

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Year B - 25th & 26th August, 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



We have spent the last four weeks listening to Jesus' teachings about the Bread of Life. In this week's Gospel, we see even some of the disciples confused and disbelieving.

However, one of the twelve, Simon Peter, looks past his doubts and when Jesus ask him if he wants to leave, Peter answers, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

With what has gone before us, it is much easier for us to understand and believe. The problem is many of us make the choice to stay with Jesus, but live this new self-giving life only half heartedly. We must be prepared to judge our belief, not on what we say or think, but on what we do.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Listen Lord, and answer me.  
Save your servant who trusts  
in you. I call to you all day long,  
have mercy on me, O Lord.

**1st Reading:**

Joshua 24:1-2,15-8  
Psalms 33:2-3,16-23

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Taste and see the goodness  
of the Lord.

**2nd Reading:**

Ephesians 5:21-32

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and  
life: you have the words of  
everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

John 6:60-69



**Communion Antiphon:**

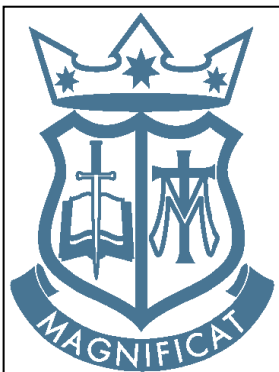
Lord, the earth is filled with  
your gift from heaven; man  
grows bread from earth, and  
wine to cheer his heart.

**After Communion:**

Lord, may this eucharist  
increase within us the healing  
power of your love. May it  
guide and direct our efforts to  
please you in all things.

**Before Communion:**

Merciful God, the perfect  
sacrifice of Jesus Christ made  
us your people. In your love,  
grant peace and unity to your  
Church.

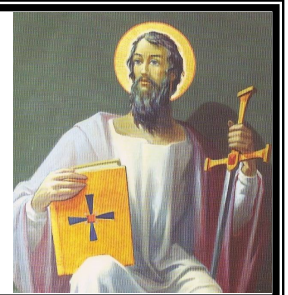


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Live in  
charity and peace.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'This is the great  
mystery, it applies to  
Christ and the Church.'*



**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 11.00am mass on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 (Mass of Blessings)

After the 5.30pm mass on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2018; and

After the 5.00pm mass on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the administration staff at the Parish Office.

### RAFFLE RESULTS

Dear parishioners, once again, you have significantly helped this ministry provide for the poor children and abandoned mothers who are struggling in the Philippines.

Together we raised \$1,118.30, AWESOME, and **THANK YOU SO MUCH**. If you can help in the future know that there are no middlemen, or admin costs, this money goes towards providing for the families affected DIRECT! Donated pre-loved goods are very welcome, especially clothes for children, food, etc. For a list of acceptable goods we can send, just ring Christina 0431 955 975.

1st Prize: Jogi, Green A79.

2nd Prize: Irene, Green A82.

3rd Prize: Kitty, Purple F24.

4th Prize: Sandra, Purple A54.

### JESUS IN HIS CHURCH

People who have worked in hospitals over the years often tell of the great support the Church's prayer traditions are to many Catholics when they find themselves in difficult circumstances—like waiting for a spouse to come through an operation or sitting beside a dying parent. It can be difficult to know what to do or say. And sometimes you are not sure that the person who is ill can hear you. It is wonderful to be able to turn to these great prayers of the church - like the rosary with its repetition of the Hail Mary ('...now and at the hour of our death'). They not only provide a formula, they connect us with the whole Church and its life of prayer. Think of a time when, with nowhere else to turn, you turned to God.

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### 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

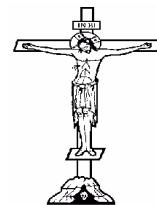
Tara Sciberras: 0403 100 733



## In Remembrance...

### Recently Deceased:

Mary Gauci, Nicholas Attard,  
Fr Joseph Dargan, Cherie Guest.



### Anniversaries:

Maria Vittoria Bertoncini,  
Juanita Orzales, Lloyd, Hyacinth & Neville Pereira,  
Mirk Alrin, Elvis Bellard, Frank Camenzuli, Alice  
Wallace, Domenico & Caterina Defina,  
William Smith, Jill Cantwell, June Marcer,  
Maria Deluca, Nichola Deluca, Dominic Loc,  
Maria Lieu.

*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**.



### 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.

### 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**

## 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

Topic: **Meditation on Suffering**  
 Speaker: Joseph Zahra

**Wednesday, 29th August**

7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship,  
 Teaching

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, 30th August**

7.30pm Prayer & Praise  
 8.00pm Holy Spirit Seminar Talk

Topic: Forgiveness/Healing/  
 Reconciliation

Speaker: Emilia Sacchetta  
 Excellent teaching and speaker,  
 don't miss it.

All VERY Welcome

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?"*



#### ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 1ST & 2ND SEPT

**SAT 1ST SEPTEMBER 6.30PM**  
 R Marita Tobin  
**Special Ministers**  
 M. Long.

**SUN 2ND SEPTEMBER 10AM**  
 R Hip Falcoa  
**Special Ministers**  
 M. Zahra, C. Pirotta.

#### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST**  
 Rita Haig  
 Herwin Allen  
 Millie Monteiro

#### Counting Team

**COUNTING TEAM NO. 1:**  
 Ray Basile  
 Robert Stoppa  
 Mickie Cavka  
 James Barberi  
 Wanda Peplow

#### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 1ST & 2ND SEPT

**SAT 1ST SEPTEMBER 5PM**  
 R Zbig Piorowski  
**Special Ministers**  
 Zbig Piorowski, Laurie Xerri,  
 Michael Vytillingam.

**SUN 2ND SEPTEMBER 9AM**  
 R Christina Santalucia  
**Special Ministers**  
 Mim Caruso, Wayne Harrison,  
 Hilda D'Souza.

**SUN 2ND SEPTEMBER 11AM**  
 R Tara Sciberras  
**Special Ministers**  
 Ray Caruana, Carmen  
 LaBruna, Joe Camenzuli.

**SUN 2ND SEPTEMBER 5.30PM**  
 R Brian Lobo  
**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, 27th August**  
 10.30am Prayer Group

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

**Tuesday, 28th August**  
 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
 - St. Mary MacKillop

#### Feast Days

**Monday, 27th August**  
 St. Monica

**Wednesday, 29th August**  
 7.00pm Legion of Mary  
 7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

**Tuesday, 28th August**  
 St. Augustine

**Thursday, 30th August**  
 10.30am St Mary MacKillop  
 Morning Prayer Grp  
 7.30pm St Mary MacKillop  
 Evening Prayer Grp

**Wednesday, 29th August**  
 Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Friday, 31st August**  
 4.45pm Children & Youth  
 of Mary

# TWENTY-FIRST 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

**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!  
Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.  
Alleluia!  
Open our hearts to your word.

**Offertory:**

Will you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are travellers on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you  
In the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you.  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
'Til we've seen this journey through.

**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:**

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord, there is none like you  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the king  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound, of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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