

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C - 27th & 28th 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
Reconciliation	
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
Reconciliation	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm



How many times have we been told of an event, a story that we have not believed, because we did not witness it personally?

Exactly the same thing happened with Thomas the Apostle, seven days after the Resurrection when Jesus appeared to the disciples in that locked room and Thomas was not present. When told of what the disciples saw, Thomas said of Jesus, 'unless I see His hands, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.'

Do we believe in an event that we did not witness, an event that occurred over 2000 years ago?

'Happy are those who have not seen, and yet believe.'

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn children you should thirst for milk, on which your spirit can grow to strength, alleluia.

1st Reading:

Apostles 5:12-16
Psalms 117:2-4,22-27

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading:

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

Before Communion:

Lord, through faith and baptism we have become a new creation. Accept the offerings of your people (and of those born again in baptism) and

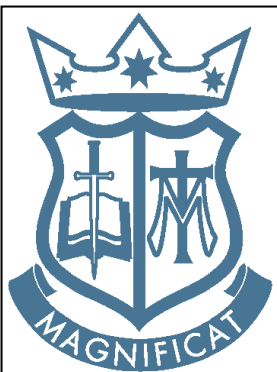
bring us to eternal happiness.

Communion Antiphon:

Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.

After Communion:

Almighty God, may the Easter sacraments we have received live for ever in our minds and hearts.

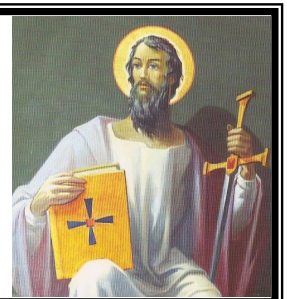


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

*'God's ways and ours
are so very different.'*

ST. PAUL

*'I was dead
and now I am to live
for ever and ever.'*



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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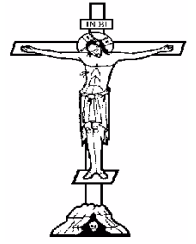
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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:

Mary De Cruz



Anniversaries:

Johann Jakofcich,
William Grierson,
Harold Fraser,
Maria Reale,
Leonard Morris, Teresa Andrade, William Smith,
Ivy & Emmy Allen, Eleanor and Lloyd Spink,
Birdy & Johnny Allen, Pat Cooper & Prem
Sahni, David & Brian Spink, James Spink,
Aldo & Maria Ferrari, Carmen Tomkinson,
Mary John & Louis Darmani, Lora Attard,
Mary & Charles Bellotti, Carmena Zammit,
Tona & Charles Azzopardi.

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.

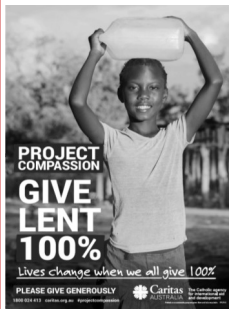
For those in our parish Community who currently contribute to our Thanksgiving Program, we would like to say thank you very much. However, if you are not a current contributor and would like to participate in the Program to ensure the current and future security of our Parish, please contact one of our 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.

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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





EVENING PRAYER AND HOLY HOUR THE SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
 Celebrated by Bishop Peter Elliott
 Sunday 28th April
 7.00 p.m.
 St. Mary MacKillop Church

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).

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

Join us as we begin a 9 week DVD Seminar, 'Set Free' Powerful talks by Fr Elias Vella

Wednesday, 1st May

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

Thursday, 2nd May

We begin a 5 week program called: 'Living the Christian Life Victoriously'

7.30pm Prayer and Praise
 8.00pm 'Faith & Forgiveness'
 Speaker: Mr. Andrew Sciberras

Enquiries:
 Christina 0431 955 975

LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room
 All Welcome

ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 4TH & 5TH MAY

SAT 4TH MAY 6.30PM
 R Marita Tobin
Special Ministers
 Q. Diaz.

SUN 5TH MAY 10AM
 R Norma Marot
Special Ministers
 S. Scerri, F. Afuic.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 3RD MAY
 Mary Formosa
 Margo Harley
 Pauline Portelli
 Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 1:
 Ray Basile
 Robert Stoppa
 Mickie Cavka
 James Barberi
 Wanda Peplow

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 4TH & 5TH MAY

SAT 4TH MAY 5PM
 R Marcella Fandino
Special Ministers
 Zbig Piorkowski, Marcella Fandino, Victor Sammut.

SUN 5TH MAY 9AM
 R Armando Bianco
Special Ministers
 Kathy Lindsay, Armando Bianco, Hilda D'Souza.

SUN 5TH MAY 11AM
 R Neda Jurjevic
Special Ministers
 Ray Caruana, Justin Wejak, Doris Briffa.

SUN 5TH MAY 5.30PM
 R Julie Cassar
Special Ministers
 Julie Cassar, 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

Monday, 29th April
 St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday, 30th April
 St. Pius V

Wednesday, 1st May
 St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday, 2nd May
 St. Athanasius

Friday, 3rd May
 St. Philip and James

Monday, 29th April
 10.30am Prayer Group

Tuesday, 30th April
 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 1st May
 7.00pm Legion of Mary
 7.30pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

Thursday, 2nd May
 10.30am St Mary MacKillop Morning Prayer Grp
 7.30pm St Mary MacKillop Evening Prayer Grp

Friday, 3rd May
 4.45pm Children & Youth of Mary

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance:

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!

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
See how salvation for all has been won,
Up from the grave our new life has begun,
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory:

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near

We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice,
And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found.
That when our life of faith is done
In realm of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
In full and endless sight.

Communion:

Jesus, what a beautiful name
Son of God, Son of Man
Lamb that was slain
Joy and peace, strength and hope
Grace that blows all fear away
Jesus, what a beautiful name

Jesus, what a beautiful name
Truth revealed, my future sealed
Healed my pain
Love and freedom, life and warmth
Grace that blows all fear away
Jesus, what a beautiful name

Jesus, what a beautiful name
Rescued my soul, my stronghold

Lifts me from shame
Forgiveness, security, power and love
Grace that blows all fear away
Jesus, what a beautiful name

Joy and peace, strength and hope
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Recessional:









Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

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