

**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

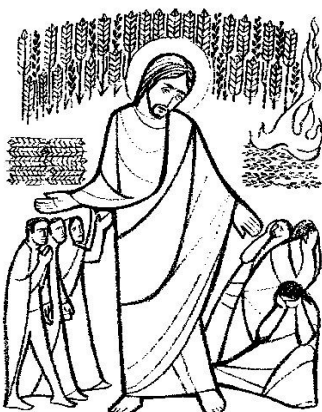
St Mary MacKillop
Monday 9.30am
Tuesday 9.30am
7.00pm—8.00pm Holy
Hour
Friday 9.30am

Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 9:00am
11:00am
5:30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 4.30pm

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A — 18th & 19th July, 2026



In today's parable, the weed, the darnel, does not destroy the wheat, it only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity and harvest.

This parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world?"

The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil-doers, are one of the ways that God uses to perfect and prove His elected ones.

Entrance Antiphon:

God himself is my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will offer you a willing sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

1st Reading:

Wisdom 12:13-19
Psalms 85:5-6,9-10,15-16

Responsorial Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 13:24-43

Before Communion:

Lord, bring us closer to salvation through these gifts which we bring in your honour. Accept the perfect sacrifice you have given us, bless it as you blessed the

gifts of Abel.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord keeps in our minds the wonderful things he has done. He is compassion and love; he always provides for his faithful.

After Communion:

Merciful Father, may these mysteries give us new purpose and bring us to a new life in you.



This Week in the Parish....

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

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

Thursday, 23rd July
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 July
5.00pm—Michael Dilima
9.00am—Joan Peterson
11.00am—Anne Abeyasinghe
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 & 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.*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

The next men's group meeting will be on Sunday, 26th July, in Parish Meeting Room 6.30pm cuppa, 7-8.30pm meeting. THEME: DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. TOPIC: BREATH OF GOD (JOB 33:4) Enquiries: Carmine 0425 785 862, Pierre 0423 527 285, Alister 0423 917 785.

PARISH BBQ AFTER MASS

On Sunday, 19th July after the 9am and 11am Masses, the Men's Group are holding a Sausage Sizzle and Cuppa for parishioners. Stay behind and meet new people.

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR MONSIGNOR PORTELLI

The Archbishop has appointed Monsignor Charles Portelli to be the Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne as well as the Director of the Office for the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The appointment comes into effect on 1st September. It is likely that an administrator will be appointed for the Parish until such time as a new Parish Priest is permanently assigned. These arrangements will be finalised over the coming weeks.

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

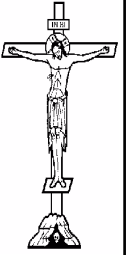
MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA

THE NOVENA GROUP PRAYS TO OUR DEAR MOTHER TO CURE AND HELP THOSE WITH HEART DISEASE AND CARDIAC PROBLEMS WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US
Dear Friends and Parishioners
Commencing from Thursday 21st of MAY 2026 and for the following 9 weeks the Mother of Perpetual Succour Novena Group will be praying to our Dear Mother to help and cure those with HEART DISEASE and CARDIAC PROBLEMS. As you are aware the Virgin Mother is also our help who intercedes with her son Jesus on our behalf in times of trials and tribulations. We will continue praying for other intentions as well. The Novena Group prays together every Thursday at 6.00pm. We invite you to join our Novena Group in pleading to Our Mother of Perpetual Help to receive our prayers. Please contact June Caruana on 0401268216 or Herwin Allen on 0408749730 for more information.

In Remembrance...

Anniversaries:

Anton Fernandopulle,
Josephine Grech, Fr Paul Keirce,
Francesco Barbaro,
Bernarda Fsadni,
Creswel Gambian,
Ivy, Emmy & Jim Allen,
Birdwyn, Johnny & Carmmie Allen,
Marlene Gladwyn, Fr John Cunningham,
Prem Sahni, Pat Cooper, Ian Satur,
Eleanor, Lloyd, Brian & James Spink,
Patrick O'Rafferty, Margaret Melder,
Brenda Fraser, Edith Barwell,
Marie Grierson.



We pray for all those who are sick, especially Peter.

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.

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:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven
and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mys-
teries of your kingdom.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Offertory:

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me.
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

Refrain:

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy; Let me not
implore in vain; All my sins—I now detest
them, Never will I sin again.

By my sins I have deserved Death and
endless misery; Hell, with all its pains and
torments, And for all eternity. Refrain

By my sins I have abandoned Right and
claim to Heav'n above, Where the saints
rejoice forever, In a boundless sea of love.

Refrain

Communion:

Lord I come to you
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in you
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the Power of your love.

Chorus:

Hold me close
Let your love surround me
Bring me near

Draw me to your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with you
Your spirit leads me on
In the Power of your love

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see you face to face
The knowledge of your love
As you live in me
Lord renew my mind
As your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
In the Power of your love. Refrain.

Recessional:

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thru' many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.