

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

Year B - 24th & 25th March, 2018

**MASS TIMES**

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



This Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent. We begin this week with a proclamation of the Passion. When we hear this gospel proclamation, we tend to be most mindful of all the suffering Jesus endured.

Though Jesus is facing his own death, his gaze and concern are always directed to those around him : affirming his disciples, healing the man with the severed ear, comforting the women of Jerusalem, forgiving his executioners, saving the repentant thief.

In his darkest hour, Jesus' identity as compassionate Saviour shines most brightly. Already in his suffering and death Jesus is showing us that the very dying includes life giving to others.

Such is the care modelled by our Saviour.

Such is the life of his disciples.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Six days before the solemn Passover the Lord came to Jerusalem, and children waving palm branches ran out to welcome him. They loudly praised the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are you who have come to us so rich in love and mercy.

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalms 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

**Responsorial Psalm:**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**2nd Reading:**

Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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**Gospel:**

Mark 14:1—15:47

**Before Communion:**

Lord, may the suffering and

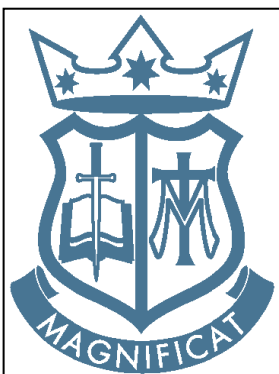
death of Jesus, your only Son, make us pleasing to you. Alone we can do nothing, but may this perfect sacrifice win us your mercy and love.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Father, if this cup may not pass, but I must drink it, then your will be done.

**After Communion:**

Lord, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. The death of your Son gives us hope and strengthens our faith. May his resurrection give us perseverance and lead us to salvation.

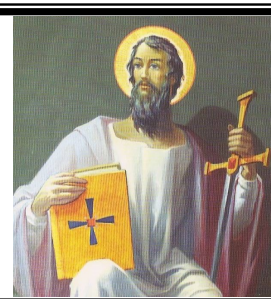


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'God's love for us is best shown in times of aridity.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.'*



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## 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.

## HEALING SEMINAR

On Thursday, 19th April, and for 6 consecutive Thursdays, beginning at 7.30pm with prayer and praise followed by talks:

1. Jesus Calls us to Heal and be Healed
2. Healing our Relationship with God
3. Healing our Relationship with Others
4. Praying for our Own Healing
5. Praying for Others
6. The Loving Mercy of God

Experienced speakers in the healing ministry, see noticeboard for more details at St. Mary MacKillop Church.

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975

## ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

## WHAT DO CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE

Next meeting, Wednesday, 11th April, topic St. Peter. Meet behind Parish office St. Mary MacKillop, 7.30pm.

## In Remembrance...

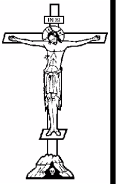
### Recently Deceased:

Vincenzo Renda, Doris Borg, Herbert Thomas, Leonidas Romero

### Anniversaries:

Tarcisio Vella, Taupau Petelo Taupau Lafaele Mika, Carmel De Brincat, Ronald Guest, Nancy D'Souza, Emily Calleja, Olive Ridler, Alexander Dias, Michelina Carrafa, Mable Carter, Vincezo, Carmela & Antonino Surace, Carmela Dimaio, Domenico Brancati, Carmelo Surace, Rocco Iacoviello, John & Geswolda Borg, Lawrance DeBrincat, Nicholas Attard, Angelo Rapa, Antonia Spiteri, Nicole Borg, Zlata Lendrec, Micic Family, Mercy Rodrigues.

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



## 2018 EASTER TIMETABLE

### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 26<sup>th</sup> March

9:30am Mass - St Mary MacKillop  
10.00 -11:00am Confessions - St. Mary MacKillop

### TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March

9:30am Mass - St Paul's  
10-11am Confessions - St Paul's  
7 - 8pm Confessions - St. Mary MacKillop.

### HOLY THURSDAY - 29<sup>th</sup> March

**NO MORNING MASS**  
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 - 30<sup>th</sup> 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 - 31<sup>st</sup> March

11.00am -12:00pm Confessions - St Paul's  
8.00pm Easter Vigil - St Mary MacKillop

### EASTER SUNDAY - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> April

9:30am Mass - St Mary MacKillop



## 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 College 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.

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

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

## LENT - 2018

### GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY 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.



### Passion Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. Thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia, in 2018, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them, with plans to study a Master's degree.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.**

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
To prepare for Holy Week and Easter will be held on:-  
**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 ....
<b>ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP</b> Monday 26th March—7.00pm	<b>Monday, 26th March</b> 10.30am Prayer Group
<b>ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP</b> To be advised	<b>Tuesday, 27th March</b> 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop
Feast Days	<b>Wednesday, 28th March</b> 7.00pm Legion of Mary 7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp
<b>Thursday, 29th March</b> Holy Thursday	<b>Thursday, 29th March</b> 10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
<b>Friday, 30th March</b> Good Friday	
	<b>HOLY WEEK</b>

## 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 Holy Week pray and share together in preparation for Easter  
**Wednesday, 28th March**  
7pm Rosary, Praise, Worship & Fellowship  
Concludes at 9pm  
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, 19th April**  
Taking a short break, we return with Kingdom Of God is at Hand Healing Seminar on Thursday, 19th April, 7.30pm.  
Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975

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

### ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 31ST MAR & 1ST APR

**SAT 31ST MARCH 6.30PM**  
R No Mass  
**Special Ministers**  
No Mass

**SUN 1ST APRIL 10AM**  
R  
**Special Ministers**  
M. Long, M. Osa, F. Afuic, C Pirotta.

### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 30TH MARCH**  
Mary Formosa  
Margo Harley  
Pauline Portelli  
Mary Xuereb

### Counting Team

**COUNTING TEAM NO. 7:**  
Joe Sammut  
John Fenech  
Josephine Lowe  
Anna Attard  
Liz Di'Cianni  
John Dykun

### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 31ST MAR & 1ST APR

**SAT 31ST MARCH 5PM**  
R To Be Advised  
**Special Ministers**  
To Be Advised

**SUN 1ST APRIL 9AM**  
R To Be Advised  
**Special Ministers**  
To Be Advised

**SUN 1ST APRIL 11AM**  
R To Be Advised  
**Special Ministers**  
To Be Advised

**SUN 1ST APRIL 5.30PM**  
R To Be Advised  
**Special Ministers**  
To Be Advised

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**Entrance:**

**Refrain:**  
All glory, praise, and honour  
To you, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel,  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's Name coming,  
Our King and Blessed One.

**Refrain**

The company of angels  
Are praising you on high;  
And mortals, joined with all things  
Created, make reply. **Refrain**

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before you went:  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before you we present. **Refrain**

To you before your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise:  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

Their praises you accepted,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Great source of love and goodness,  
Our saviour and our King. **Refrain**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

My God, my God,  
Why have you abandoned me?  
My God, my God,  
Where have you gone?

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Adoramus te Christe, Adoramus te Christe,  
Adoramus te Christe, Adoramus Christe.  
Quia per sanctam,  
Crucem tuam, redemisti mundum.  
Adoramus te Christe, Adoramus te Christe,  
Adoramus te Christe, Adoramus Christe.

**Offertory:**

Tree of life and awesome myst'ry,  
In your death we are reborn,

Though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with every morn,  
Still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
May we see ourselves in you,  
If we learn to live your story,  
We may die to rise anew,  
we may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word,  
Ev'ry person, lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,  
come inflame our hearts anew,  
We may all your joy inherit,  
if we bear the cross with you,  
if we bear the cross with you.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be,  
One with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.

**Communion:**

O Sacred Head surrounded  
By crown of piercing thorn!  
O bleeding Head, so wounded,  
Reviled and put to scorn!  
The pow'r of death comes o'er you,  
The glow of life decays,  
Yet an angel hosts adore you,  
And tremble as they gaze.

In this, your bitter passion,  
Good Shepherd, think of me  
With your most sweet compassion,  
Unworthy though I be:  
Beneath your cross abiding  
Forever would I rest,  
In your dear love confiding,  
And with your presence blest.

Christ Jesus, we adore you,  
Our thorn crowned Lord and King.

We bow our heads before you,  
And to your cross we cling.  
Lord, give us strength to bear it  
With patience and with love,  
That we may truly merit  
A glorious crown above.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descending,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven.  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descending  
from the realms of endless day,  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish,  
as the darkness clears away.

**Recessional:**








Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue your road,  
with palms and scattered garments strewn.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The host of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.

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