

**St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs**



**St. Paul's
Church
Kealba**

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

MASS TIMES

St Paul's
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am

Saturday 5:00 pm
(Latin)
6:30 pm
Sunday 8:00am
(Maltese)
10:00am

Reconciliation
Saturday 6pm

St Mary MacKillop
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 4.30pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A — 11th & 12th April 2026

Our readings today takes us into the reality that our spiritual journey often has a mix of doubt and belief. We often can be like Thomas who needs to see before he believes. Thomas was first challenged to believe without tangible evidence.

Jesus offered, Thomas the tangible evidence he had demanded but Thomas' encounter with the Risen Lord overwhelms his doubt and brings him to a profound affirmation 'My Lord and My God.'

We can see the evidence of Christ's risen presence in the good works of each other. For us it's not 'seeing' that leads to believing, but believing (doing for others) that leads to seeing. Then, like Thomas, we look with another and say, 'My Lord and My God.' Once we believe, it is the work of the Holy Spirit that leads us to rest of the way to experience the love of God and then the love of others.

As we believe and bring the peace and forgiveness of Jesus to others, we experience the 'blessing' of which Jesus speaks of, of believing without seeing, thus leading to the fullness of salvation.

Entrance Antiphon:

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

1st Reading:

Acts 2:42-47
Psalms 117:2-4,13-15,22-24

Responsorial Psalm:

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

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-9

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.



This Week in the Parish....

Tuesday, 14th April
7.00pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 15th April
6.00pm—Legion of Mary Prayer Group—Parish Meeting room
7.30pm—St. Paul's Prayer Group

Thursday, 16th April
10.30am—St. Mary of the Assumption Prayer Group
6.00pm—Perpetual Succour Novena Group—St. Mary MacKillop



MARY MACKILLOP READERS ROSTER

Weekend 18th & 19th April
5.00pm—Antonia Camilleri
9.00am—Joan Peterson
11.00am—Anne Abeyasinghe
5.30pm—Halina Zablocki

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?"

Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli

Assistant Priest: Rev. Vinh Do

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We take our moral & legal obligations seriously and are committed to zero tolerance of all forms of abuse.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

The Next Men's Group will be on Sunday, 12th April, 6.30pm Cuppa, 7-8.30pm Meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary MacKillop. LENTEN PROGRAM IS "METANOIA". Topic: JESUS PRAYS New members welcome.
Enquiries: Pierre 0423 527 285, or Alister 0423 917 785.

Perpetual Adoration in Marian Chapel

Would you like to visit the Lord and spend some time in prayer? The Marian Chapel can be now accessed for prayer and adoration at your own time.

It is available from 6am till 10pm, accessed via the back of the Church. Register for a key tag, please contact the parish office.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA

Dear friends and parishioners, From Thursday 12 March 2026 and for 9 weeks, our Novena Group will pray to Our Mother of Perpetual Succour for those struggling with addictions—including alcoholism, gambling, pornography, drugs and substance abuse.

As always, we entrust our intentions to the Virgin Mother, who intercedes for us in times of trial. We also continue praying for all other needs.

The Novena is held every Thursday at 6.00pm, and we warmly invite you to join us.

For more information, please contact June Caruana (0401 268 216) or Herwin Allen (0408 749 730).

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER GROUP

Prayer, Praise & Growth in Faith
Wednesday evenings
7.30pm - 9pm.
St Paul's Church.
All welcome to come!
More info -
Michael 0434 601 811

CHILDREN OF FATIMA YOUTH GROUP

When: Second Friday of every month

Age group: Year 5 – Year 9
Join us each gathering from 5pm – 7pm for:

- *Prayer & reflection
- *Fun games and activities
- *Snacks and food supplied

AT: St Paul's Catholic Church
230–240 Sunshine Ave,
Kealba, VIC 3021

Email for enquiries:

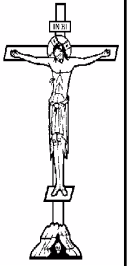
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In Remembrance...

Anniversaries:

Marko Vulic
Norma Manzon
John Giacchi
Julie & Nicholas Fonseca
Merle & Bosco Rodrigues
Ruth Tirkey
Grace Calleja
Vernon Vaz
Nguyen Hong Tam
Baby Angel Trinh

We pray for all those who are sick especially Peter, Paul, Scott, Mary, Barry, Marie



New Parish Website – Now Live

We are excited to share that St Mary of the Assumption Parish Keilor Downs has a fresh new website

- Weekly parish newsletter available online
- Daily Mass readings
- Easier to navigate and find information

Type www.melbatholic.org/s/keilordowns into Google or scan the QR code



HYMNS

Entrance:

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.

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:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a 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.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour
who has won the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
font of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Communion:

How amazing is your love,
How unmeasured, rich and free;
For you took my hand and walked to Calvary.

On the Cross you took my place,
Sin undone by death and grace.
Your amazing love gave life eternally.

Sun, moon and stars and all creation
cannot tell,
Angelic hosts can never understand
The joy that we who are redeemed,
Who take the Saviour's hand,
The joy we have in your amazing love.

(Repeat all)

...amazing love, amazing love, amazing love.

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.