

**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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A — 29th & 30th August, 2026



Our Lord said nothing openly of His death while His Apostles believed Him only to be man; but once He was acknowledged to be God, He spoke openly of His death. Peter, puffed up with the authority that had been given him, took Our Lord aside and began rebuking Him. The Divinity of Christ, he would accept; the suffering Christ, he would not. Both Peter and Satan tempted Christ from His Cross and therefore from Redemption. Not to redeem was Satan's mind; to have the crown without the Cross was Satan's spirit. But it was also Peter's. Therefore, Our Lord called him Satan. The Cross was the reason of His coming; now He made it the earmark of His followers. Only those who were willing to be crucified with Him could be saved by the merits of His death and only those who bore a Cross could ever really understand Him. *From Fulton Sheen's The Life of Christ.*

Entrance Antiphon:

I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalms 62:2-6,8-9

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading:

Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 16:21-27

Before Communion:

Lord, may this holy offering bring us your blessing and accomplish within us its

promise of salvation.

Communion Antiphon:

O Lord, how great is the depth of the kindness which you have shown to those who love you.

After Communion:

Lord, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.



This Week in the Parish....

Tuesday, 1st September
7.00pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 2nd September
6.00pm—Legion of Mary Prayer Group—Parish Meeting room
7.30pm—St. Paul's Prayer Group

Thursday, 3rd September
10.30am—St. Mary of the Assumption Prayer Group
6.00pm—Perpetual Succour Novena Group—St. Mary MacKillop



MARY MACKILLOP READERS ROSTER

Weekend 5th & 6th September
5.00pm—Victor Sammut
9.00am—Armando Bianco
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 & 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.*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

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

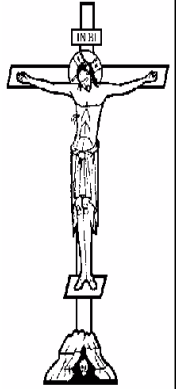
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Rose Santhiapillai,
Winfred Carbon

Anniversaries:

Teresa D'Rozario,
Leonard Gerald Firth,
Ben Inamac, Anthony Attard,
Ljuba & Jozo & Marijan Cur-
cic, Stipe, Ante & Anda Cur-
cic, Ilija & Ana & Mico Curcic,
Anda Jranjic, Jilip Letica,
Laura & Nicholas Spiteri, Joe Pace, Miro &
Neda Klarin, Ivy & Emmy Allen, Marlene,
Gladwyn, & Jim Allen, Birdy, Johnny &
Cammie Allen, Lloyd, Eleanor & James Spink,
David Brian, Pat Cooper, Prem Sahni,
Ian Satur. Cherie Guest, Alice Wallace, Rose
Barwell, Brenda Fraser, Leo & Giuseppina
Rando



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



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Keilor Downs Conference 2026 Winter Appeal | Thankyou

The St Vincent de Paul Conference
wishes to thank all the parishioners for
their very generous support for our
2026 Winter Appeal.

We raised just over \$7,500 as well as
warm clothes and blankets which will
be utilised to support the needy
families in our community.

We also thank Mgr Charles Portelli and
the parish staff for all their support.
May God bless you.

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

The Mother of Perpetual Succour Novena
Group is dedicating its prayers over the next
five Thursdays for those affected by
Alzheimer's and Dementia, while continuing
to pray for all other intentions. Everyone is
warmly invited to join the Novena each
Thursday at 6.00 pm as we seek the inter-
cession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help for
those suffering from these illnesses and for
all in need of God's grace. For more infor-
mation, please contact June Caruana 0401
268 216 or Herwin Allen 0408 749 730.

HYMNS

Entrance:

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another;
To walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!
Refrain.

Sing, sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love!
Refrain.

Responsorial Psalm:

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,
truly my hope is in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord lasts forever
What is the Word that is living?
It is brought to us
Through God's Son, Jesus Christ. Alleluia...

Offertory:

Refrain:
Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
Upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him then we shall live
with him;
If we hold firm we shall reign with him. Refrain

If anyone serves me then they must follow
me;
Wherever I am my servants will be. Refrain

Make your home in me as I make mine in
you;
Those who remain in me bear much fruit.
Refrain

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;
Then you will be my disciples. Refrain

Those who love me are loved by my Father;
We shall be with them and dwell in them.
Refrain

Communion:

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
Deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; be not ashamed!
Let not disgrace your spirit fill;
For God himself endured to die
upon a cross on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, which gives you strength,
which makes your trembling spirit brave:
'Twill guide you to a better home
and lead to vict'ry o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
For only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Recessional:

Awake from your slumber!
Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning
for all those who weep.
The people in darkness
have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing
has conquered the night.

Refrain

Let us build the city of God,
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning
we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us
has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness
has called us to be
a light for his people
to set their hearts free. Refrain