

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Year B - 8th & 9th September, 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** No Mass  
**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 need not be surprised at the slowness of the Apostles in grasping the Messiahship of Jesus.

It was not until this occasion, near Caesarea Philippi, over a year after He had called the Apostles that Jesus admitted to them that He was the Messiah, and told them of the future that lay ahead. He immediately foretold of the sufferings and death He would endure at the hands of the leaders of the Jews, how He would be conquered and humiliated by His enemies but their victory would be short lived - death would not hold Him - He would rise triumphant on the third day.

To the Apostles this seemed incredible and Peter, their spokesman, told Jesus so.

What would we have said, if we were in the village in Caesarea Philippi with the Apostles that day?

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 35:4-7  
Psalms 145:7-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**2nd Reading:**

James 2:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Mark 7:31-37

**Before Communion:**

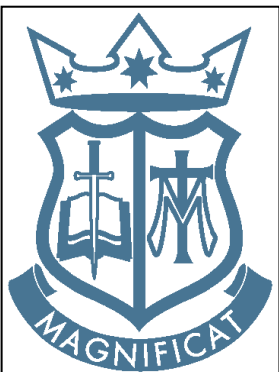
God of peace and love, may our offering bring you true worship and make us one with you.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

**After Communion:**

Lord, your word and your sacrament give us food and life. May this gift of your Son lead us to share his life for ever.

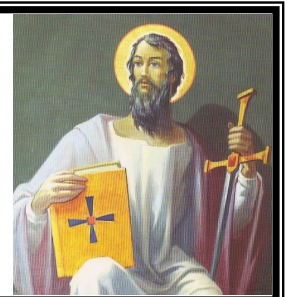


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Have we not all taken up the cross and shall we shrink from carrying it?'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom.'*



**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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152 Odessa Avenue, Keilor Downs, Victoria 3038    230 Sunshine Avenue, Kealba, Victoria 3021  
**Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9am—1.30pm    **Phone:** 9366 4040    **Fax:** 9364 2706  
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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.

**Violinists Wanted!!!** We are pleased to be currently looking at growing our Church Choirs! There is no doubt that much talent is in our wonderful Parish and to be able to display such talent, will add to the splendour and beauty of the Mass. We would like all those who are able to play the Violin and willing to use their gifts to serve the Lord in the Holy Mass each week, to please contact Rosanna Camenzuli (Parish Head of Choir) on 0425 751 230.

"And when the musician played, the power of the Lord came upon him" 2 Kings 3:15.



### St Vincent de Paul Society

*good works*

Please note the next meeting of the SVDP Keilor Downs Conference is this coming Monday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at the St Mary of the Assumption Parish Centre.

### **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.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be NO MASS on Monday morning, 10<sup>th</sup> September at St. Mary MacKillop Church.

## **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**

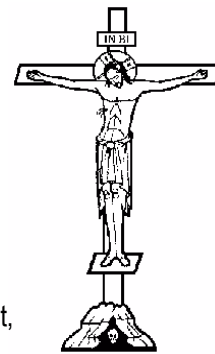
For more information contact Andrew and Tara Sciberras: 0403 100 733



## In Remembrance...

### Recently Deceased:

Josephine Sacco



### Anniversaries:

Brad Bellard,  
Connie & Grezju Attard,  
George Grech,  
Miro Klarin,  
Elizabeth Kuczynski,  
Rosaria & Carmenu Zammit,  
Imelda Rundell,  
Manuel Rodrigues, Frederick Highland,  
Victor & Ivy Highland, Jeffery Rozario,  
Dominie Trong, Rosa Dhot, Dominic Son,  
Maria Dung, Grace Ciantar, Eva Cassar,  
Albino Colaco, Rose Fernandez,  
John & Geswalda Borg, Lawrence DeBrincat,  
Nicholas Attard, Angelo Rapa, Nicole Borg,  
Luz Labrador, Nestor Labrador,  
Carolina Labrador, Sabino Garcia.

*We pray for all those who are sick, especially 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.



### RETREAT AT ST. MARY MACKILLOP

They ARE BACK!!! The West Australia members of the Holy Spirit of Freedom Community who ran the very Spirit filled retreat last year for the 50th Anniversary of CCR are returning to present us with a Retreat themed:

**“Awakening to the Love and Will of the Father”.**

Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm-9.00pm  
(followed by Supper/Prayer Ministry available)  
Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm-9.00pm (followed by Supper/Prayer Ministry available)  
Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am-4.30pm  
Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am-3.00pm  
concluding with Mass at 3.00pm



**Guest Speakers include:**  
**Elena Reidy & Anthony Batticci;**  
**With Music Ministry**  
**Peter Dunbar & Adamina Bendotti**

Come and Encounter Abba Father. Their personal stories will inspire and their ministry will draw you into a deeper awareness of the Love of God **for you personally.**

This ministry supports the poor, homeless, and marginalised in Melbourne, West Australia and the Philippines.

**Their experiences enrich our own faith as they deliver a message that is at the heart of Jesus, and that is for each person.**

**DON'T MISS IT!!! ALL VERY WELCOME.**  
Enquiries: John Schembri 0417 538 031,  
Christina Santalucia 0431 955 975.

## 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

Come along and witness Rita Marshall's personal testimony of God's Miraculous Healing Power, through faith, prayer and persistence, nothing is impossible for God!

#### Wednesday, 12th September

7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship, Testimony.

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, 13th September**

7.30pm Prayer & Praise  
8.00pm Talk

Topic: Growth in the Spirit  
Speaker: Louiza Romanic

Followed by Supper  
All Welcome

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 ?”*



### ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 15TH & 16TH SEPT

**SAT 15TH SEPT 6.30PM**  
R Greg Moore  
**Special Ministers**  
L. Tabone.

**SUN 16TH SEPT 10AM**  
R Norma Marot  
**Special Ministers**  
F. Mamo, F. Afuic.

#### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER**  
Rita Haig  
Herwin Allen  
Millie Monteiro

#### Counting Team

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

### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 15TH & 16TH SEPT

**SAT 15TH SEPTEMBER 5PM**  
R Anne Sargent  
**Special Ministers**  
Laurie Xerri, Kathy Lindsay,  
Joe Camilleri.

**SUN 16TH SEPTEMBER 9AM**  
R Mary Portelli  
**Special Ministers**  
Joe Falvo, Mickie Cavka,  
Lily Zovko.

**SUN 16TH SEPTEMBER 11AM**  
R Marisa Barberi  
**Special Ministers**  
Marisa Barberi, Jenny  
Saunders, Helen Sorokowski.

**SUN 16TH SEPT 5.30PM**  
R Claire Calleja  
**Special Ministers**  
Kimberley D'Cruz, Georgina  
Sant, Frank Lee.

#### 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

**Thursday, 13th September**  
St. John Chrysostom

**Friday, 14th September**  
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Saturday, 15th September**  
Our Lady of Sorrows

**Monday, 10th September**  
10.30am Prayer Group  
7.00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

**Tuesday, 11th September**  
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
- St. Mary MacKillop

**Wednesday, 12th September**  
7.00pm Legion of Mary  
7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

**Thursday, 13th September**  
10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp  
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

**Friday, 14th September**  
4.45pm Children & Youth of Mary

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

## Entrance:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
Your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

## Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord my soul!  
Praises to our God!  
Praise the Lord my soul!  
Praises to our God!

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Come, let us praise the Lord  
The word that is salvation  
Come listen,  
To the healing word of God. Alleluia...

## Offertory:

O Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should come to me  
But speak the word of comfort  
My spirit healed shall be.

And humbly I'll receive you,  
The bridegroom of my soul  
No more by sin to grieve you  
Or fly thy sweet control.

Eternal Holy Spirit,  
Unworthy though I be  
Prepare me to receive you  
And trust the word to me

Increase my faith, dear Jesus  
In your real presence here.  
And make me feel most deeply  
That you to me are near.

## Communion:

**Chorus:**  
Come to the water!  
You who are thirsty!  
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!  
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!  
Come! Listen! Live!

Why spend your money on what cannot fill  
the emptiness deep in your heart?  
Listen to my word and you will enjoy;  
goodness and peace in your heart.

Just as the heavens are high above earth;  
My ways and thoughts beyond you!  
Call me your Father and know I am near!  
I will be Father to you!

Just as the rain falls to water the earth;  
just as a seed becomes bread.  
My word upon you can never return  
until My longing is filled!

## Recessional:








God's spirit is in my heart.  
He has called me and set me apart  
This is what I have to do  
What I have to do

## Refrain:

He sent me to give the good news to the  
poor,  
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no  
more  
Tell blind people that they can see  
And set the down-trodden free  
And go tell everyone the news that the  
Kingdom of God has come  
And go tell everyone the news that God's  
Kingdom has come.

Just as the Father sent me  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witness throughout the world  
The whole of the world. **Refrain.**

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