

**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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A — 15th & 16th August, 2026



The readings today all speak of foreigners (pagans) who have accepted faith in the one God. Isaiah says : 'foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord, to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it – these I will bring to my holy mountain.'

St. Paul says : 'I have been sent to the pagans, as their Apostle, and I am proud of being sent.'

Matthew tells us that Jesus and his disciples are now moving into Gentile territory. Jesus' fame has obviously spread even here.

On seeing Jesus, a Canaanite woman shouts out 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' The non-Jewish woman persists and follows him and when she is near Jesus, kneels at his feet and says humbly 'Lord, help me, I know that I have faith and that God's salvation is for all people.' Jesus responds generously for her faith and persistence.

Entrance Antiphon:

God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people. For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Psalms 66:2-3,5-6,8

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading:

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 15:21-28

Before Communion:

Lord, accept our sacrifice as a holy exchange of gifts.

By offering what you have given us may we receive the gift of yourself.

Communion Antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

After Communion:

God of mercy, by this sacrament you make us one with Christ. By becoming more like him on earth, may we come to share his glory in heaven, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.



This Week in the Parish....

Monday, 17th August
7.00pm—Choir Practice—St. Mary MacKillop Church

Tuesday, 18th August
7.00pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—St. Mary MacKillop



Wednesday, 19th August
6.00pm—Legion of Mary Prayer Group—Parish Meeting room
7.30pm—St. Paul's Prayer Group

Thursday, 20th August
10.30am—St. Mary of the Assumption Prayer Group
6.00pm—Perpetual Succour Novena Group—St. Mary MacKillop



MARY MACKILLOP READERS ROSTER

Weekend 22nd & 23rd August
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 & Rev. James Baptist

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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.*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

No Meeting on 23rd August. Next Meeting will be Sunday, 6th September. 6.30pm cuppa, 7-8.30pm meeting in Parish Meeting Room, St. Mary MacKillop Church. TOPIC: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Enquiries: Carmine 0425 785 862.

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

In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Ignatius Caruana

Anniversaries:

Denzil Considine,
Giuseppina Elvira Nesci, Mary Gauci,
Giovanni DiSisto, Daniella Sessarego,
Marie Baldacchino, Allyana Capili, Frances Grech,
Salvatore & Gesualda Mazzarino, Noel Cassar,
Anthony Scicluna, Milroy & Barbara Pereara,
Donal Andrize, Maria Meilak, Stjepan & Jlubica
Kunstek, Jakob Kisicek, Ruzica & Josip Jurekovic,
Marcus Miral, John & Leticia Coangaratne,
James Bastian, Connie & Grezju Attard,
John & Carolina Spiteri, Maria Asunta & Anthony
Buttigieg, Joe & Charlie Buttigieg, Carmen & Paul
Spiteri, Luka, Mara, Prena & Pera Stanovic,
George, Lena & Pala Stanovic, Nika, Mrika, Andria
Tagic, Dila, Toni, Anja Zorica Tagic, Leonard Tagic,
Stefani Ferla, Ljuba & Ivan Pintaric, Angelo Brekas.

*We pray for all those who are sick, especially
Vincenza, Barry, Mary, Isabelle and Peter.*



Farewell to Monsignor Charles Portelli

Parishioners are warmly invited to join us as we farewell and thank

Monsignor Charles Portelli

for his **26 years of faithful service**
as Parish Priest of
St Mary of the Assumption Parish

Sunday 23 August

Following the **5:30 pm Mass**

Light refreshments will be served in
the **St Mary MacKillop School Hall.**

We hope you can join us as we
celebrate Monsignor Charles and wish
him every blessing for the future.



CHOIR PRACTICE

will be held on
Monday 17th August at 7:00pm

Hearts For Christ Young Adults Catch Up!

Come join us this Sunday 16th August,
6:45pm at St Mary MacKillop Church to
farewell Monsignor Portelli. All young adults
18-35yrs are welcome to attend. For any
queries, please contact Lana on 0479 115
053 or email: heartsforchrist.ya@gmail.com

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA

The Mother of Perpetual Succour Novena Group
is dedicating its prayers over the next eight
Thursdays for those affected by Alzheimer's and
Dementia, while continuing to pray for all other

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The
2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now
underway, and we ask everyone to consider
a one time or monthly pledge to support the
vital ministries of our Archdiocese.

Raffle For The Poor This weekend, the Holy Spirit
of Freedom Community will run a raffle, proceeds
will go to Melbourne Homeless and Philippines
poor families. Please support by buying tickets or
donating. Thank you.

HYMNS

Entrance:

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with love, his praise forth tell,
Come we before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his fold, he does us feed,
And for his sheep he does us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Responsorial Psalm:

All the earth proclaim the Lord
Sing your praise to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to God for the Word, alleluia
That God's voice will be heard, alleluia
Now proclaim in God's holy name:
Alleluia, alleluia! (repeat)

Offertory:

You have become for us wisdom,
You have become for us righteousness.

You have become our salvation,
You have become all our holiness.

Refrain:

All that we need is found in you,
Oh, all that we need is in you;
All that we need is found in you,
You are our all in all,
You have become our all in all.

You have become our provision,
In union with you we have victory;
In you we have died and have risen
And you are our great hope of glory. Refrain

Communion:

Your eye is on the sparrow
And Your hand, it comforts me
From the ends of the Earth to the depth of my
heart
Let Your mercy and strength be seen

You call me to Your purpose
As angels understand
For Your glory, may You draw me on
As Your love and grace demands.

Refrain:

And I will run to You
To Your words of truth
Not by might, not by power
But by the Spirit of God
Yes, I will run the race
'Till I see Your face
Oh let me live in the glory of Your Grace.

You call me to Your purpose
As angels understand
For Your glory, may You draw me on
As Your love and grace demands

Refrain:

And I will run to You
To Your words of truth
Not by might, not by power
But by the Spirit of God
Yes, I will run the race
'Till I see Your face
Oh let me live in the glory
Oh let me live in the glory
Oh let me live in the glory of Your grace

Recessional:

Refrain:
Lord, you are the God of my salvation,
I trust in You and have no fear.
I sing of the joy which your love gives to me
and I draw deeply from the springs of your
great kindness.

Open our eyes to the wonder of this moment,
the beginning of another day. Refrain

Be with us, Lord, as we break through with
each other
to find the truth and beauty of each friend.
Refrain