

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C - 9th & 10th March, 2019

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
<u>Reconciliation</u>	
Saturday	6:00pm
<u>St Mary MacKillop</u>	
Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	9.30am
	7.00pm—8.00pm Holy Hour
Friday	9.30am
	7.00pm Adoration & Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am
	11:00am
	5:30pm
<u>Reconciliation</u>	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm



Whatever Lenten practices we undertake, it is important to remember their purpose.

Christian penance has its purpose genuine conversion of life, so that at the end of Lent, when we renew our Baptismal promises, we are well aware of our own wonderful identity as sons and daughters of God.

The new life we celebrate at Easter cannot happen without our dying to ourselves, without our going to Jerusalem with Jesus and willingly embracing whatever death is in store for us. For that is the road to NEW LIFE, that is the road we travel during LENT.

Lenten practices are about our Baptismal identity as children of God and members of the BODY OF CHRIST.

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls to me, I will answer, I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.

1st Reading:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalms 90:1-2,10-15

Responsorial Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

2nd Reading:

Romans 10:8-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

Luke 4:1-13



Before Communion:

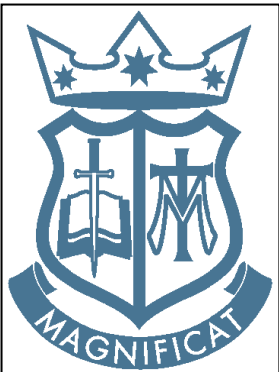
Lord, make us worthy to bring you these gifts. May this sacrifice help to change our lives.

Communion Antiphon:

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

After Communion:

Father, you increase our faith and hope, you deepen our love in this communion. Help us to live by your words and to seek Christ, our bread of life, who is Lord for ever and ever.

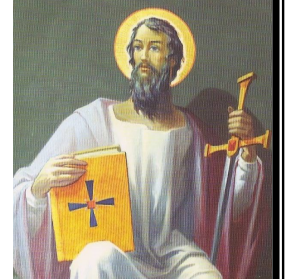


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

'God will draw good out of evil.'

ST. PAUL

'The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.'



Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Paul Chandler
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PARISH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



This true story is about the life of Bart Millard who loses his father to cancer at only 18 years old. After a difficult upbringing, Bart's own faith and the transformation of his father through God inspires him to write one of the most beloved Christian songs of all time. It is the story of a father and son, forgiveness and hope, and the power of music in our lives.

Time: Saturday the 23rd of March 2019 at 6.30pm (after the 5.00pm mass)

Venue: St Mary MacKillop Primary School Multi-Purpose Room

Attendance Fee: \$2.00 minimum donation to cover licence fees

Limit: 100 Parishioners

There will be Tea & Coffee and Light Refreshments served before the screening

We ask that apart from water, no food or drink is to be consumed during the movie.

If you and your family would like to attend please write down your details on the form located at the back of St Mary MacKillop and St Paul's Churches.

Parish Lenten Program - Week 2 - Why do we worship?

Thursday, March 14th, 7:30pm - 8:30pm followed by Supper, Multi-purpose Room, St Mary MacKillop School, Entry via Gate 6.



While worship is definitely a churchy word, the fact of the matter is that everyone worships something.

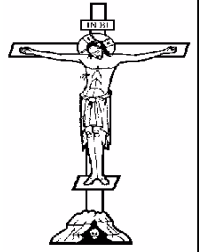
While it's certainly a good thing for people to associate worship with God, "worship" is actually a combination of two words, "worth" and "ship," meaning loosely an act toward something that is worth it. Moving on from there, in its simplest form, worship is what we choose to give to something that has the greatest worth.

Does God deserve our worship? He sure does. But we live in a society that flits from one thing to another and our attention moves at break-neck speed occupying us for short moments of time. It could be said that 21st century man and woman have greater difficulty with worship of God than our predecessors. The Mass is the antidote to this, but it takes effort, as any worthwhile thing does.

In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Alex Spiteri,
Darren Jonas.



Anniversaries:

Stan Lzydorczyk,
Ludwik & Krystyna Jaskulska,
Connie Poidemani,
Pauline Agius, Grace Ciantar, Herbert Thomas,
Ian & Lenard Murphy, Marianne Falzon, Anna Buttigieg, Zoe Buttigieg, Mary & Romeo Camilleri, Michael & Gorge Englezakis, Michael & Gemma Imbroll, Hubert Barwell, John & Leticia Wanigaratine, Marcus Miral, Terry Fernando, James Bastian, Sister Bonny, Giuseppina Rando., Diana Pribic.

We pray for all those who are sick, especially Patelesio, Liam and Maria.

URGENTLY REQUIRED ST MARY MACKILLOP COUNTERS, READERS & SPECIAL MINISTERS

~ We need MORE help ~

If you are available to help with these vital ministries please contact the Parish Office on 9364 0440.

All Counters, Readers and Special Ministers will be on a rostered basis.

LENT - 2019

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

On all other Fridays, the law of the practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(A)**PRAYER** - for example, Mass attendance; Family Prayer; A visit to a Church or Chapel; Reading the Bible; Making the Stations of the Cross; Praying the Rosary; or in other ways.

(B)**SELF DENIAL** - for example, Not eating meat; Not eating sweets or dessert; Giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; Limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways.

(C)**HELPING OTHERS** -example, Special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely, or over-burdened; or in other ways.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

The season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are encouraged to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves. Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This percent must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 6th March and Trinity Sunday, 16th June 2019 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

All faithful are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

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



Statement from Archbishop Comensoli

There are printed copies of our Archbishop's statement concerning recent events available in both churches. It may also be accessed via the archdiocesan website: <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/archbishop-comensolis-statement-on-cardinal-pell-trial>

RAFFLE RESULTS

Dear parishioners, yet again you have been a huge support to the poor in the Philippines, abandoned mothers and children.

With your amazing generosity we raised \$908.65

The winners are:

1st Prize: Mercy - Orange C17

2nd Prize: Connie - Purple A91

3rd Prize: Joe—Green A5

4th Prize: Dolin—Blue C35

On behalf of the Holy Spirit of Freedom Community Ministry, thank you and God bless you.

Christina 0431 955 975.

ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) there will be Adoration and Stations of the Cross at 7.00 p.m. commencing Friday 8th March.

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

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

All Welcome to Attend!

Wednesday, 13th March

Topic—**Preparation for Lent**
Guest Speaker: **Fr George Feliciouz**
7pm Rosary, 7.30pm Praise & Worship followed by teaching. Concludes at 9pm will 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, 14th March

7.00pm Praise & Worship
7.30pm—8.30pm **Lenten Program—Fr. Paul Chandler**
St. Mary MacKillop School, Multi Purpose room.
Followed by supper

All Welcome

Enquiries:
Christina 0431 955 975

LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room
All Welcome

ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 16TH & 17TH MARCH

SAT 16TH MARCH 6.30PM
R Doris Agius
Special Ministers
J. Tabone.

SUN 17TH MARCH 10AM
R Hip Falcoa
Special Ministers
J. Mamo, M. Zahra.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH
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 16TH & 17TH MARCH

SAT 16TH MARCH 5PM
R Anne Sargent
Special Ministers
Quintus Diaz, Joe Camilleri, Hank Bader.

SUN 17TH MARCH 9AM
R Joe Falvo
Special Ministers
Lily Zovko, Doris Borg.

SUN 17TH MARCH 11AM
R Brian Davis
Special Ministers
Rosa Grabovac, Hilda D'Souza, Carmen LaBruna.

SUN 17TH MARCH 5.30PM
R Georgina Sant
Special Ministers
Kimberley D'Cruz, Georgina Sant, Marcia Schwegler.

Music Group Rehearsals

This Week in the Parish

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
To be advised

Monday, 11th March
10.30am Prayer Group

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
To be advised

Tuesday, 12th March
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- St. Mary MacKillop

Feast Days

Wednesday, 13th March
7.00pm Legion of Mary
7.30pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

Thursday, 14th March
10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

Friday, 15th March
4.45pm Children & Youth of Mary



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance:

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend,
and did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
in you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and did thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and so to live
by your most holy Word.

And through these days of penitence,
and through your Passiontide,
forevermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

Responsorial Psalm:

Be with me, Lord
When I am in trouble,
Be with me Lord, I pray.

Gospel Acclamation:

No one lives on bread alone
No one lives on bread
But on ev'ry word that comes
From the mouth of God.
But on ev'ry word that comes
From the mouth of God.

Offertory:

Led by the Spirit of our God,
we go to fast and pray
With Christ into the wilderness;
we join His paschal way.
"Rend not your garments, rend your hearts.
Turn back your lives to me."
Thus says our kind and gracious God,
whose reign is liberty.

Led by the Spirit,
we confront temptation face to face,
And know full well we must rely
on God's redeeming grace.
On bread alone we cannot live,
but nourished by the Word.
We seek the will of God to do:
this is our drink and food.

Led by the Spirit,
now draw near the waters of rebirth
With hearts that long to worship God
in spirit and in truth.
"Whoever drinks the drink I give
shall never thirst again."
Thus says the Lord who died for us,
our Saviour, kin and friend.

Led by the Spirit,
now sing praise to God the Trinity:
The Source of Life, the living Word
made flesh to set us free,
The Spirit blowing where it will
to make us friends of God:
This mystery far beyond our reach,
yet near in healing love.

Communion:

Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.

Shall not we your trial share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Glad with you to suffer pain?

And if Satan on us press
Flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
Grant we may not faint or fail.

So shall we have peace divine;
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as served you faithfully.

Guard and keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by your side;
That with you we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.






Recessional:

The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by Whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came
The steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
Delivered from the lions' might;
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
The herald of Messiah's Name.

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