

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B - 18th & 19th August, 2018

In the Gospel we finally get to the heart of the Eucharistic mystery itself; Jesus explicitly teaches that 'whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.'



This week, however, the food Jesus offers is his own flesh and blood, quite repulsive to devoted Jews who only eat kosher food and respect blood as the seat of life. This food that Jesus now offers is beyond their religious imagination to grasp.

Jesus' teaching is hard to take, because it involves more than Jesus' self-giving; it requires us to give of our very lives. By eating Jesus' flesh and drinking his blood, we become flesh and blood given 'for the life of the world.'

Will we say yes, or like many in the Gospel, argue and grumble?

MASS TIMES

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| <u>St Paul's</u> | |
| Wednesday | 9.30am |
| Thursday | 9.30am |
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| Saturday | 5:00 pm (Latin) |
| | 6:30 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00am (Maltese) |
| | 10:00am |
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| <u>Reconciliation</u> | |
| Saturday | 6:00pm |
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| <u>St Mary MacKillop</u> | |
| Monday | 9.30am |
| Tuesday | No Mass |
| | 7.00pm—8.00pm Holy Hour |
| Friday | 9.30am |
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| Saturday | 5:00pm |
| Sunday | 9:00am |
| | 11:00am |
| | 5:30pm |
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| <u>Reconciliation</u> | |
| Saturday | 4pm—4.50pm |

Entrance Antiphon:

God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people. For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.

1st Reading:

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalms 33:2-3,10-15

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 6:51-58

Before Communion:

Lord, accept our sacrifice as a holy exchange of gifts. By

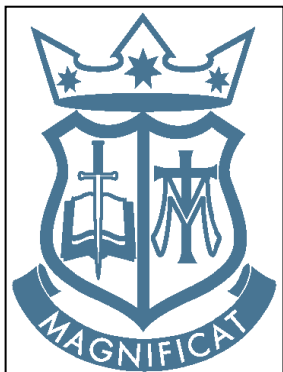
offering what you have given us may we receive the gift of yourself.

Communion Antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

After Communion:

God of mercy, by this sacrament you make us one with Christ. By becoming more like him on earth, may we come to share his glory in heaven, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

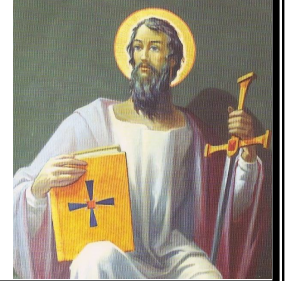


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'Do not let your troubles disturb your trust in God.'

ST. PAUL

'Be watchful that you may know the will of God.'



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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.

'Safe Schools Program'- Concerns

The 'Safe Schools Program' was an issue that was highlighted during the debate on Same Sex Marriage in 2017. When Gay Marriage came to Law gender was removed from the legal definition of Marriage. As a consequence of this re definition there has and will be consequential changes to sex education exposing children to gender ideology, gay and lesbian sex education and kids being taught that gender is fluid. Parents are excluded from their kids' sex education. These program are already in some Government Primary and Secondary schools but will be mandatory if the Labor Government is returned to Office.

The Australian Christian Lobby will be running a campaign to highlight the issues surrounding the Labor Government's so called 'Safe Schools Program'. If you have similar concerns and would like to be involved in the campaign, please attend a meeting at the Parish Office on Tuesday the 21st of August at 7.15pm. The objective of the campaign is to alert voters of the dangers of the Safe School Program that seeks to sexualise our primary and secondary school children with emphasis on gay and lesbian practices, so that parents are properly informed when voting at the upcoming State Election on the 24th of November.

CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for the Catholic Care Sunday appeal.



Please Note:- There will be no Mass at Mary MacKillop Church on Tuesday the 21st August. It will be held at Rosary Home.

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:

Joseph Bugega, Mary Buhagiar.

Anniversaries:

Magda DiSante, Carmela Rossitto,

Peppino DiSante, Daniella DiSante,

Intonino Rossitto, Cola DiSante,

Daniella Sessarego, Mila Drinjik, Marie

Baldaccino, Salvatore Paino, Desmond

Nicholas, Louisa Jones, Carl Galea, Giovanni

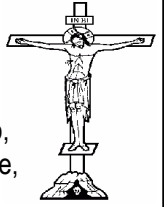
Di Sisto, Romeo Camilleri, Philip Kechenovich,

Skenderovic Family, Kechenovich Family,

Frances Grech, Huynh Tran Phan, Elicia

Montoro.

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



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 9364 0440.

St Paul's Divine Mercy Prayer Group

St Paul's Divine Mercy Prayer Group Sunday 26 August 2018 3.00pm Chaplet Rosary, Praise & Worship, Talk by Charlie Gatt - Topic: Healing our Relationship with God Concludes with Fellowship.

Info: Rita 0435 956 226/Angela 0431 605 420



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**.

CAN YOU HELP THE POOR?

Dear parishioners, on the weekend of 11th/12th August, at all 4 masses at St. Mary MacKillop, we will have a Raffle, proceeds of which will help abandoned mothers and children in the Philippines. Your generosity in the past has been **WONDERFUL**. Please support us again, as **YOU** are making a **HUGE** difference in their lives, **thank you**. For information on other ways you can help, please contact Christina on 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 in an evening of meditation and prayer in the presence of Jesus through Eucharist Adoration.

Wednesday, 22nd August

7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship, Adoration

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, 23rd August

7.30pm Prayer & Praise
 8.00pm Seminar Talk

Topic: God's Gifts

Speaker: Lenyce Willason-CCR Executive Director

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 25TH & 26TH AUGUST

SAT 25TH AUGUST 6.30PM
 R Doris Agius
Special Ministers
 J. Tabone.

SUN 26TH AUGUST 10AM
 R Lidia Davies
Special Ministers
 J. Mamo, S. Scerri.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 24TH AUGUST
 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 25TH & 26TH AUGUST

SAT 25TH AUGUST 5PM
 R Antonia Camilleri
Special Ministers
 Victor Sammut, Mario Camilleri, Marcella Fandino.

SUN 26TH AUGUST 9AM
 R Joe Albioli
Special Ministers
 Mim Caruso, Wayne Harrison, Mickie Cavka.

SUN 26TH AUGUST 11AM
 R Tara Sciberras
Special Ministers
 Teresa Taverna, Carmen LaBruna, Helen Sorokowski.

SUN 26TH AUGUST 5.30PM
 R Kerry Tieppo
Special Ministers
 Frank Lee, Kimberley D'Cruz, Georgina Sant.

Music Group Rehearsals

This Week in the Parish

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
 To be advised

Monday, 20th August
 10.30am Prayer Group

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
 To be advised

Tuesday, 21st August
 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
 - St. Mary MacKillop

Feast Days

Monday, 20th August
 St. Bernard

Wednesday, 22nd August
 7.00pm Legion of Mary
 7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

Tuesday, 21st August
 St. Pius X

Thursday, 23rd August
 10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
 7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

Wednesday, 22nd August
 Our Lady, Mother and Queen

Friday, 24th August
 St. Bartholomew

Friday, 24th August
 4.45pm Children & Youth of Mary

TWENTIETH SUNDAY

Entrance:

Refrain:

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared,
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied. **Refrain**

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,
our pledge of eternal life. **Refrain**

The bread you give is the living bread,
your flesh for the life of the world. **Refrain**

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of God
Happy are those who love him
Taste and see the goodness of God
Taste and see.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven says the Lord;
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory:

Refrain:

See what you are,
Become what you eat,
We are the body of Christ.
Blessed and broken shared by us all
so that we become
Christ's presence to God's people.

Take and eat, take and eat,
This is the bread of life,
Take and drink, take and drink,
This is the cup of salvation. **Refrain.**

Grain from the field,
Fruit from the vine,
Becomes our gifts to you.
Now the meal, in our lives
so we become gifts to others. **Refrain**

Communion:

I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father
beckons.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the
life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread

You shall live forever.
You shall live forever. **Refrain**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of
Man
And drink of his blood, and drink of his
blood
You shall not have life within you. **Refrain**

I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life,
If you believe in me, even though you die,
You shall live forever. **Refrain**

Recessional:










O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have
made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe dis-
played.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur.

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