

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Year C - 1st & 2nd December, 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
Reconciliation	
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
Reconciliation	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

On this First Sunday of ADVENT, we have entered a new Liturgical season and a new Liturgical year.

We use this time as a CHURCH to prepare ourselves, our minds and hearts for the coming of JESUS.

We need to ask ourselves at times, what we could do better, to show others the LOVE OF JESUS.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

**1st Reading:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalms 24:4-5,8-9,10,14

**Responsorial Psalm:**

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**2nd Reading:**

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

**Before Communion:**

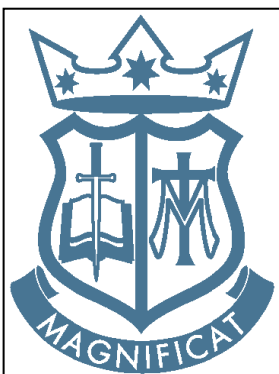
Father, from all you give us we present this bread and wine. As we serve you now, accept our offering and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit.

**After Communion:**

Father, may our communion teach us to love heaven. May its promise and hope guide our way on earth.

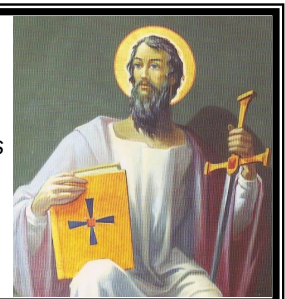


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'God is all goodness  
and love.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'When Christ comes may  
he strengthen your hearts  
in holiness.'*



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## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal 2018

On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, the Keilor Downs Conference is seeking your generous support once again this year for our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal.

With more families continuing to face difficult times, we are asking that together we can make a difference within our community this Christmas.

We are appealing for items such as non-perishable Christmas foods and drinks as well as toys for children and gifts / gift vouchers for both teenagers and adults. Please leave any donated goods either in the church foyer or at the parish office anytime up until Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>. We kindly ask that you do not wrap the toys, gifts, food, etc. Please ensure that all food and drink items are not past their expiry date and that they have not been opened.

**Donation envelopes will also be available at all masses during the weekend of December 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.**

On behalf of the families, we would like to say 'THANK YOU' for your continued support and hope that together we can bring nourishment, peace and prosperity to those who might otherwise not recognise the joy of this Christmas season.

## CAR PARK SAFETY

Parishioners are reminded of the need to drive with the utmost care whilst in the Car Parks particularly, on school days when students are walking within the car parking areas on their way to school. The safety of the students and fellow parishioners must be given priority at all times.

## THANKSGIVING MASS—DECEMBER 6TH

On Thursday, December 6th, at St. Mary MacKillop Church, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass for ALL Prayer Groups of the parish.

Whether you are part of the prayer groups or not, if you have something to thank God for, come along to this mass.

7.15pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

7.30pm Praise & Worship

8.00pm Thanksgiving Mass, Celebrated with Mons. Portelli  
Followed by fellowship and supper and **Christmas Cheer**.

Bring a plate of food to share if you can.

There will be a Raffle after the mass, raising funds towards **feeding 500 poor people** in the Philippines.

Please support this worthy cause and thank you.

All Welcome.

Enquiries: Christina 0431 955 975



## CHOIR PRACTICE

Will be held on

Monday 3rd December at 6.45pm

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

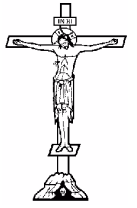
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## In Remembrance...

### Recently Deceased:

Ray Marshall, Merle Rodrigues,  
Esther Lewis, Maureen Camilleri.



### Anniversaries:

Carmen Tomkinson, Mary &  
Charles Bellotti, Mary, John &  
Louis Darmanin, Lora Attard, Carmena Zammit,  
Connie & Grezju Attard, Emilie Grech, John  
Baptit, Anna Maria Francis, Martin, Margret  
Whitehead, Allan Franzion, Rita & Eric & Fred  
Safe, Rev Fr Peter James, Pereira Family,  
Dennis Soloman, Francis, Vittoria, Joseph &  
Mary Agius, Joseph Grech, Joan Anderson,  
George Pecchiar, Margaret Melder, Angelo &  
Maria Camilleri, Rosario & Carmela Camilleri,  
Julie Camilleri, Angelo Mamo, Lina Palumbo,  
Alex Micallef, Pauline Adams, Giovanni Di Sisto,  
Melandino & Genoveffa Prezioso.

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

## 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 Mary of the Assumption Parish**  
invites our Senior Citizens to  
*Mass and Anointing of the Sick*  
at 11.00a.m.  
on **Thursday, 6th December**  
to be held at St. Paul's Church  
Followed by Morning Tea  
in St. Paul's School Hall.

To assist us with catering, please advise numbers wishing to attend to the Parish Office on 9364 0440 or fill in your details on the Clipboard in the foyer of the Church. If anyone is able to bring a plate, or volunteer their time, it would be greatly appreciated.

## 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

### 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

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

**ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**  
We are taking a break and will resume early 2019.  
Please join us together on Thursday evening at St. Mary MacKillop with all Prayer Groups.

### THURSDAY EVENING

**ST MARY MACKILLOP EVENING PRAYER GROUP**  
No meeting this week, see ad re Thanksgiving Mass.  
Prayer group returns  
**Thursday, 7th February, 2019.**  
Enquiries:  
Christina 0431 955 975

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

**LEGION OF MARY**  
Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room  
All Welcome


**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**

**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 8TH & 9TH DEC

**SAT 8TH DECEMBER 6.30PM**  
R Maurice Hammett  
**Special Ministers**  
D. Agius.

**SUN 9TH DECEMBER 10AM**  
R Norma Marot  
**Special Ministers**  
F. Mamo, F. Afuic.

### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER**  
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 8TH & 9TH DECEMBER

**SAT 8TH DECEMBER 5PM**  
R Joe Sammut  
**Special Ministers**  
Victor Sammut, Joe Camilleri, Laurie Xerri.

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

**SUN 9TH DECEMBER 11AM**  
R Brian Davis  
**Special Ministers**  
Jenny Saunders, Justin Wejak, Carmen LaBruna.

**SUN 9TH DECEMBER 5.30PM**  
R Anne Abeyasinghases  
**Special Ministers**  
Peter Schwegler, Marcia Schwegler, Georgina Sant.

Music Group Rehearsals	This Week in the Parish ....
<b>ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP</b> Monday 3rd Dec–6.45pm	<b>Monday, 3rd December</b> 10.30am Prayer Group
<b>ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP</b> To be advised	<b>Tuesday, 4th December</b> 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop
Feast Days	<b>Wednesday, 5th December</b> 7.00pm Legion of Mary 7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp
<b>Monday, 3rd December</b> St. Francis Xavier	<b>Thursday, 6th December</b> 10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
<b>Friday, 7th December</b> St. Ambrose	<b>Friday, 7th December</b> 4.45pm Children & Youth of Mary
<b>Saturday, 8th December</b> Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Entrance:

### Refrain:

Come, come, Emmanuel!  
Son of God, appear.  
Heaven and earth, rejoice!  
Salvation is drawing near.  
Salvation is drawing near.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. **Refrain**

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. **Refrain**

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem;  
From ev'ry foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain**

## Responsorial Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,  
To you I lift my soul.

## 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:

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:

Wake, O wake, and sleep no longer,  
For he who calls you is no stranger;  
Awake, God's own Jerusalem!  
Hear, the midnight bells are chiming  
The signal for his royal coming:  
Let voice to voice announce his name!  
We feel his footsteps near,  
The Bridegroom at the door Alleluia!  
The lamps will shine with light divine  
As Christ the Saviour comes to reign.

Zion hears the sound of singing;  
Her heart is thrilled with sudden longing;  
She stirs, and wakes, and stands prepared.  
Christ, her friend, and lord, and lover,  
Her star and sun and strong redeemer  
At last his mighty voice is heard.  
The Son of God has come  
To make us his home:  
Sing Hosanna!  
The fight is won, the feast begun;  
We fix our eyes on Christ alone.

Glory, glory, sing the angels,  
While music sounds from strings and cymbals;  
All humankind, with songs arise!  
Twelve the gates into the city,  
Each one a pearl of shining beauty:

The streets of gold ring out with praise.  
All creatures round the throne  
Adore the holy One with rejoicing.  
Amen be sung by every tongue  
To crown their welcome to the King.

## Recessional:







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.



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