

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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
Saturday	5.00pm
Sunday	9:00am
	11:00am
	5:30pm
<u>Reconciliation</u>	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Year C - 20th & 21st April, 2019



The gospel for this Easter shows that all who visited the tomb were confused and 'did not yet understand' what had taken place.

Herein the paradox of the resurrection : 'We believe but do not understand.'

We believe because we encounter the risen Lord, because we still experience him through sincerity and truth, because not to believe means we can never rise above being human.

Jesus' resurrection calls us to surrender our misunderstanding to belief and hence be raised up to share in divine life.

Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia!

1st Reading:

Apostles 10:34,37-43.
Psalms 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

Responsorial Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

2nd Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 20:1-9

Before Communion:

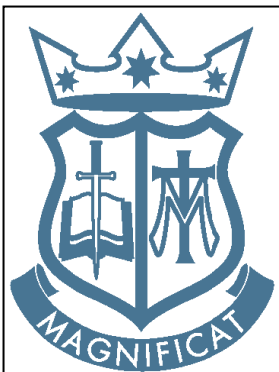
Lord, with Easter joy we offer you the sacrifice by which your Church is reborn and nourished through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia!

After Communion:

Father of love, watch over your Church and bring us to the glory of resurrection promised by this Easter sacrament.

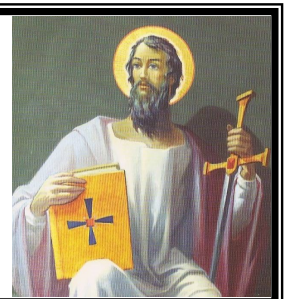


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

*'God wants us to take
fresh courage.'*

ST. PAUL

*'Look for the things
that are in heaven,
where Christ is.'*



Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Paul Chandler
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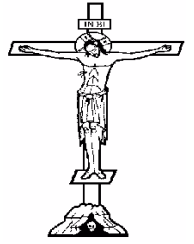
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The issue of Religious Freedom is a very important one facing Australia's religious institutions. We believe it is our right to freely teach and educate families on God's word given to us in sacred scripture that is recorded in the Bible without fear of prosecution. Our teachings at Church and at our primary schools may be impacted by proposed legislation from various political parties. One of our parishioners wrote to various members of our Federal Parliament, including the Prime Minister expressing concerns with a proposed Bill seeking various amendments to the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act. If this Bill is passed at a future point in time, it could have the potential to censor what can be taught in religious bodies and dictate how these bodies teach their faiths. The Prime Minister, Scott Morrison wrote back and provided a detailed explanation about religious freedom and the consequences of future amendments to the Law. This response from the Prime Minister is available at back of the Church. Please take a copy and familiarise yourself with its contents and the issues facing our Church, particularly at a time when Australia will be voting for a New Federal Parliament on 18 May 2019.

In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Tayah Cassar,
Josephine Muscat,
Francesca Calderera.



Anniversaries:

Edvard Hrvatin,
Mabel Gonsalves,
Wayne Rebeiro,
Hyacinth Fernz,
Philip Kechenovich, Eric D 'Rosario,
Peter Mascarenhas, Millie Andrews,
Cyril Andrew, Connie & Grezu Attard,
Aldo & Maria Ferrari, Maria Feale.

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 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 our Parish Administration staff on 03 9364 0440.

PROJECT COMPASSION

EASTER SUNDAY
21st April



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we showcase the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Caritas is working with communities providing hope for a just and fair world for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering communities to break free from the cycle of poverty whilst ensuring they are the architects of their own development. Lives change when we all give 100%.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2019 Lenten appeal.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

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



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.



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, 24th April

Topic: **Encountering Inner Healing**

7pm Rosary, 7.30pm Praise & Worship followed by seminar. Concludes at 9pm with 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

Taking a break during the school holidays, and NOT meeting on Anzac Day either.

We return on **Thursday, 2nd May at 7.30pm** with the 'Living the Christian Life Victoriously' faith program. This is a 5 consecutive week course.

Enquiries:
Christina 0431 955 975

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

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 27TH & 28TH APRIL

SAT 27TH APRIL 6.30PM
R Maurice Hammett
Special Ministers
J. Tabone.

SUN 28TH APRIL 10AM
R Marie Osa
Special Ministers
M. Osa, F. Mamo.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL
Rita Haig
Herwin Allen
Millie Monteiro

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 7:
Joe Sammut
John Fenech
Josephine Lowe
Anna Attard
Liz Di'Cianni
John Dykun

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 27TH & 28TH APRIL

SAT 27TH APRIL 5PM
R Anne Sargent
Special Ministers
Laurie Xerri, Kathy Lindsay,
Joe Camilleri.

SUN 28TH APRIL 9AM
R Mary Portelli
Special Ministers
Joe Falvo, Mickie Cavka,
Lily Zovko.

SUN 28TH APRIL 11AM
R Marisa Barberi
Special Ministers
Marisa Barberi, Jade Ngo,
Helen Sorokowski.

SUN 28TH APRIL 5.30PM
R Claire Calleja
Special Ministers
Kimberley D'Cruz,
Georgina Sant, Frank Lee.

Music Group Rehearsals

This Week in the Parish

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
To be advised

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
To be advised

Feast Days

Thursday, 18th April
Holy Thursday

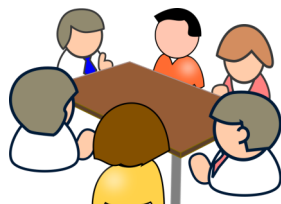
Friday, 19th April
Good Friday

Saturday, 20th April
The Easter Vigil

Monday, 22nd April
10.30am Prayer Group

Tuesday, 23rd April
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 24th April
7.00pm Legion of Mary
7.30pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp



EASTER SUNDAY

Entrance:

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King,
Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured,
Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, now his might confess, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Spirit blest. Alleluia!

1st Reading:

Acts 10:34.37-43

Responsorial Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad.

2nd Reading:

Col 3:1-4

Sequence of Easter

O flock of Christ, your homage bring
To Christ the lamb, your glorious king.
His Easter praise in triumph sing!

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Peace has come down from God on high.
The king of peace in death did lie.
To save the sheep the lamb did die.

Never on earth was stranger sight;
Life fought with death in darkest night,
Yet lives to reign in endless light. Refrain

What saw you, Mary, on your way?
I saw the tomb where Life once lay,
Whose glory shone this Easter Day!

Angels their joyful tidings spread!
Grave clothes I saw where none lay dead,
The cloth that once had veiled his head! Refrain

Christ is my hope, who rose for me!
Soon will you all his glory see!
Christ bids you go to Galilee!

Christ has indeed arisen then
As Lord of life, to reign again!
On us have mercy, Lord! Amen. Refrain

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
You are the Christ everlasting.
Born for us all of a virgin.
You have conquered death, opened heaven to all
believers.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Sprinkling of Holy Water:

Refrain:

Church of God, chosen people,
Sing your praise to God.
He has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Come, people of God, with joyful song,
Praise God the Father of all.
Baptized in Christ, reborn in him,
Our hearts are filled with joy.
He cleanses our sin,
Renewing our lives. Refrain

The church is built with living stones
With Christ as corner stone.
In him we trust who makes us one,
Uniting us in love.
We build on the rock
Of faith in Christ. Refrain

As heirs of Christ, redeemed by love
we wait for his return;
A priestly people off'ring praise to God,
The source of hope.
For Jesus is Lord,
our Saviour and God. Refrain

As water springing from the rock
Once brought God's people life,
The living water giv'n by Christ
Creates our lives anew.
So come, you who thirst
To springs of new life. Refrain

We gather here to worship God,
Our Eucharist to share.
We give him thanks and celebrate
The myst'ry of his love
The Word is made flesh and given for us. Refrain

Offertory:

Jesus is risen! Let us sing!
Praise to the everlasting King!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him in song, ye Seraphim!
Praise him with joy, ye Cherubim!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,
Let us together sing his praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Raise joyful voices to the sky!
Sing out, ye heavens, in reply:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father let us sing!
To God the Son, our risen King!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And equally let us adore
The Holy Spirit evermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion:

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, spread the news abroad;
the Paschal feast of gladness,
the Paschal feast of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth to heaven's height,
our Saviour Christ has brought us,
the glorious Lord of Light.

Our hearts be free from evil,
that we may see aright
the Saviour resurrected
in his eternal light;
and hear his message plainly,
delivered calm and clear:
"Rejoice with me in triumph,
Be glad and do not fear."

His love is everlasting;
His mercies never cease;
The resurrected Saviour,

will all our joys increase.
He'll keep us in his favour,
Supplying holy grace,
To all his pilgrim people
Who seek his heav'nly place.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful!
And earth her song begin!
The whole world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things in creation
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that has no end.

2. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross as Saviour,
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life, and life immortal,
On this resurrection morn:
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
By His mighty enterprise,
We with Him to life eternal
By His resurrection rise.

3. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

to his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia!
his atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
he the first -fruits of our race. Alleluia!

There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!
partners of your eternal reign, Alleluia!
see you with unclouded view, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in you, Alleluia!

Recessional:

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.

God has proclaimed his gracious gift;
Life eternal for all who believe.

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.