

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Year C - 6th & 7th April, 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



In today's Gospel, Jesus is again tested by the Scribes and Pharisees when he is requested to judge the adulterous woman.

The centre of this Gospel is not the woman or her sin of adultery, but a personal encounter with Jesus. Encountering Jesus always exposes the truth – both the woman and the crowd learn the truth about their own sin. They and we, are not that different : we are all sinners who need to encounter Jesus, ask the truth about ourselves and receive Jesus' mercy,

Deep down inside, too many fear their sin is bigger than God's mercy. Jesus however, responds to profound sin with even more profound mercy. Consequently, our encounter with Jesus moves us to die, so that we gain Christ. Therein lies repentance.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalms 125

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**2nd Reading:**

2 Philippians 3:8-14

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel:**

John 8:1-11

**Before Communion:**

Almighty God, May the sacrifice we offer take away the sins of those whom you enlighten with the

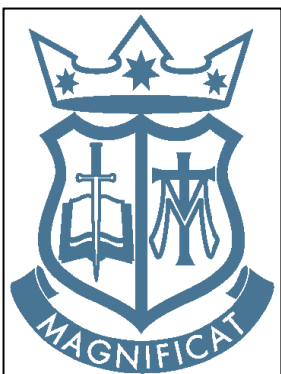
Christian faith.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Has no one condemned you? The woman answered: No one, Lord. Neither do I condemn you: go and do not sin again.

**After Communion:**

Almighty Father, by this sacrifice may we always remain one with your Son, Jesus Christ, whose body and blood we share, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

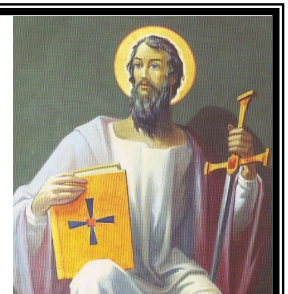


**ST. MARY  
MACKILLOP**

*'Let us be joyful and thank God.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.'*



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli    **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Paul Chandler  
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## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, KEILOR DOWNS CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Members of the SVDP Society are committed to helping men, women and families to break their cycle of poverty and disadvantage by responding to their calls for emergency aid. Home visitations are the core work of the society, and are carried out by local conferences. In addition to visitations, the Keilor Downs Conference is also involved in fundraising, participation in the annual Winter Appeal and Christmas Hamper Appeal.

We visit an average of 40 households per month as well as providing Christmas hampers, last Christmas we provided over 55 hampers to needy families.

We need more members to help carry out this important work. If you are interested in finding out more about the Society, please contact Armando (Conference President) on 0400 255 172, or Margo Harley (vice president) on 0425 850 824)

## Parish Lenten Program - Final Week - An array of interesting topics concerning the Mass?

Thursday, April 11th

7:30pm - 8:30pm followed by Supper

Multi-purpose Room, St Mary MacKillop School—Entry via Gate 6

Our very interesting and well-attended program on the Holy Mass concludes this week with some topics that have been registered as interesting, or worthy of attention, by the participants over the previous weeks. These topics include, but are not solely, the following:

- How did receiving Holy Communion on the hand come about?
- What does Mass *ad orientem* mean?
- What's the significance of making the Sign of the Cross at Holy Communion?
- How to reply to those Christians who say we worship statues?

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Please note the next meeting of the SVDP Keilor Downs Conference is this coming Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at the St Mary of the Assumption Parish Centre.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 7th April



Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and proved hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families. Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

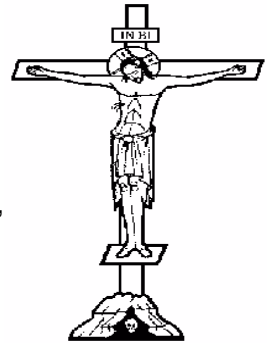
## In Remembrance...

### Recently Deceased:

Rita Agius, Maria Reale & Joseph Borg.

### Anniversaries:

Valda Siggins,  
Charles & Mildred,  
Domenic Quyen,  
Mabel Gonsalves,  
Alban Barwell,  
John & Geswalda Borg,  
Lawrence De Brincat,  
Nicholas Attard,  
Angelo Rapa,  
Nicole Borg,  
Alistair Bosser,  
Maria Pirotta, Peter Mascarenhas,  
Francis Andrade.



### 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.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** in preparation for Holy Week and Easter will be held on the following Monday evenings at St Mary MacKillop Church commencing at 7PM: 8th, 15th April. An Easter Folder with all the music and an accompanying CD will be distributed at the first rehearsal to assist you with your practice. If you would like to be part of this beautiful ministry, please contact Rosanna on 0425 751 230 . Thank you.

### 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**  
Monday 8th April—7PM

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

#### Feast Days

**Thursday, 11th April**  
St. Stanislaus

**Saturday, 13th April**  
St. Martin I



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

**Monday, 8th April**  
10.30am Prayer Group  
7.00pm St. Vincent de Paul

**Tuesday, 9th April**  
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
- St. Mary MacKillop

**Wednesday, 10th April**  
7.00pm Legion of Mary  
7.30pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

**Thursday, 11th April**  
10.30am St Mary MacKillop  
Morning Prayer Grp  
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop  
Evening Prayer Grp

**Friday, 12th April**  
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

**Wednesday, 10th April**

Join us in this Lenten Season walking the journey to Calvary, through prayer on the Stations of the Cross!  
7pm Rosary, 7.30pm Praise & Worship followed by Stations of the Cross. Concludes at 9pm with fellowship

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, 11th April**

**7.30pm Lenten Program**

Meet in multi purpose room in St. Mary MacKillop School,

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 13TH & 14TH APRIL

**SAT 13TH APRIL 6.30PM**  
R Marita Tobin  
**Special Ministers**  
D. Agius.

**SUN 14TH APRIL 10AM**  
R Jean Falcoa  
**Special Ministers**  
C. Pirota, J. Zahra.

#### St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

**FRIDAY 12TH APRIL**  
Rita Haig  
Herwin Allen  
Millie Monteiro

#### Counting Team

**COUNTING TEAM NO. 5:**  
Eddie Vassallo  
Chris Kisielewski  
Val Watson  
Sally Rodrigues

#### ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 13TH & 14TH APRIL

**SAT 13TH APRIL 5PM**  
R Zbig Piorkowski  
**Special Ministers**  
Laurie Xerri, Michael  
Vytilingam, Zbig Piorkowski.

**SUN 14TH APRIL 9AM**  
R Christina Santalucia  
**Special Ministers**  
Mim Caruso, Wayne Harrison,  
Hilda D'Souza.

**SUN 14TH APRIL 11AM**  
R Susan Vasnaik  
**Special Ministers**  
Ray Caruana, Carmen  
LaBruna, Maria DeSilva.

**SUN 14TH APRIL 5.30PM**  
R Brian Lobo  
**Special Ministers**  
Frank Lee, Georgina Sant,  
Kimberley D'Cruz.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Entrance:

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thru' many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

Every day, every hour, every moment  
have been blessed by the strength of  
God's love .  
At the turn of each tide God is there at my  
side,  
with a touch that is gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from  
your presence,  
and I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on your name in the dark of  
my shame,  
and your mercy was gentle as silence.

## Communion:

Your eye is on the sparrow  
And Your hand, it comforts me  
From the ends of the Earth to the depth of  
my heart  
Let Your mercy and strength be seen

You call me to Your purpose  
As angels understand  
For Your glory, may You draw me on  
As Your love and grace demands.

## Refrain:

And I will run to You  
To Your words of truth  
Not by might, not by power  
But by the Spirit of God  
Yes, I will run the race  
'Till I see Your face  
Oh let me live in the glory of Your Grace.

You call me to Your purpose  
As angels understand  
For Your glory, may You draw me on  
As Your love and grace demands

## Refrain:

And I will run to You  
To Your words of truth  
Not by might, not by power  
But by the Spirit of God  
Yes, I will run the race  
'Till I see Your face  
Oh let me live in the glory  
Oh let me live in the glory  
Oh let me live in the glory of Your grace

## Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us.  
We are filled with joy.  
We are filled with joy.

## Gospel Acclamation:

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

## Offertory:

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence  
of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see God has given to me,  
and the giving is gentle as silence.





## Recessional:

Refrain:  
Create a new heart, Holy Lord.  
Beckon our lives through your word.  
Open our eyes to your call,  
United as one for your world.

Heighten our minds to your thoughts.  
Heal us of pride and of hurt.  
May we go forth in your name.  
We pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross  
lowly and poor, calls us on.  
Lord, it is you promising hope,  
Promising truth. Refrain

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