincat
 Karen Camilleri

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 10TH & 11TH MARCH

SAT 10TH MARCH 5PM
 R Ginali Wickramasin
Special Ministers
 Quintus Diaz, Mario Camilleri, Marcella Fandino.

SUN 11TH MARCH 9AM
 R Hilda D'Souza
Special Ministers
 Mim Caruso, Mickie Cavka, Armando Bianco.

SUN 11TH MARCH 11AM
 R Mark Royal
Special Ministers
 Maria DaSilva, Carmen LaBruna, Teresa Taverna.

SUN 11TH MARCH 5.30PM
 R Kerry Tieppo
Special Ministers
 Georgina Sant, Frank Lee, Kimberley D' Cruz.

Music Group Rehearsals	This Week in the Parish
ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP Monday 12th March-6.45pm	Monday, 5th March 10.30am Prayer Group
ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP To be advised	Tuesday, 6th March 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop
Feast Days	Wednesday, 7th March 7.00pm Legion of Mary 7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp
Wednesday, 7th March Ss. Perpetua and Felicity	Thursday, 8th March 10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp 7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp
Thursday, 8th March St. John of God	Friday, 9th March 4.45pm Children of Mary
Friday, 9th March St. Frances of Rome	

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Entrance:

Here in this place new light is streaming
 Now is the darkness vanished away
 See in this space our fears and our dreamings
 Brought here to you in the light of this day
 Gather us in the lost and forsaken
 Gather us in the blind and the lame
 Call to us now and we shall awaken
 We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a mystery
 We are the old who yearn for your face
 We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry
 Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in the rich and the haughty
 Gather us in the proud and the strong
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
 Give us the courage to enter the song.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life,
 you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Return to God, with all your heart,
 the source of grace and mercy;
 come seek the tender faithfulness of God. (Repeat)

Offertory:

From the depths we cry to thee,
 God of sovereign majesty!
 Hear our prayers and hymns of praise;
 Bless our Lent of forty days.

Gracious God, our hearts renew;
 strengthen us thy will to do.
 Wash us, make us pure within;
 Cleanse us from the stain of sin.

Lord, accept our Lenten fast
 And forgive our sinful past,
 that we may partake with thee in the Easter mystery.

Communion:

I am the Bread of life.
 You who come to me shall not hunger
 And who believe in me shall not thirst.
 No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up,
 And I will raise you up,
 And I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for
 the life of the world,
 And if you eat of this bread
 You shall live forever.
 You shall live forever. Refrain.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
 And drink of his blood, and drink of his blood
 You shall not have life within you.
Refrain.

I am the Resurrection,
 I am the Life,
 If you believe in me, even though you die,
 You shall live forever. Refrain.

Recessional:





Will you give me your life forever?
 Will you carry my cross every day?
 Will you walk in the light of my presence?
 Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Refrain:

Will you love me as I have loved you?
 Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
 For the moon and the stars will be gone
 like the night
 And the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace
 Is your love strong enough to endure?
 Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
 Does it shine in the night for the world?
Refrain

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