

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Year C - 12th & 13th January, 2018

Today, the Baptising of Jesus marks the conclusion of the Christmas season.

In this season, we have moved from Jesus as a babe in a manger, to an adult being baptized, and embarking on His mission of salvation.

**But why did Jesus allow Himself to be baptized, was He not sinless?**

When Jesus descended bodily into the waters of the Jordan at His baptism, He bore the weight of our sins, thus foreshadowing His total sacrifice of dying on the cross. By rising from the waters, He raised us up from our sinfulness, thus foreshadowing His own resurrection and His promise to us of eternal life.

At His baptism, the Heavens opened up and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus, anointing Him as the Messiah, whilst a voice came from heaven saying:

*'You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on You.'*

**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

**Entrance Antiphon:**

When the Lord had been baptised, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him. Then the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased.

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11  
Psalms 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

**2nd Reading:**

Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Luke 3:15-16,21-22



**Before Communion:**

Lord, we celebrate the revelation of Christ your Son

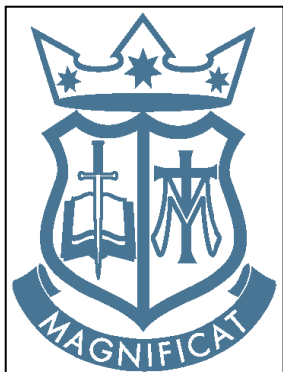
who takes away the sins of the world. Accept our gifts and let them become one with his sacrifice, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

**Communion Antiphon:**

We have seen his star in the east and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

**After Communion:**

Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognise Christ in this eucharist and welcome him with love, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

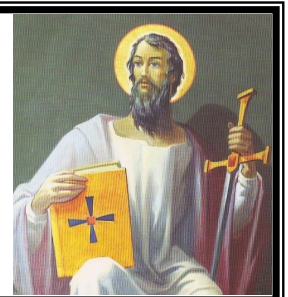


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Help one another and bear with one another as God does with each of us.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.'*



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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## Entrance:

When Jesus comes to be baptised,  
He leaves the hidden years behind,  
The years of safety and of peace.  
To bear the sins of human-kind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,  
Anoints the Christ to suffering,  
To preach the word, to free the bound,  
And to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,  
And what is bruised he will not break,  
But heal the wound injustice dealt,  
And out of death his triumph make.

## Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord my soul!  
Praises to our God!  
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## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The heavens were opened and the  
Father's voice was heard,  
"This is my beloved Son, hear Him"  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## Offertory:

You have become for us wisdom,  
You have become for us righteousness.  
You have become our salvation,  
You have become all our holiness.

## Refrain:

All that we need is found in you,  
Oh, all that we need is in you;  
All that we need is found in you,  
You are our all in all,  
You have become our all in all.

You have become our provision,  
In union with you we have victory;  
In you we have died and have risen  
And you are our great hope of glory.

## Refrain

## Communion:

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  
displayed.

## 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  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle  
breeze. Refrain









## Recessional:

When Jesus comes to be baptised,  
He leaves the hidden years behind,  
The years of safety and of peace.  
To bear the sins of human-kind.

O Spirit help us be like Christ:  
To live in love and charity,  
To walk in truth and justice now,  
And grow in Christian dignity.

We praise you, God, source of all life,  
We praise you, Christ, eternal Word,  
We praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;  
Your triune presence fills our world.

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