

**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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A — 25th & 26th April 2026

The relationship between sheep and their shepherd is not one we give much thought to today. At a time when there were wolves - and no shortage of sheep-thieves - the sheep-fold was a place of safety. The gate through which they entered and which closed behind them was their guarantee of safety. In time, where the sheep grow accustomed to the shepherd, they do grow to know his or her voice, and a kind of trust begins to develop between sheep and shepherd. Jesus is the perfect shepherd - but also refers to Himself as the gate to the sheepfold. Not only does He know His sheep and care for them, He is also their security against those who would do them harm. Others come, but the sheep know that they are not to be trusted - their first instinct is to run away. We may also remember Jesus' words about wolves coming in sheep's clothing. There are many around who will deceive - and it is not always easy to determine who is safe and who is not. Jesus' words are our guide: anyone who enters the sheepfold through Him will be safe. Not only will they be safe within the fold - they will also be safe outside it. The sheep no longer need to fear those who come to seek and destroy - for Jesus has come to give life in all its fullness to those who know Him as their Good Shepherd.

Entrance Antiphon:

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

1st Reading:

Acts 2:14.36-41
Psalms 22:1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 10:1-10

Before Communion:

Lord, restore us by these Easter mysteries. May the continuing work of our redeemer bring us eternal joy.

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen, alleluia.

After Communion:

Father, eternal shepherd, watch over the flock redeemed by the blood of Christ and lead us to the promised land.



This Week in the Parish....

Tuesday, 28th April
7.00pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 29th April
6.00pm—Legion of Mary Prayer Group—Parish Meeting room
7.30pm—St. Paul's Prayer Group

Thursday, 30th April
10.30am—St. Mary of the Assumption Prayer Group
6.00pm—Perpetual Succour Novena Group—St. Mary MacKillop



MARY MACKILLOP READERS ROSTER

Weekend 2nd & 3rd May
5.00pm—Josh Pascale
9.00am—Mim Caruso
11.00am—Mark Royal
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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*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.*

FOURTH 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.

Resurrection Catholic Parish—50th Jubilee

As we prepare to celebrate a significant milestone in the life of our community, we would like to extend a warm invitation to parishioners from our neighbouring parishes who have been part of Resurrection Parish over the years.

Resurrection Catholic Parish, Kings Park, will be celebrating its 50th Jubilee on Sunday, 24th May. The celebration will begin with Mass at 10.30am, followed by a community gathering and festivities in the parish hall.

We look forward to celebrating together.

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

First Friday / First Saturday Reparation Vigil for Conversion and World Peace on May 1

7:30 pm Rosary/Confession
8:00 1st Friday Mass
9:00 -11:00 Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart
11:00- Office of the Immaculate Heart/Benediction
12midnight 1st Saturday Mass.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA

We invite you to join our PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA GROUP. This Novena Group will pray together at Mary MacKillop Church on Thursday at 6pm, and we warmly invite you to join us Contact June Caruana 0401268216 or Herwin Allen 0408749730 for information.

In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Sam Bamford, Giovanni Caruso, Joseph Teuma.

Anniversaries:

Jim Allen, Charlie Micallef, Joseph Ellul, John Grech, Rocco Laurita, Grezju & Connie Attard, Giovanna & Frank Sammut, Ratko Bilic, Elena Sonni, Maria Luisa Ottaviani, Betty & William Smith, Darren Atikins.

We pray for all those who are sick, especially Barry, Scott, Peter & Joe.



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:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.

Come all who hear, now to his altar draw near,
Join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord

Who shall prosper our work and defend us.
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath

Come now with praises before him!

Let the "Amen" sound from his people again,
Now as we worship before him.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my Shepherd
There is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Offertory:

The Lord is my shepherd
And I want to follow

Wherever he leads me,

Wherever he goes

Over the mountains,

The waters and byways,

Valleys and highways,

He's waiting for me.

Refrain:

I want to go to meet him there

To lay myself down in his love

The Lord is my shepherd

And I want to follow

Wherever he leads me,

Wherever he goes

And while on the journey to where we are going

He promised to be there to help us along

And over the mountains we'll walk on together

To know all the wonders he's given to me.

Refrain

Communion:

I love you Lord, my Shepherd King

I shall not be in want for anything.

In you I've found this truth profound;

Your grace and mercy always follow me.

Refrain:

Be exalted, O my God,

For the greatness of your love,

For your love that passes understanding,

You are worthy, you are worthy,
you are worthy over all.

I love you Lord, you're leading me

In paths of quietness and confidence.

In you I stand,

Kept by your hand;

I know forever you will be with me. Refrain

Recessional:

In Christ alone my hope is found,

he is my light, my strength, my song;

this cornerstone, this solid ground

firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all,

here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,

fullness of God in helpless Babe!

This gift of love and righteousness,

scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Till on that cross as Jesus died,

the wrath of God was satisfied.

For every sin on Him was laid;

here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,

light of the world by darkness slain,;

then bursting forth, in glorious day,

up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,

sins curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine

bought with the precious blood of Christ.