

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B - 7th & 8th April, 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



How many times have we heard the saying 'seeing is believing.' therefore, Thomas was not prepared to acknowledge the Risen Lord until he had visible proof.

Unlike Thomas, we haven't the opportunity to see the Risen Christ, however, we do encounter Christ in the ministry of the believing community. Being of 'one heart and mind,' bearing witness, sharing our goods so that there is no needy persons among us, are ways in which we can witness to Christ in this world.

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn children you should thirst for milk, on which your spirit can grow to strength, alleluia.

1st Reading:

Acts 4:32-35
Psalms 117:2-4,15-18,22-24

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading:

John 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

Before Communion:

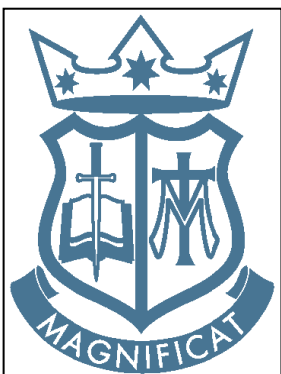
Lord, through faith and baptism we have become a new creation. Accept the offerings of your people (and of those born again in baptism) and bring us to eternal happiness.

Communion Antiphon:

Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.

After Communion:

Almighty God, may the Easter sacraments we have received live for ever in our minds and hearts.



**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'No words can tell how my heart bounds at the thought of getting home.'

ST. PAUL

'Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.'



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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HEALING SEMINAR

Join us for the Kingdom of God is at Hand healing seminar, a 6 week series.
Beginning on Thursday, 19th April.

Topics include:

- 19.04.18 Jesus calls us to heal and be healed – Vera Gelo
- 26.04.18 Healing our relationship with God – Miriam Markis
- 03.05.18 Healing our relationship with others - Louiza Romanic
- 10.05.18 Praying for our own healing—Lenyce Willason
- 17.05.18 Praying for others- Mary Crawford
- 24.05.18 The loving Mercy of God – Mary Spizzika

We meet at St. Mary MacKillop, in school area behind the parish office.

Worship time 7.30pm, talks at 8pm.

All very Welcome.

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975



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good works

Please note the next meeting of the SVDP Keilor Downs Conference is this coming Monday, April 9th at 7pm, at the St Mary of the Assumption Parish Centre.

WHAT DO CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE

Next session is on Wednesday, 11th April at 7.30pm.

Topic: St. Peter. We meet in school area behind parish office at St. Mary MacKillop.

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

I was baptised in a Methodist Church in 1939. My first husband's funeral was conducted by a Uniting Church minister. In 1985 I married Jim, a Catholic, and occasionally joined him at Mass. In 1994, while attending a Protestant funeral, the thought of Jim at my funeral came to mind. I seriously wondered how it would be for him to be saying his last goodbye to me in a church which was not his. Thus began the most amazing journey of faith: I joined the RCIA and started the process of becoming a Catholic. At first all I wanted to know was WHY? Why do Catholics genuflect? Why do they cross themselves? Why, why, why...? Well, I was given good answers to all my 'Whys'. And I learned about the traditions of the Church, the sacraments and the rituals involved in the Mass. I was gently guided to an understanding of what becoming a follower of Christ really meant. Each RCIA meeting began with a gathering prayer. Then participants were encouraged to think about recent events in their own lives and in the world around them. A reading from the Gospel was followed by reflections which were always interesting and enlightening. Slowly I began to realise that Jesus is a real person, relevant to me in everyday life. I must admit that before I began the RCIA I had only ever perceived God as an elderly, bearded, Caucasian man dressed in long, flowing white robes who was somewhere 'up there' and to whom one prayed when one wanted something! I am a Catholic now. And I know that Jesus the risen Lord is with me, personally, every minute of every day. The RCIA journey transformed my life! (Barbara)

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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

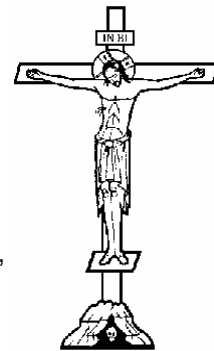
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Reny Grima,
Marko Zebic,
Peter Chandler.

Anniversaries:

Mary Grima,
Madeline & Julieanne Tanti,
Anthony & Maria Tanti,
Maria Gal,
Marko Vulic,
Maria Pirotta,
Maria & Domenic Pham,
Carmen Tomkinson,
Mary & Charles Bellotti, Mary, John & Louis Darmanin, Lora Attard, Carmena Zammit, Tona & Charles Azzopardi, Hernando Jimenez, Mable Gonsalves, Alban Barwell.



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



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 McQuade (0478 732 892)
Fr. Richard Rosse (8361 9822)

CLEANERS REQUIRED



Cleaners for St Mary MacKillop Church **urgently needed**. If you are available for approximately 1 hour on a Friday morning (after Mass) to assist with the cleaning of the church, please contact the Parish Office on 9364 0440. Cleaners will be on a rostered basis. Light cleaning i.e. dusting, vacuuming and mopping/buffing only.



CAR PARK SAFETY

Parishioners are reminded of the need to drive with the utmost care whilst in the Car Parks, particularly, on school days when students are walking within the car parking areas on their way to school. The safety of the students and fellow parishioners must be given priority at all times.

STATUE OF OUR LADY

If any parishioners would like to have the Statue of Our Lady in their home, please contact Josephine on 9449 7106.



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 on

Wednesday, 11th April

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

On a break, back on 19th of April with The Kingdom of God is at Hand Seminar, see other ad in bulletin, or noticeboard in foyer.

Enquiries:
Christina 0431 955 975

LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room
All Welcome



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 14TH & 15TH APRIL

SAT 14TH APRIL 6.30PM
R Marita Tobin
Special Ministers
M. Long

SUN 15TH APRIL 10AM
R Norma Marot
Special Ministers
M. Osa, S. Scerri.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 13TH APRIL
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

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

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 14TH & 15TH APRIL

SAT 14TH APRIL 5PM
R Joe Sammut
Special Ministers
Victor Sammut, Joe Camilleri, Laurie Xerri.

SUN 15TH APRIL 9AM
R Christina Santalucia
Special Ministers
Mickie Cavka, Doris Pace, Regina Duggan.

SUN 15TH APRIL 11AM
R Rosa Grabovac
Special Ministers
Justin Wejak, Carmen LaBruna.

SUN 15TH APRIL 5.30PM
R Anne Abeyasinghases
Special Ministers
Peter Schwegler, Marcia Schwegler, Georgina Sant.

Music Group Rehearsals

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
To be advised

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
To be advised

Feast Days

Monday, 9th April
The Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday, 11th April
St. Stanislaus

Friday, 13th April
St. Martin I

This Week in the Parish

Monday, 9th April
10.30am Prayer Group

Tuesday, 10th April
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 11th April
7.00pm Legion of Mary
7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance:

Jesus is risen! Let us sing!
Praise to the everlasting King!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him in song, ye Seraphim!
Praise him with joy, ye Cherubim!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,
Let us together sing his praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Raise joyful voices to the sky!
Sing out, ye heavens, in reply:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm:

I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
See how salvation for all has been won,
Up from the grave our new life has begun,
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia.
Alleluia alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory:

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near

We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice,
And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found.

That when our life of faith is done
In realm of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
In full and endless sight.

Communion:

Jesus, what a beautiful name
Son of God, Son of Man
Lamb that was slain
Joy and peace, strength and hope
Grace that blows all fear away
Jesus, what a beautiful name

Jesus, what a beautiful name
Truth revealed, my future sealed
Healed my pain
Love and freedom, life and warmth
Grace that blows all fear away
Jesus, what a beautiful name

Jesus, what a beautiful name
Rescued my soul, my stronghold
Lifts me from shame
Forgiveness, security, power and love

Grace that blows all fear away
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Recessional:







Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

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