

**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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A – 18th & 19th April 2026

Today's Gospel is about the disciples on the road to Emmaus who do not initially recognize Jesus – who walk with him – who are yet again taught by him through the scriptures the meaning of the events that took place leading to the crucifixion and resurrection.

Though they did not recognize him as they walked along, yet their hearts burned – a spark of longing and hope was within them as the scriptures referred to the Messiah. It was in the hospitality – 'stay with us, for its nearly evening' – in their reaching out to the Stranger and offering what they could give that their eyes were opened. We see that we come to know and experience God in the scriptures – we see that we come to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

This Gospel suggests that practising genuine hospitality – reaching out to others and making them 'at home' with us as brothers and sisters in the body of Christ – is directly connected with coming to a fuller Easter faith. Our daily reaching out to others is our daily walk with Christ; we recognize him in others.

Entrance Antiphon:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy; praise the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise.

1st Reading:

Acts 2:14.22-33
Psalms 15:1-2,5,7-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 24:13-35

Before Communion:

Lord, receive these gifts from your Church. May the great joy you give us come to perfection in heaven.

Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia.

After Communion:

Lord, look on your people with kindness and by these Easter mysteries bring us to the glory of the resurrection.



This Week in the Parish....

Tuesday, 21st April
7.00pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 22nd April
6.00pm—Legion of Mary Prayer Group—Parish Meeting room
7.30pm—St. Paul's Prayer Group

Thursday, 23rd April
10.30am—St. Mary of the Assumption Prayer Group
6.00pm—Perpetual Succour Novena Group—St. Mary MacKillop



MARY MACKILLOP READERS ROSTER

Weekend 25th & 26th April
5.00pm—Victor Sammut
9.00am—Joseph Sammut
11.00am—Dr Ba Chinh
5.30pm—Vanessa Shaw

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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*St Mary of the Assumption Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing & human dignity of children, young people and Adults.
We take our moral & legal obligations seriously and are committed to zero tolerance of all forms of abuse.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

The Next Men's Group will be on Sunday, 26th April, 6.30pm Cuppa, 7-8.30pm Meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary MacKillop. LENTEN PROGRAM IS "METANOIA". Topic: HUNGER & THIRST 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:

childrenoffatima.stma@gmail.com

In Remembrance...

Anniversaries:

Onorina Spano, Jakov Milo Barac, Angela Arena, Peter Vijayasingam, Mgr. Benedict Camilleri, Tina Guido, Aldo & Maria Ferrari, Eric D'Rosario, Peter Mascarenhas, Francis Andrade, Millie Andrews, Josephine Grech, Vincenzo Carbone, Joe Piccolo, Marlene, Gladwyn, Jim, Ivy & Emmy Allen, Birdwyn, Jhonny & Cammie Allen, Lloyd, Eleanor & James Spink, David Brian.

We pray for all those who are sick.

New Parish Website – Now Live

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

✦ What's new:

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

☐ How to find the website:

www.melb catholic.org/s/keilordowns or scan the QR code



HYMNS

Entrance:

Holy God, we praise your name,
Lord of all, we bow before you;
All on earth your pow'r proclaim,
All in heaven above adore you;
Boundless is your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Hear that loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you,
While in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim you,
And adoring bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life,
you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Open our hearts, O Lord,
To listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Offertory:

Refrain:

Known to us in the breaking of the bread,
You are the Christ our Saviour,
Jesus Lord, at your Table we are fed,
You are the bread of life.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Living light, loving Lord;
Jesus, Lamb of God;
Bread of life for us. Refrain.

Our eyes are open,
Our hearts are full,
Here at this Table,
One bread is broken for all.

Known to us in the breaking of the bread,
You are the Christ our Saviour,
Jesus Lord, at your Table we are fed,
You are the bread of life.
You are the bread of life.

Communion:

Two were bound for Emmaus, disheartened and lost;
all their hope for the future had been nailed to a cross.
Love unknown then walked beside them,
come back from the dead,
and they knew he was risen in the breaking of bread.

On the Sea of Tiberius, when the night was nearly gone
and their toil seemed so useless, not one fish had they caught,
from the shore the stranger called to them:
"Cast your net, friends, once more."
And they filled it to bursting, but the net was not torn.

Then they knew it was Jesus and they hastened in to shore;
bread and fish for their breakfast from the hands of their Lord.

"O Peter, if you love me you must care for my sheep;
if you follow your Shepherd, then a shepherd you'll be."

When the road makes us weary, when our labour seems but loss,
when the fire of faith weakens and too high seems the cost,
let the Church turn to its risen Lord,
who for us bore the cross,
and we'll find our hearts burning at the sound of his voice.

Recessional:

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord, there is none like you
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the king
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound, of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.