

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Year B - 17th & 18th March, 2018

Jesus is presented to us today as healer, supreme among all healers. The answers God gives for the needs of our hearts, may not seem at first, to be what we are looking for.

We are the people of the NEW COVENANT. The Lord has planted his law – writing it on our hearts. We all know God, the least – no less than the greatest. We are God's people. The Lord forgives our iniquity and never calls our sins to mind, through the healing power in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The image of a grain of wheat that has to die in order to bring forth new grain is plenty. Jesus uses this image to tell us what we need to do.

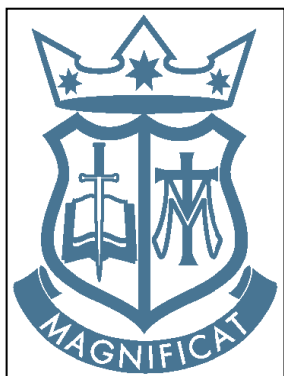
We need to let go of some of our self-centredness, to die to our selves, so that we can put others first.

Do we rely too much on our feeble human efforts, and not enough on the saving power Christ ?

MASS TIMES

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| <u>St Paul's</u> | |
| Wednesday | 9.30am |
| Thursday | 9.30am |
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| Saturday | 5:00 pm (Latin) |
| | 6:30 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00am (Maltese) |
| | 10:00am |
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| <u>Reconciliation</u> | |
| Saturday | 6:00pm |
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| <u>St Mary MacKillop</u> | |
| Monday | 9.30am |
| Tuesday | 9.30am |
| | 7.00pm—8.00pm Holy Hour |
| Friday | 9.30am |
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| Saturday | 5:00pm |
| Sunday | 9:00am |
| | 11:00am |
| | 5:30pm |
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| <u>Reconciliation</u> | |
| Saturday | 4pm—4.50pm |

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| <p>Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.</p> | <p>Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!</p> | <p>Communion Antiphon: I tell you solemnly: Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.</p> |
| <p>1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalms 50:3-4,12-15</p> | <p>Gospel: John 12:20-30</p> | <p>After Communion: Almighty Father, by this sacrifice may we always remain one with your Son, Jesus Christ, whose body and blood we share, for he is Lord for ever and ever.</p> |
| <p>Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.</p> | <p>Before Communion: Almighty God, may the sacrifice we offer take away the sins of those whom you enlighten with the Christian faith.</p> |  |
| <p>2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9</p> | | |

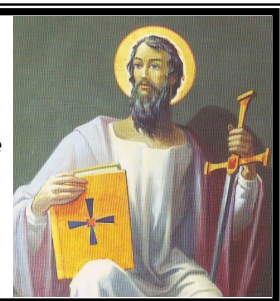


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'Poor houses and poor garments are all exterior show if there is not a true spirit of poverty in our hearts.'

ST. PAUL

'He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.'



Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Paul Chandler
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Religious Freedoms/Protections

Currently there is a Federal Parliamentary Review on Religious Freedom following the amendment of the Marriage Act to change the definition to allow same sex couples to marry under this Federal law. Submissions have closed and some of the content in these submissions is quite alarming. We know from the 'Yes' campaign that this group was advocating the complete removal of religious freedoms from discrimination laws. Christian schools, churches and religious organisations would not be able to employ staff or enrol members or students that share their faith. The National Secular Lobby has gone even further in their submission arguing that indoctrination of children into religious faiths is a 'tragic consequence' of religious freedom protections in international law. The submission claims that "...it (religion) now represents intellectual child abuse to allow children to be taught Biblical myths..."

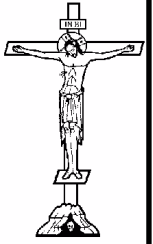
In Victoria, anti discrimination laws are currently being weaponised against faith based schools to force them to adopt radical transgender policies. Teaching the Gospel, maintaining a Christian home and providing a Christian education to the next generation are all fundamental principles that are genuinely under threat. Now that same sex marriage is law, it is clear that this is the next challenge facing the religious community. Please pray for our religious freedoms and be ready for the challenges that face our beautiful faith.

(Source: Australian Christian Lobby)

In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Fr Rev Joseph Micallef,
Doris Mary Borg, Ante Zebich,
Vincenzo Renda.



Anniversaries:

Josephine Andrade, Tarcisio Vella,
Lenny DeCotta, Anthony Schembri,
Mercy Rodgruise, Saverio Scalzo, Rev Charlie
Borg, Queenie & Vilian Stewart, Nancy &
George Vellas, Nancy D'Souza, Geta Spiteri,
Neville Pereira, Aloyz Iendrec, Zvonko Sestan,
John Burns, Santos Salon.

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

Divine Mercy Feast

The Divine Mercy Feast will not be held at St Mary of the Assumption Parish this year. However, the nine days of Novena for the Divine Mercy will be held at the private residence of Juneanne Caruana at 7.00pm every night beginning on Good Friday. The address is 3 Dunbar Court, Keilor Downs. If you require further details please phone Juneanne on 9366 7516. All are welcome.

ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

Please note the next meeting of the SVDP Keilor Downs Conference is this coming Monday March 19th, 7pm at the St Mary of the Assumption Parish Centre.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Sunday 25 March 2018 at 3pm.

Join us at St Paul's Church, Kealpa commencing with the Chaplet, intercession, rosary and praise and worship. The title of the talk and bible study is Mary, our most perfect model of the obedience of Faith - The Annunciation. Come and meet and receive The Holy in the midst of our ordinary life. Talk and bible study by Mr Andrew Sciberras. Followed by Fellowship.

2018 EASTER TIMETABLE

PALM SUNDAY 24th-25th March

Saturday

10-10.30am Confessions - Maltese & English - St Paul's

5:00pm Solemn Mass - St Mary MacKillop

5:00pm Mass (Latin)-St Pauls

6:30pm Mass - St Paul's

Sunday

8:00am Mass - (Maltese) - St Paul's

9:00am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

10:00am Mass - St Paul's

11:00am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

5:30pm Mass - St Mary MacKillop

11am-12:00pm Confessions - St Paul's

5:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St Paul's followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00pm

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St Mary MacKillop followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY - 30th March

9:00am The Way of the Cross - St Mary MacKillop

10:00-12:00pm Confessions - St Mary MacKillop

3:00pm Solemn Liturgy Of The Passion St Paul's

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HOLY SATURDAY - 31st March

11.00am -12:00pm Confessions-St Paul's

8.00pm Easter Vigil - St Mary MacKillop

EASTER SUNDAY - 1st April

8:00am Mass - Maltese - St Paul's

9:00am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

10:00am Mass - St Paul's

11:00am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

5:30pm Mass - St Mary MacKillop

EASTER MONDAY - 2nd April

9:30am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 26th March

9:30am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

10.00 -11:00am Confessions - St. Mary MacKillop

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 27th March

9:30am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

11:00am Chrism Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral

7pm Adoration & Benediction

7 - 8pm Confessions - St. Mary MacKillop

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 28th March

9:30am Mass - St Paul's

10-11am Confessions-St Paul's

7 - 8pm Confessions - St. Mary MacKillop.

HOLY THURSDAY - 29th March

NO MORNING MASS



HOLY HOUR for MOTHERS

ADORATION | CONFESSION | CATCH-UP

7.30 pm of the Month

Last Wednesday of the Month

St Catherine of Siena Church, 10 Colledge St, Caroline Springs 3023

Dates for 2018

28th February

22nd March (note different day)

25th April

30th May

27th June

25th July

29th August

26th September

31st October

28th November

As a mother, it can be hard to make time for God, yourself and your friends. The Holy Hour for Mothers is a chance for you to get that much-needed time of spiritual and personal renewal.

PALMS AND OLIVE BRANCHES NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Could those who normally provide palms and olive branches please bring them to the church this week by Friday so that we can arrange for extra branches if needed.



Parking available in church car park
Holy Hour for Mothers (see updates here)

For more information contact
Therese McQuade (0478 732 892)
Fr. Richard Rosse (8361 9822)




Fifth Sunday of Lent  **18th March 2018**




Ditosa, a young girl from Mozambique, is cared for by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. In 2018, thanks to Caritas Australia's support Ditosa has graduated from school and hopes to go to university and secure an even brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future. 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE 
To prepare for Holy Week and Easter will be held on:-
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?" 

| Music Group Rehearsals | This Week in the Parish |
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| ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP Monday 19th March—7.00pm | Monday, 19th March 10.30am Prayer Group 7.00pm SVDP Meeting |
| ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP To be advised | Tuesday, 20th March 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop |
| Feast Days | Wednesday, 21st March 7.00pm Legion of Mary 7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp |
| Monday, 19th March St. Joseph | Thursday, 22nd March 10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp 7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp |
| Friday, 23rd March St. Turibius of Mogrovejo | Friday, 23rd March 4.45pm Children of Mary |



PRAYER GROUPS

| MONDAY MORNING | THURSDAY MORNING |
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| Following 9.30am Mass 10am Fellowship 10.30am - 11.30am Devotions | 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 | THURSDAY EVENING |
| ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Join us in this Lenten season as we share in some time with meditation and reflection on the Cross. Wednesday, 21st March 7pm Rosary, Praise, Worship, Reflection & Stations of the Cross—Concludes at 9pm with fellowship. Prayer ministry also available. For more information call Doris: 9367 4126 | ST MARY MACKILLOP EVENING PRAYER GROUP Thursday, 22nd March 7.30pm Praise & Worship, 8.00pm Lenten Gospel Reflections—With the Way of the Cross All Welcome. Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975 |
| SUNDAY AFTERNOON | LEGION OF MARY Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room All Welcome |
| SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Samoan Divine Mercy Prayer Group - at St Pauls Church every Sunday at 12pm—4pm. Info: Deacon David 0451240713 | |

| ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 24TH & 25TH MARCH | ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 24TH & 25TH MARCH |
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| SAT 24TH MARCH 6.30PM R Marita Tobin Special Ministers J. Tabone. | SAT 24TH MARCH 5PM R To Be Advised Special Ministers To Be Advised |
| SUN 25TH MARCH 10AM R Norma Marot Special Ministers C. Pirota, F. Afuic. | SUN 25TH MARCH 9AM R To Be Advised Special Ministers To Be Advised |
| St Mary MacKillop Cleaning | |
| FRIDAY 23RD MARCH Rita Haig Herwin Allen Millie Monteiro | SUN 25TH MARCH 11AM R To Be Advised Special Ministers To Be Advised |
| Counting Team | |
| COUNTING TEAM NO. 6: Zbig Piorkowski Lionel Nicholas Irene Kietner Yolanda Harris Rani Ramanathanpulle Kimberley Stapleton | SUN 25TH MARCH 5.30PM R To Be Advised Special Ministers To Be Advised |

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Entrance:

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**

Responsorial Psalm:

Grant to us, O Lord
A heart renewed
Recreate in us your own spirit, Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ
If today you hear His voice
Harden not your hearts.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Offertory:

O Lord, I am not worthy
that you should come to me
But speak the word of comfort
My spirit healed shall be.

And humbly I'll receive you,
The bridegroom of my soul
No more by sin to grieve you
Or fly thy sweet control.

Eternal Holy Spirit,
Unworthy though I be
Prepare me to receive you
And trust the word to me

Increase my faith, dear Jesus
In your real presence here.
And make me feel most deeply
That you to me are near.

Communion:

Refrain:

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
Upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him then we shall live
with him;
If we hold firm we shall reign with him.
Refrain

If anyone serves me then they must follow
me;
Wherever I am my servants will be. **Refrain**
Make your home in me as I make mine in
you;
Those who remain in me bear much fruit.
Refrain

If you remain in me and my word lives in
you;
Then you will be my disciples. **Refrain**

Those who love me are loved by my
Father;
We shall be with them and dwell in them.
Refrain

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to
you;
Peace which the world cannot give is my
gift. **Refrain**

Recessional:






Refrain:

I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for
him;
He will bring you his light and his peace.
Refrain

Seek the face of the Lord and long for
him;
He will bring you his joy and his hope.
Refrain

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