

**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
Holy Thursday 5.00pm
Good Friday 3.00pm

Saturday No Mass
Sunday 8:00am
 (Maltese)
 10:00am

Reconciliation
 Refer Easter Timetable

St Mary MacKillop
Monday 9.30am
Tuesday 6.30pm
 7.00pm—8.00pm
 Adoration
Holy Thursday 7.00pm
Good Friday 8.30am
 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 7.00pm
Sunday 9:00am
 11:00am
 5:30pm

Reconciliation
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PASSION SUNDAY

Year A — 28th & 29th March 2026



This Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent.

We begin this week with a proclamation of the Passion. When we hear this gospel proclamation, we tend to be most mindful of all the suffering Jesus endured.

Though Jesus is facing his own death, his gaze and concern are always directed to those around him: affirming his disciples, healing the man with the severed ear, comforting the women of Jerusalem, forgiving his executioners, saving the repentant thief.

In his darkest hour, Jesus' identity as compassionate Saviour shines most brightly. Already in his suffering and death Jesus is showing us that the very dying includes life giving to others.

Entrance Antiphon:

Six days before the solemn
 Passover the Lord came to
 Jerusalem, and children waving
 palm branches ran out to welcome
 him. They loudly praised the Lord:
 Hosanna in the highest. Blessed
 are you who have come to us so
 rich in love and mercy.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalms 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you
 abandoned me.

2nd Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 king of endless glory!
 Christ became obedient for us
 even to death, dying on the cross.
 Therefore God raised him on high
 and gave him a name above all
 other names.
 Praise to you, Lord
 Jesus Christ, king of
 endless glory!

Gospel:

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Before Communion:

Lord, may the suffering and death
 of Jesus, your only Son, make us
 pleasing to you. Alone we can do
 nothing, but may this perfect
 sacrifice win us your mercy and
 love.

Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this cup may not pass,
 but I must drink it, then your will be
 done.

After Communion:

Lord, you have satisfied our hunger
 with this Eucharistic food. The
 death of your Son gives us hope
 and strengthens our faith. May his
 resurrection give us perseverance
 and lead us to salvation.



This Week in the Parish....

Monday, 30th March
 7.00pm—Choir Practice - St. May
 MacKillop

Tuesday, 31st March
 7.00pm—Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament—St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 1st April
 6.00pm—Legion of Mary Prayer
 Group—Parish Meeting room
 7.30pm—St. Paul's Prayer Group

Thursday, 2nd April
 10.30am—St. Mary of the
 Assumption Prayer Group
 6.00pm—Perpetual Succour
 Novena Group—St. Mary MacKillop



MARY MACKILLOP READERS ROSTER

Weekend 4th & 5th April

5.00pm—Easter Timetable
 9.00am—Easter Timetable
 11.00am—Easter Timetable
 5.30pm—Easter Timetable

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.*

Lent 2026—Ash Wednesday & Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence from Meat

On all other Fridays, the law of the practice of penance is fulfilled by performing one of the following:

Prayer – for example, mass attendance; family prayer; A visit to a church or chapel: Reading the bible; Making the stations of the cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways

Self-Denial – For example, not eating meat: not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; Limiting food and drink to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere, or in other ways.

Helping others – example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, or overburdened, or in other ways. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

The season of lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are encouraged to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves. Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 18th February and Trinity Sunday 31st May 2026 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. All faithful are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal- Thank you

The St Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to thank all the parishioners for their very generous support for our 2025 Christmas Appeal. We distributed 50 hampers which included food vouchers, Christmas treats as well as toys. We also thank Mgrs Charles Portelli and the parish staff for all their support.

May God bless you

CAR PARK SAFETY

Parishioners are reminded of the need to drive with the utmost care whilst in the Car Parks, particularly, on school days when students are walking within the car parking areas on their way to school.

The safety of the students and fellow parishioners must be given priority at all times.

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
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ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

2026

EASTER TIMETABLE

PALM SUNDAY – 29th March

Saturday

5:00 pm Solemn Mass - St Mary MacKillop

Please note that Confessions will end at 4.40 p.m.

5:00 pm Mass (Latin) – St Paul's

6:30 pm Mass - St Paul's

Sunday

8:00 am Mass- (Maltese) - St Paul's

9:00 am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

10:00 am Mass - St Paul's

11:00 am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

5:30 pm Mass - St Mary MacKillop

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK – 30th March

9:30 am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

10 – 11am Confessions – St. Mary MacKillop

7pm – 8pm Confessions – St. Mary MacKillop

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – 31st March

6.30pm Mass – St Mary MacKillop

(The Late Mass is to allow for the priests to attend the Mass of the Oils at St. Patrick's Cathedral)

7.00 pm Adoration – St Mary MacKillop

7 pm – 8 pm Confessions – St. Mary MacKillop

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – 1st April

9:30am Mass - St Paul's

10.00 - 11:00am Confessions – St Paul's

7.00 - 8:00pm Confessions – St Paul's

HOLY THURSDAY – 2nd April

There is no Morning Mass today

11am-12:00 pm Confessions - St Paul's

5:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- St Paul's

*followed by Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament until 9:00pm*

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- St Mary MacKillop

*followed by Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament until 10.30 pm*

GOOD FRIDAY – 3rd April

8:30 am The Way of the Cross
- St Mary MacKillop

9:30 am - 11.30am Confessions - St Mary MacKillop

3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of The Passion
- St Mary MacKillop

3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of The Passion
- St Paul's

HOLY SATURDAY – 4th April

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Confessions - St Paul's

7.00 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil
- St Mary MacKillop

This is the only Mass celebrated today

EASTER SUNDAY – 5th April

8:00 am Mass – (Maltese) - St Paul's

9:00 am Mass - St Mary MacKillop

10:00 am Mass - St Paul's

11:00 am Mass – St Mary MacKillop

There is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday

EASTER MONDAY – 6th April

9:30am Mass – St Mary MacKillop



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

The Next Men's Group will be on Sunday, 12th April, 6.30pm Cuppa, 7-8.30pm Meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary MacKillop. LENTEN PROGRAM IS "METANOIA". Topic: JESUS PRAYS 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

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



CHOIR PRACTICE

will be held on the
Monday 30th March
at 7:00pm
at St. Mary MacKillop Church
in preparation for Holy Week.

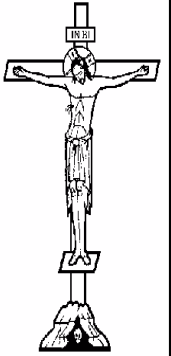
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Tina Guido
Joe Pace
Olivia Camilleri

Anniversaries:

Wafa & Hanna Hijazeen,
Francisco Manzon,
Sr Lordesia Apap,
Mara Luka Stanovic,
Stefani Ferla,
Stjepan & Ljubica Kunstek,
Ljuba & Ivan Pintaric,
Jakob Kisicek,
Kata Balent,
Stephen, John & Carmen Pace,
Tony, Zak, Paul Mauriza & Debbie Pace,
Ivy & Emmy Allen,
Marlene Gladwyne & Jim Allen,
Birdwyn, Johnny & Cammie Allen,
Eleanor, Lloyd, David, Brian & James Spink,
Ian Satur & Prem Sahni.



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

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA—THE NOVENA GROUP PRAYS TO OUR DEAR MOTHER TO CURE AND HELP THOSE WITH INAPPROPRIATE ADDICTIONS.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,
Commencing from Thursday 12th of March 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 inappropriate addictions — ALCOHOLISM, GAMBLING, PORNOGRAPHY, DRUGS and SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

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. We welcome you to join us. Please contact June Caruana on 0401268216 or Herwin Allen on 0408749730 for more information.

HYMNS

Entrance:

Refrain:

All glory, praise, and honour
To you, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel,
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. Refrain

The company of angels
Are praising you on high;
And mortals, joined with all things
Created, make reply. Refrain

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before you went:
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before you we present. Refrain

To you before your passion
They sang their hymns of praise:
To you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Refrain

Their praises you accepted,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Great source of love and goodness,
Our saviour and our King. Refrain

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God,
Why have you abandoned me?
My God, my God,
Where have you gone?

Gospel Acclamation:

Adoramus te Christe, Adoramus te Christe,
Adoramus te Christe, Adoramus Christe.
Quia per sanctam,
Crucem tuam, redemisti mundum.
Adoramus te Christe, Adoramus te Christe,
Adoramus te Christe, Adoramus Christe.

Offertory Hymn:

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem
rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded
to his breast, the children sang their praises, the
simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear
and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in
lowly state, nor scorned that little children should
on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we
sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav-
en, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart
and life and voice, and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

Communion Hymn:

O Sacred Head surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
Reviled and put to scorn!
The pow'r of death comes o'er you,
The glow of life decays,
Yet an angel hosts adore you,
And tremble as they gaze.

In this, your bitter passion,
Good Shepherd, think of me
With your most sweet compassion,
Unworthy though I be:
Beneath your cross abiding
Forever would I rest,
In your dear love confiding,
And with your presence blest.

Christ Jesus, we adore you,
Our thorn crowned Lord and King.
We bow our heads before you,
And to your cross we cling.
Lord, give us strength to bear it
With patience and with love,

That we may truly merit
A glorious crown above.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand.
Christ our God to earth descending,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven.
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descending
from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish,
as the darkness clears away.

Recessional Hymn:

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue your road,
with palms and scattered garments strewn.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The host of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.