

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Year B - 23rd & 24th June, 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
<u>Reconciliation</u>	
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
<u>Reconciliation</u>	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm



In celebrating the birth of John the Baptist, we are indeed celebrating the manifold graciousness of God in granting us Salvation (as quoted in the First Reading from the prophet Isaiah).

John the Baptist was a marked Man!

John was, chosen, conceived, born, named, missioned, preached, died – all pointing to Christ. John was the precursor, He pointed to Jesus and to Salvation.

Many remarkable circumstances surrounded the conception and birth of John the Baptist. But the centre piece for this Solemnity is the naming of John the name given to Zechariah by the Angel Gabriel. "John" means "the Lord is gracious."

God's manifold graciousness continues into our own graced lives. We must be as faithful to our identity and mission as was John. God's interventions might not be so dramatic in our lives. But God still acts on behalf of each of us. We must do the simple everyday things well, in Jesus' name. We truly are precursors, too!

Entrance Antiphon:

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came to bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalms 138:1-3,13-15

Responsorial Psalm:

I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.

2nd Reading:

Acts 13:22-26

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 1:57-66

Before Communion:

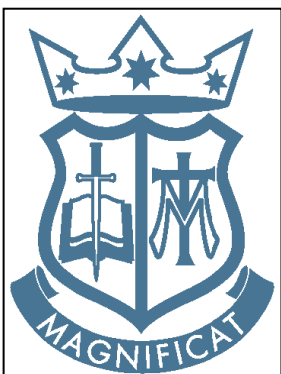
Father, accept the gifts we bring to your altar to celebrate the birth of John the Baptist, who foretold the coming of our Saviour and made him known when he came.

Communion Antiphon:

Through the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

After Communion:

Lord, you have renewed us with this eucharist, as we celebrate the feast of John the Baptist, who foretold the coming of the Lamb of God. May we welcome your Son as our Saviour, for he gives us new life, and is Lord for ever and ever.

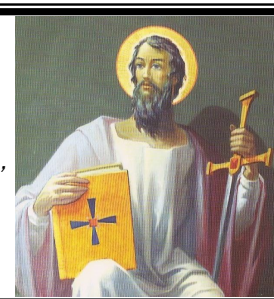


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'You must try to be blind to the faults of those around you.'

ST. PAUL

'Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.'



Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Paul Chandler
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St Paul's Charismatic Prayer Group

Invites all to join us, as we continue a 6 week DVD Seminar,
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Powerful & Spiritual talks each week to open your hearts of life changing work of the Holy Spirit. Talks given by 2 very Gifted Powerful Speakers:

Michelle Moran- past -president of ICCRS, now memebr of the Pontifical Council to the laity and a Inspirational Evangelist for over 30 years.

Charles Whitehead- chairman of ICC; Past President ICCRS & Life Member of the NSC for Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

St Paul's Church, Kealba. Every Wednesday 20th June to 25th July at 7pm.

HUNGRY HEART

I have been friends with Carmel for years. But lately something has shifted. More and more our conversations are about spiritual things. She displays a hunger for prayer, for answers to life's questions. It's as if she's 'seen' something in other people of faith and wants 'more'. Last weekend we organised our own little prayer day. Simple stuff. We got together in the park, read some scripture, spent some time in silence and then chatted about our reflections. Only time will tell what impact that day had, but I have no doubt it has added a new depth to our friendship. (Pat)

"God honours our efforts, and often brings mighty outcomes and answered prayers through our simple efforts of gathering unto Him."

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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.

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.

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is one of the largest apostolic organisations of lay people in the Catholic Church with approximately 10 million active members. Legion of Mary members have been gathering for their weekly meeting at Mary MacKillop for the last 20 years. Then during the week the members are required to do 2 hours of substantial assigned apostolic tasks with a colleague or staff member. Work includes religious education, taking

Our Lady's statue home to home, door to door evangelisation, soup kitchen, taking Rosary Home residents shopping.

For further information phone Juneanne 9366 7516.

CHILDREN & YOUTH OF MARY

When: Every **Friday** during the School Term

Time: **4:45-6pm**

Where: St Mary MacKillop's Parish Office Building (Opposite the Church)

All Primary and Secondary School aged children are welcome

Pray the Rosary

Enjoy Games and Activities

Learn about the Catholic Faith

For more information contact Andrew and Tara Sciberras: 0403 100 733



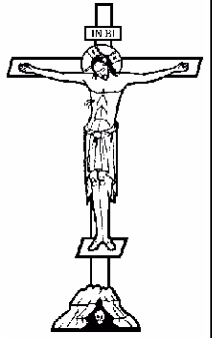
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Lora Livori,
Maria Ternar,
Stipe Gvozden.

Anniversaries:

Ana Kolic,
Brain Spink,
Lorenzo Belmuda,
Cherubina Di Virgilio,
Beryl Morris,
Vera Nuca,
Charlie, Joseph & Rose Dimech,
Moses & Rose Galea, Joseph Penza,
Connie & Grezu Attard, Lawrence De Brincat,
Nicholas Attard, John & Geswalda Borg,
Angelo Rapa, Nicole Borg, Mary Menzies,
Giovanni & Antonietta Martinico.



We pray for those who are sick, especially Sebastian.

Marie Fonseca is organising her 7th tour to India "**Yearning for Peace**" to Goa, Karnataka and Kerala, from February 3 - February 25, 2019. The highlight of this tour will be a five night's retreat in Goa led by Fr Joe Pereira (Kripa Foundation, Mumbai) that includes yoga and meditation, as well as daily mass.

For further information, please contact:

Marie Fonseca: 0418 265117.

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Anniversary Mass

Sunday 29 July 2018 | 11am
St Patrick's Cathedral

Are you celebrating 25, 40, 50, or 60 - 70 years of marriage this year?

You and your family are invited to join us for the Anniversary Mass.

Couples who register will receive a commemorative certificate.

Registrations will close

Friday 13 July

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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.



St Paul's Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Sunday 24 June and every Fourth Sunday of the Month 2.30pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3.00pm Chaplet Rosary, Praise & Worship Concludes with Fellowship. Info: Rita/Angela 0435 956 226

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?"



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 for a 6 week DVD seminar
 This Promise Is For You
 Week 2—**Freedom of Jesus**
Wednesday, 27th June
 7pm Rosary, Praise, Worship & Seminar
 Concludes at 9pm with fellowship.
 Prayer ministry 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, 28th June

7.30pm Prayer & Praise
 8.00pm—Reflection on Romans 12

Speaker: **Christina Santalucia**
 Finish 9pm followed by supper
 All Very Welcome

Enquiries:
 Christina 0431 955 975

LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room
 All Welcome

ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 30TH JUNE & 1ST JUL

SAT 30TH JUNE 6.30PM
 R Doris Agius
Special Ministers
 Q. Diaz.

SUN 1ST JULY 10AM
 R Norma Marot
Special Ministers
 J. Mamo, F. Mamo.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 29TH JUNE
 Mary Formosa
 Margo Harley
 Pauline Portelli
 Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 6:
 Zbig Piorkowski
 Lionel Nicholas
 Irene Kietner
 Yolanda Harris
 Rani Ramanathanpulle
 Kimberley Stapleton

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 30TH JUNE & 1ST JULY

SAT 30TH JUNE 5PM
 R Joe Sammut
Special Ministers
 Quintus Diaz, Joe Camilleri,
 Hank Bader.

SUN 1ST JULY 9AM
 R Robert Hose
Special Ministers
 Kathy Lindsay, Regina Duggan,
 Wayne Harrison.

SUN 1ST JULY 11AM
 R Tara Sciberras
Special Ministers
 Joe Camenzuli, Justin Wejak,
 Doris Briffa.

SUN 1ST JULY 5.30PM
 R Brian Lobo
Special Ministers
 Keith Rodigo, Georgina Sant,
 Kimberley D'Cruz.

Music Group Rehearsals

This Week in the Parish

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
 To be advised

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
 To be advised

Feast Days

Wednesday, 27th June
 St. Cyril of Alexandria

Thursday, 28th June
 St. Irenaeus

Friday, 29th June
 Ss. Peter and Paul

Monday, 25th June
 10.30am Prayer Group

Tuesday, 26th June
 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
 - St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 27th June
 7.00pm Legion of Mary
 7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

Thursday, 28th June
 10.30am St Mary MacKillop
 Morning Prayer Grp
 7.30pm St Mary MacKillop
 Evening Prayer Grp

Friday, 29th June
 4.45pm Children & Youth
 of Mary

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Entrance:

God called great prophets to foretell
The coming of his Son;
The greatest, called before his birth,
Was John, the chosen one.

John searched in solitude for Christ,
And knew him when he came;
He showed the world the Lamb of God,
And hailed him in our name.

That lonely voice cried out the truth,
Derided and denied;
As witness to the law of God
this mighty martyr died.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise you Lord,
I will praise you Lord,
Here amongst your people,
I will praise you Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

God called us into the gospel
to share in the glory of Christ.
Alleluia! Praises to God.
God upholds my life.
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God upholds my life.

Offertory:

Refrain:
We are many parts,

We are all one body,
And the gifts we have
We are given to share.
May the spirit of love
Make us one indeed;
One the love that we share,
One, our hope in despair,
One, the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you,
We would be your servants true,
Let us be your love to all the world. Refrain

So my pain is pain for you,
In your joy is my joy too;
All is brought together in the Lord. Refrain

Communion:

There was a man of God whose name was John
He came to speak for the light
The voice of one in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord"

Refrain:

Prepare the way of the Lord
Prepare the way of the Lord
Prepare the way of the Lord
Prepare the way of the Lord

Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground
The winding paths be straightened
And all on earth shall see his face;
Prepare the way of the Lord Refrain

He's the lamb of God and you must follow him
Who takes the sin of the world,
For he has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord Refrain








Recessional:

Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking,
know the everlasting peace.

Life eternal! heaven rejoices;
Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices;
child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages,
saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,
all await the glory given.

Life eternal! O what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal,
see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal,
"Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

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