

**St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs**



**St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba**

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C - 15th & 16th December, 2018

### MASS TIMES

<b>St Paul's</b>	
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Saturday	5:00 pm (Latin) 6:30 pm (Maltese)
Sunday	8:00am (Maltese) 10:00am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
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
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm



THIRD SUNDAY  
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In today's Gospel, we hear the question "what should we do?" put to John The Baptist. Coincidentally, Jesus too is asked many times the same question and their answers are similar: *reach out to the marginalized with whatever one has and they need.*

Over two thousand years have passed, yet the question and answer is still the same: *reach out to the marginalized with whatever one has and they need.*

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.

#### 1st Reading:

Zephaniah 3:14-18  
Is 12:2-6

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

#### 2nd Reading:

Philippians 4:4-7

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel:

Luke 3:10-18

#### Before Communion:

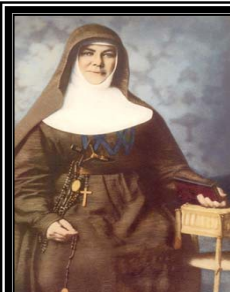
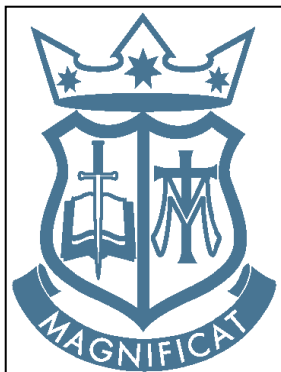
Lord, may the gift we offer in faith and love be a continual sacrifice in your honour and truly become our eucharist and our salvation.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Say to the anxious: be strong and fear not, our God will come to save us.

#### After Communion:

God of mercy, may this eucharist bring us your divine help, free us from our sins, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour, who is Lord for ever and ever.

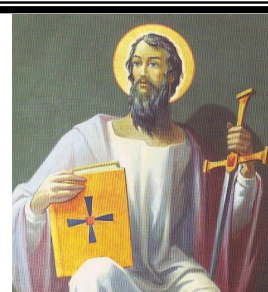


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Be not hasty in  
judging one another.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'The Lord is near.'*



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Paul Chandler

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## CHOIR PRACTICE

Will be held on

Monday 17th December at 7pm

At St. Mary MacKillop Church  
in preparation for Christmas.



## 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...

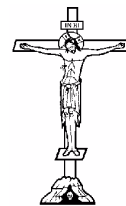
### Recently Deceased:

Placida Lim

### Anniversaries:

Domenico Brancadi, Vincenzo Surace, Carmelo Surace, Antonino Surace, Carmela Surace, Carmelo Dimmio, Gregorio Spiteri, Joseph Spiteri, Vittorio Esposito, Thomas Pirotta, Jennifer Marie Pirotta, Hubert, Rose & Marina Barwell, Joe Gonsalves, Peter Bachnik, Jessie Villar, Moses & Rose Galea, Joseph, Sunta & Emmanuel Muscat, Madeline & Julieanne Tanti, Constantno & Teresa Mifsud, Dhillu & Hashika.

*We pray for all those who are sick, especially Peter, Giovanna and Tayah.*



MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION – Appeal will be held at all Masses this weekend. Please give generously.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018

### CONFESSION TIMES

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. St. Paul's Church

7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. St. Paul's Church

7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

4.00 p.m. - 4.45 p.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

6.00 p.m. - 6.25 p.m. St. Paul's Church

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December

11.00 a.m. - 12 Noon St. Paul's Church

**Please Note: There are no Confessions during the Christmas Masses**

### MASS TIMES

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

5.00 p.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

*The Celebrant will be the new Archbishop of Melbourne,  
Most Rev. Peter A. Comensoli*

5.00p.m. St. Paul's Church (Latin)

6.30 p.m. St. Paul's Church

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. St. Paul's Church (Maltese)

9.00 a.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

10.00 a.m. St. Paul's Church

11.00 a.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

5.30 p.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

5.00 p.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

6.30 p.m. St. Paul's Church

8.00 p.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

9.00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

12 Midnight St. Mary MacKillop Church (*Carols at 11.30 p.m.*)

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

8.00 a.m. St. Paul's Church (Maltese)

9.00 a.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

10.00 a.m. St. Paul's Church

11.00 a.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church

**Please Note: There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day**

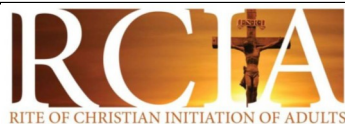
#### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December – New Year's Eve

6.00 p.m. St Paul's

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January – New Year's Day

11.00 a.m. St. Mary MacKillop Church





We are blessed to announce that this year on **Saturday the 22nd of December at the 5:00 p.m.** Mass at **St Mary MacKillop Church**, we will have four adult candidates and two children, entering the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism! For the four adult candidates, they will also be receiving their Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Our Main Celebrant will be **His Grace, Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli DD**. This will be a wonderful moment in the life of our beautiful Parish and we will celebrate after the Initiation Mass with refreshments in the new Multi-Purpose Room in the School. All are welcome!!! The four candidates have been diligently preparing through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). They commenced their sacred journey on the 6th of August, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and will keep on preparing right up to their Initiation Mass. **Please pray for our RCIA Candidates; Kate Melissa D'Amico, Son Minh Do, Joshua Benjamin Traum and Yanan (Vivien) Yang** who will be received into the Catholic Church, and also Vivien's 8 year old twin sons **Aidan Yao and Dylan Yao** who will be Baptised with them.

The Parish looks forward to sharing this most joyful occasion together!!!  
Andrew and Tara Sciberras ~ RCIA Program Coordinators



### 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**

## 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

St. Paul's Charismatic Prayer Group wish you and your families every Blessing this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

We will resume back in 2019 on **Wednesday, 6th February**.

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

We wish all parishioners a Holy Christmas and Blessings for the New Year.

Prayer group returns  
**Thursday, 7th February, 2019.**

Enquiries:  
Christina 0431 955 975

### LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 7.00pm in the  
Parish Meeting Room  
All Welcome

### 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 ....

**ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP**  
Monday 17th Dec–7pm

**ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP**  
To be advised

### Feast Days



**Monday, 17th December**  
10.30am Prayer Group

**Tuesday, 18th December**  
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
- St. Mary MacKillop

**Wednesday, 19th December**  
7.00pm Legion of Mary

**Thursday, 20th December**  
10.30am St Mary MacKillop  
Morning Prayer Grp

**Friday, 21st December**  
4.45pm Children & Youth  
of Mary



### ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 22ND & 23RD DEC

**SAT 22ND DEC 6.30PM**  
R Doris Agius  
**Special Ministers**  
M. Long.

**SUN 23RD DEC 10AM**  
R Sharon Grass  
**Special Ministers**  
M. Zahra, C. Pirotta.

### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER**  
Rita Haig  
Herwin Allen  
Millie Monteiro

### Counting Team

**COUNTING TEAM NO. 3:**  
Sheila Grixti  
Michael Medved  
Kathy Lindsay  
John Kiomall  
Susan Sammut

### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 22ND & 23RD DEC

**SAT 22ND DECEMBER 5PM**  
R Zbig Piorkowski  
**Special Ministers**  
Laurie Xerri, Michael  
Vytilingam, Zbig Piorkowski.

**SUN 23RD DECEMBER 9AM**  
R Christina Santalucia  
**Special Ministers**  
Mim Caruso, Wayne Harrison,  
Hilda D'Souza.

**SUN 23RD DECEMBER 11AM**  
R Tara Sciberras  
**Special Ministers**  
Ray Caruana, Carmen  
LaBruna, Maria DeSilva.

**SUN 23RD DEC 5.30PM**  
R Brian Lobo  
**Special Ministers**  
Frank Lee, Kimberley D'Cruz,  
Georgina Sant.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Entrance:

Joyful in hope, your people pray.  
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.  
Though the road may not be clear,  
We believe, Lord, you are near,  
In the smile and open heart of a friend.

Joyful in hope, your people pray.  
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.  
There's sunshine after rain;  
There's laughter after pain;  
And I am with you always,  
So rise again.

Mary, so open to the Lord,  
When you answered, "Yes,"  
Our hope was restored.  
Though you couldn't understand,  
In trust you took his hand.  
So, joyful in hope, we live again.

## Responsorial Psalm:

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

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
The spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
He sent me to bring Good news to the poor  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Offertory:

Twilight, then darkness,  
night falls and candles glow.  
Gently surrounding us  
a new birth of hope.  
Watching, waiting, awak'ning  
a new birth of hope.

## Communion:

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us,  
Revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel.

## Recessional:

Prepare ye the way of the Lord.  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!



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