

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B - 4th & 5th August, 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



Following last week's Gospel of the 'loaves and fishes,' we agree that it is natural then for the crowd to look for Jesus. What the people failed to grasp was, that Jesus was and is offering so much more than food that satisfies hunger.

The sign that Jesus gave to indicate who he was (bread from heaven), is a sign of God's abundance to us. What God is trying to do in all this abundance, is draw us to believe, to form a personal relationship with and commitment to Jesus who is the BREAD OF LIFE.

Entrance Antiphon:

God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.

1st Reading:

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15
Psalms 77:3-4,23-25,54

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 6:24-35

Before Communion:

Merciful Lord, make holy these

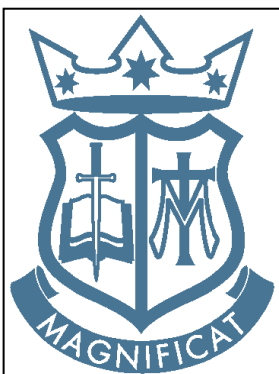
gifts, and let our spiritual sacrifice make us an everlasting gift to you.

Communion Antiphon:

You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat.

After Communion:

Lord, you give us the strength of new life by the gift of the eucharist. Protect us with your love and prepare us for eternal redemption.

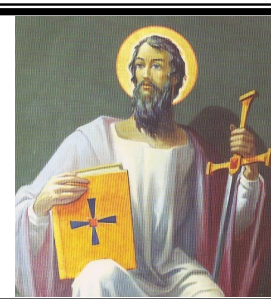


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'Find happiness in making others happy.'

ST. PAUL

'Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.'



Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Paul Chandler
Faith Development: Mr Joseph Zahra—St Paul's **Sacramental Program Coordinator:** Andrew Sciberras—St. Mary MacKillop
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Fellowship after Mass

The Parish would like to trial having some fellowship with a coffee, tea and snacks after weekend masses. We have selected some dates over the next few months. Here are the following dates:

After the 7.30pm mass on Wednesday the 15th of August 2018 (Feast of the Assumption)

After the 11.00am mass on Sunday the 30th of September 2018 (Mass of Blessings)

After the 5.30pm mass on Sunday the 21st of October 2018; and

After the 5.00pm mass on Saturday the 10th of November 2018.

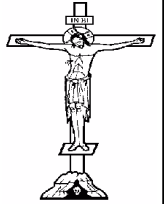
The Parish will assist in running these as a trial basis to see the level of interest by parishioners and the number of volunteers who assist. As a consequence, we are going to need volunteers to assist at these dedicated times. If you would like to assist after one of these masses, please write down your name on the forms located at the back of the Church. If you would like to take a leadership role at a particular mass next year, just let us know at the Parish Office.

If there is anyone from St Pauls that would be interested in running these events, please either contact Doris Agius 03 93674126 or the Parish Office.

In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Dominic Luc, Joseph Khai.



Anniversaries:

Mary Camilleri, Edvard Hrvatin, Josipa Antolos, Dorothy Muscat, Giovanni Varchione, Frederick Highland, Simon Peters, Marjorie Peters, Lillian Adams, Michael Englezakis, Gemma & Michael Imbroll, Lawrence De Brincat, Nicholas Attard, John & Geswalda Borg, Angelo Rapa, Nicole Borg, Josephine Sapiano.

We pray for all those who are sick, especially Mary and Marti.

PARISH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Given the success of the screening of the film 'The War Room' in May, your Parish at St Mary of the Assumption will be holding another movie night for all parishioners. On this occasion we will be screening the recent released movie '*Paul Apostle of Christ*'. The movie is about Paul (Saul), who goes from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Christ's most influential Apostle. The movie is set in Paul's last days in a dark and bleak prison cell awaiting execution by Emperor Nero. His friend and physician Luke risks his life when he ventures into Rome to visit him. This film is rated M which contains content of a moderate impact and recommended for teenagers aged 15 years and over.

Time: Saturday the 18th of August 2018 at 6.15pm (after the 5.00pm mass)

Venue: St Mary MacKillop Primary School Theatre

Attendance Fee: \$2.00 donation to cover licence fees

Limit: 100 Parishioners

There will be Tea & Coffee and Light Refreshments before and after the screening

We ask that apart from water, no food or drink is to be consumed during the movie.

If you and your family would like to attend please write down your details on the form located at the back of St Mary MacKillop and St Pauls Churches.

Parish Thanksgiving Program

All funds raised from your Thanksgiving Offerings go towards the running of the Parish of St Mary of the Assumption. This includes both St Mary MacKillop Church in Keilor Downs and St Pauls Church in Kealba. Funds raised from Thanksgiving Offerings are vital for the Parish and enable the Parish to plan and to commit to projects in the future. The Parish would not be able to operate without these funds. Some expenses that are funded by these Offerings are as follows:

- ♦ Paying off the Parish debt;
- ♦ Meet the operating costs of the Parish (including parish salaries, insurance, energy expenses, telecommunications and other administrative expenses);
- ♦ Various property expenses;
- ♦ Maintenance of both of our Churches; and
- ♦ The supporting of charitable organisations including St Vincent's de Paul Society.

For those in our parish Community who currently contribute to our Thanksgiving Program, we would like to say thank you very much. However, if you are not a current contributor and would like to participate in the Program to ensure the current and future security of our Parish, please contact one of our administration staff at the Parish Office between 9.00am and 1.30pm on weekdays. Or alternatively, Thanksgiving forms can be downloaded from our Parish Website located at

<http://www.stmaryoftheassumption.org.au> and click on 'Our Church and Ministries'.

If you have any questions with respect to the Parish Thanksgiving Program please don't hesitate to contact either Monsignor Charles Portelli or one of our Parish Administration staff on 03 93640440.

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



OVERHEARD A senior parishioner whose wife died remembers with gratitude the time his parish reached out with the bread of life. 'Over the four months that Kath was dying someone from the parish brought her Holy Communion every day. When we couldn't come out to church, the Church came to us.'

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With joy our Parish is pleased to announce that we will commence a course for **non-Catholics** to take the journey to join the Catholic Church. Referred to as the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**, the course will be run by Andrew and Tara Sciberras and held weekly on **Monday evenings from 7:00pm-8:45pm**. A participants book, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits will be provided and there is no cost for attending the course. We will commence on **Monday, 6 August at 7:00pm** and will run it out of the **Parish Office Building opposite St Mary MacKillop Church**. It is intended that those who successfully complete the RCIA course will be fully incorporated into the Catholic Church before Christmas this year.

Please feel free to pass this information on to any **non-Catholic adults** who you believe may be interested in becoming a Christian Catholic. All questions about the Church and the faith are welcome during the course.

To register your intention to attend or if you have any questions, please contact Andrew Sciberras on **0403 100 733**.

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT SEMINAR

Join us for the 2nd week of the seminar, topic "Unconditional Love of God", dynamic speaker Louiza Romanic. We meet in school area behind parish office at St. Mary MacKillop. Worship at 7.30pm, talk at 8.00pm. This Seminar has **enriched thousands** of people all over the world. Come along, bring a friend.
Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975.

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 this week read together and share discussion on Holy Scripture.

Wednesday, 8th August

7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship,
Scripture share
Concludes at 9pm
with fellowship.
Prayer ministry also 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, 9th August

7.30pm Prayer & Praise
8.00pm Seminar Talk
Topic: Unconditional Love of God
Speaker: Louiza Romanic
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 11TH & 12TH AUGUST

SAT 11TH AUGUST 6.30PM
R Maurice Hammett
Special Ministers
L. Tabone.

SUN 12TH AUGUST 10AM
R Jean Falcoa
Special Ministers
J. Zahra, M. Osa.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 5:
Eddie Vassallo
Chris Kisielewski
Val Watson
Sally Rodrigues
Rachel Rodrigues

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 11TH & 12TH AUGUST

SAT 11TH AUGUST 5PM
R Joe Sammut
Special Ministers
Victor Sammut, Joe Camilleri,
Laurie Xerri.

SUN 12TH AUGUST 9AM
R Christina Santalucia
Special Ministers
Mickie Cavka, Doris Pace,
Regina Duggan.

SUN 12TH AUGUST 11AM
R Jenny Saunders
Special Ministers
Jenny Saunders, Justin Wejak,
Carmen LaBruna.

SUN 12TH AUGUST 5.30PM
R Anne Abeyasinghases
Special Ministers
Peter Schwegler, Marcia Schwegler, Georgina Sant.

Music Group Rehearsals

This Week in the Parish

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
To be advised

Monday, 6th August
10.30am Prayer Group

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
To be advised

Tuesday, 7th August
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- St. Mary MacKillop

Feast Days

Monday, 6th August
Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday, 8th August
7.00pm Legion of Mary
7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

Wednesday, 8th August
Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross

Thursday, 9th August
10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

Friday, 10th August
St. Lawrence

Saturday, 11th August
Memorial of St. Clare

Friday, 10th August
4.45pm Children & Youth of Mary

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

Entrance:

Loving God, we give you thanks this day as gladly we rejoice,
That a woman's life should so proclaim a love that heard your voice.
Now inspired by her example, may we strive to seek your face,
So that in our rugged homeland the poor will find a place.
Here with Mary of the Cross we pray your truth may guide our way,
That our open hearts may hear your call to follow you each day.

Let our praise now fill this joyful space as loudly we proclaim
That in Mary's life we see the faith that glorifies your name.
For her heart knew your compassion at the plight of children poor.
So she mustered all her courage and saw her future call.
Trusting firm in you she ventured forth, her eyes upon your cross.
From Penola's plains to all the world, her arms reached out in love.

Holy Spirit gift of love divine, with you we dare to dream.
May your wisdom come to lead us on where justice reigns supreme.
Now may Mary's love inspire us and the cross still lead us on.
Give us hearts that never waver 'til victory is won.
Let our lives show forth your tender love, compassion warm and bold.
Help us bring good news to all the world, your spirit love unfold.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to God for the Word, alleluia
That God's voice will be heard, alleluia
Now proclaim in God's holy name:
Alleluia, alleluia! (repeat)

Offertory:

If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of one my heart enjoys,
Of one who whispers, warm and calm,
Of one whose tender touch persists.
If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of beauty barely seen,
Of shadow gums and stringy bark,
Of tracks and water hard to find.

If I could tell the love of God,
I'd sing of women seen as fools
Because, in Joseph's hidden way,
They crossed an empty land with trust.
If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of women working hard,
Receiving bits of broken bread,
And poor enough to serve the poor.

If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of Christ who chose the cross.
His wisdom brings the mighty down.
His strength uplifts the stable's child.
If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of Christ who chose the cross.
His justice mends a broken world
His mercy turns the grave around.
If I could tell the love of God,
If I could tell the love of God,
If I could tell the love of God.

Communion:

In sacrifice you lived your life
and in God's will you found your delight,
child of God, bride of Christ,

Djurumin and shining light,
through the cross you show hope to everyone
shining in the heart of the great southern land.

Chorus

Saint Mary is your name
the Angels rejoice,
through your life you proclaimed
the name above all names;
helper of the poor,
mother of the lonely, pray for us.

You lifted the head of fallen ones
raising them up you helped them to stand,
with all your heart you served the Lord
and through God's love you care for the poor,
through the Cross you show hope to everyone
shining in the heart of the great southern land.
Chorus x 2

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.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.

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