

*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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year A — 16th & 17th May, 2026



The Feast of the Ascension celebrates the physical separation of Jesus from the human story, but these words from today's Gospel **"know that I am with you always: yes, to the end of time,"** promises his continual presence.

After 3 years of living, working, and praying with Disciples, Jesus commissions them to continue his work in the world.

This is a difficult challenge for some of the disciples, who although prepared to go, still hesitate. Despite their misgivings and fragile faith, Jesus sends them out to all the nations.

We too, are sent to bring the truth of the Gospel into our daily actions and decisions, and thus give witness to the faith we profess.

We can all teach one another about Jesus by living the way that Jesus showed us to live. At the end of Mass we hear the words: **'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!'** We are sent out just as the disciples were, to **bring the good news** of God's love to all those we come in contact with.

Entrance Antiphon:

Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.

1st Reading:

Acts 1:1-11
Psalms 46:2-3,6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

Before Communion:

Lord, receive our offering as we celebrate the ascension of Christ your Son. May his gifts help us rise with him to the joys of heaven, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon:

I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.

After Communion:

Father, in this eucharist we touch the divine life you give to the world. Help us to follow Christ with love to eternal life where he is Lord for ever and ever.



This Week in the Parish....

Tuesday, 19th May
7.00pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 20th May
6.00pm—Legion of Mary Prayer Group—Parish Meeting room
7.30pm—St. Paul's Prayer Group

Thursday, 21st May
10.30am—St. Mary of the Assumption Prayer Group
6.00pm—Perpetual Succour Novena Group—St. Mary MacKillop



MARY MACKILLOP READERS ROSTER

Weekend 23rd & 24th May
5.00pm—Marcela Abril-Fandino
9.00am—Joseph Sammut
11.00am—Ba Chinh
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

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We take our moral & legal obligations seriously and are committed to zero tolerance of all forms of abuse.*

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ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

The Next Men's Group will be on Sunday, 17th May, 6.30pm Cuppa, 7-8.30pm Meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary MacKillop. LENTEN PROGRAM IS "METANOIA". Topic: JESUS's Power Over Evil. 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.

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

All parishioners are warmly invited to a morning tea following the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 24th of May to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Come and share in fellowship and joy as we mark this special feast day together. Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be provided. If you would like to bring a plate to share, a sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer for you to record your name and what you would like to bring. We look forward to celebrating this special feast with our beautiful parish community!

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

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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...

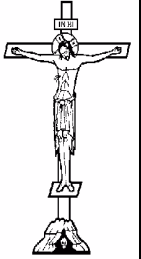
Recently Deceased:

Giovanni Caruso
Giovanni Chillura

Anniversaries:

Grezzju Lia, David Johnstone, Antonio Cinalli, Rosa Basic, Luciano Zorzi, Teresa Orlando, Maria Patti, Alfonso & Josephine Grech, Robert Adams, Maryanne Polidano, Therese Orton, Maria & Carmelo Gusman, John & Carmen Bonavia, Andre Liebenhals, Mildred Liebenhals, Sister Christina Mary of the Incarnation OCD, George Peterson, Brian, Iris & Mark Miller, Creswel Gambian, Pat Cooper, Premasahni & Ian Satur, Ivy & Emmy Allen, Marlene, Gladwyn & Jim Allen, Birdwyn, Jhonny & Cammie Allen, Eleanor & Lloyd Spink, David, Brian & James Spink.

We pray for all those who are sick, especially Leanne, Chris, Vincenza, Celine, Peter, Susan & Fr Manuel Adami.



HYMNS

Entrance:

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia!
his atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
he the first -fruits of our race. Alleluia!

There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!
partners of your eternal reign, Alleluia!
see you with unclouded view, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in you, Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
A blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Go and teach all people my Gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Offertory:

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Communion:

Do not stand and stare in wonder into the sky above
You have seen the wondrous glory of the risen Lord of Love
And just as you have seen him ascend into the skies
So shall your living Saviour return before your eyes
Alleluia! Alleluia! We praise our God and King!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Your people ever sing!

On His throne in highest heaven our Saviour takes his place
Now and always on the Mercy Seat, the source of endless grace.
Though not only there we seek Him, never far from us is He.
We know the Lord is with us if we have faith to see
Neither staring up in wonder, nor hiding like the dead
We will find Him here together in breaking of the bread.

All you servants of the living God, now sing and clap your hands
For the Lord who once was crucified is Prince of all the Lands.
Sound the trumpet, sing together, as our Saviour mounts his throne
And hear the voice that calls us a people for His own.

Alleluia to the Father, and to His only Son Alleluia to the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing:
You reign now in splendour with Jesus our King.

Refrain

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.
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Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,
God will you both virgin and mother to be. [Refrain](#)

To you by an angel, the Lord God made known
The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son. [Refrain](#)

Most blest of all women, you heard and believed,
Most blest in the fruit of your womb then conceived. [Refrain](#)

The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God's Son;
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come. [Refrain](#)

Recessional:

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy chosen King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began,
And ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man;
Who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.