

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Year C - 23rd & 24th March, 2019

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St Paul's</b>	
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
<b>Saturday</b>	
	5:00 pm (Latin)
	6:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	
	8:00am (Maltese)
	10:00am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Saturday	6:00pm
<b>St Mary MacKillop</b>	
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
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm



With the recent earthquakes and tsunamis, we can relate to the events Jesus describes in the Gospel today. Jesus offers no explanations for the tragedies instead, he uses them to call people to repent.

Sometimes, it's not so obvious to us what we must repent. We are sort of stuck like the fig tree in today's Gospel, still alive, just not doing much.

The challenge of Lent is to allow Jesus to 'cultivate' and 'fertilize' us so that we know of what we are to repent and can begin bearing even more fruit.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

**1st Reading:**

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15  
Psalms 102:1-4,6-8,11

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**2nd Reading:**

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:**

Luke 13:1-9

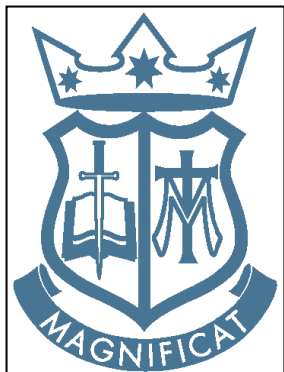


**Communion Antiphon:**

The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

**After Communion:**

Lord, in sharing this sacrament may we receive your forgiveness and be brought together in unity and peace.

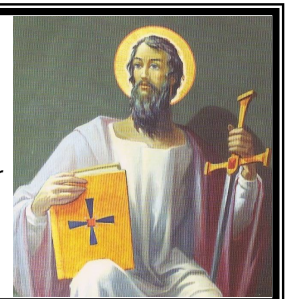


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Be faithful in the least as well as in the greatest.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.'*



**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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## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 4 - Why do we have ritual in our worship?

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm - 8:30pm followed by Supper  
Multi-purpose Room,  
St Mary MacKillop School—Entry via Gate 6



"You will keep this practice forever as a statute for yourselves and your descendants." - Exodus 12:24

Judaism was the preparatory school of Christianity. What the Apostles learned from the Temple ritual and the Passover Meal were not to be set aside, but preserved and enlarged. Thus, God laid the foundation of our worship, by means of ritual, way back when He prescribed what Aaron and the Jewish priests and people were to do. Christian ritual grew out of Jewish ritual. God desires us to worship Him this way because it is for our good. Ritual connects us to our past, which is always the seed-ground of the present and the future.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT  
24TH MARCH**



Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfill his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.**

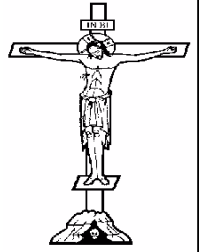
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## In Remembrance...

### Recently Deceased:

Loredana Lettieri,  
Eugene Xauier .



### Anniversaries:

Marlene Ganad,  
Anthony Schembri,  
Alexander Dias,  
Lenny De Cotta, Anthony Scicluna,  
Stephen Rafter, Antonio & Erisla Portelli,  
Piero Frazzitta, Angelo Albanes, Nancy D'Souza,  
Santos Salon, Flavio Finadri,  
Ronald Guest, Gregory Salisbury, Maria  
Surace, Demaio Carmela, Carmelo Surace.

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

### 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







## PALMS AND OLIVE BRANCHES NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Could those who normally provide palms and olive branches please bring them to the church this week so that we can arrange for extra branches if needed. Thank you.

### EZERCIZZI BIL-MALTI (Maltese Mission)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at St Bernadette's Parish North Sunshine.

Starting with Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Mass, Sermon and Benediction. Friday is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Mass will start at 7pm followed by a homily on Our Lady of Sorrows. Preacher: Fr John Taliana mssp

### Divine Mercy Prayer Group at St Paul's Church

Samoan Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Every Sunday 12pm-4pm. Also English Divine Mercy Prayer Group on every 4th Sunday of the month From 2.30pm - 4.00pm (includes Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet, Rosary, Praise and Worship followed by Fellowship). Please call Deacon David on 0451240713 (Samoan Service Enquiries), Rita D'Souza (0435956226) and Angela D'Souza (0413605420) (for English Service 4th Sunday's).

### 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.

### 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?"*



#### Music Group Rehearsals

**ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP**  
To be advised

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

#### Feast Days

**Monday, 25th March**  
The Annunciation of the Lord



#### This Week in the Parish ....

**Monday, 25th March**  
10.30am Prayer Group

**Tuesday, 26th March**  
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
- St. Mary MacKillop

**Wednesday, 27th March**  
7.00pm Legion of Mary  
7.30pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

**Thursday, 28th March**  
10.30am St Mary MacKillop  
Morning Prayer Group  
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop  
Evening Prayer Grp

**Friday, 29th March**  
4.45pm Children & Youth  
of Mary

## 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, 20th March**  
Topic—**The Eucharist & Birth of  
Priesthood through Holy Thursday**

DVD presentation by  
Fr Edgardo Arellano  
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, 28th 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 30TH & 31ST MARCH

**SAT 30TH MARCH 6.30PM**  
R Greg Moore  
**Special Ministers**  
M. Long.

**SUN 31ST MARCH 10AM**  
R Lidia Davies  
**Special Ministers**  
S. Scerri, F. Afuic.

#### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 29TH MARCH**  
Rita Haig  
Herwin Allen  
Millie Monteiro

#### Counting Team

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

#### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 30TH & 31ST MARCH

**SAT 30TH MARCH 5PM**  
R Joe Sammut  
**Special Ministers**  
Victor Sammut, Joe Camilleri,  
Laurie Xerri.

**SUN 31ST MARCH 9AM**  
R Christina Santalucia  
**Special Ministers**  
Mickie Cavka, Doris Pace,  
Regina Duggan.

**SUN 31ST MARCH 11AM**  
R Matthew Falvo  
**Special Ministers**  
Jade Ngo, Justin Wejak,  
Carmen LaBruna.

**SUN 31ST MARCH 5.30PM**  
R Anne Abeyasinghases  
**Special Ministers**  
Peter Schwegler, Marcia  
Schwegler, Georgina Sant.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## Entrance:

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who make the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

## Chorus:

Here I am, Lord, is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone,  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send? Chorus

## Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Return to God, with all your heart,  
the source of grace and mercy;  
come seek the tender faithfulness of  
God. (Repeat)

## Offertory:

Change my heart, Oh God  
Make it ever true:  
Change my heart, Oh God,  
May I be like You.

You are the Potter,  
I am the clay:  
Mould me and make me,  
This is what I pray.

Change my heart, Oh God  
Make it ever true:  
Change my heart, Oh God,  
May I be like You.

## Communion:

Before the world began  
You were on His mind  
And every tear you cry  
Is precious in His eyes  
Because of His great love  
He gave His only Son  
Everything was done  
So you would come

Nothing you can do  
Could make Him love you more  
And nothing that you've done  
Could make Him close the door  
Because of His great love  
He gave His only Son  
Everything was done  
So you would come

## Refrain:

Come to the Father  
Though your gift is small  
Broken hearts, broken lives  
He will take them all  
The power of the Word  
The power of His blood  
Everything was done  
So you would come (repeat refrain)







The power of the Word,  
The power of His blood,  
Everything was done so you would come.

## Recessional:

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.

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