

**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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year A — 23rd & 24th May, 2026

Today we celebrate the great day of Pentecost when Christ filled the Church with the power of his Spirit to bring his **Peace, Joy and Forgiveness** to all mankind. **"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."** This power has already been given to us in our initiation through **Baptism and Confirmation** to be the Body of Christ.

We have been given the grace to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord. We are reminded to return to that gift and draw life and energy and so give truth to the Lordship of Christ in our way of life. We must be alert to this free gift of God and let it activate our living of the Gospel.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: **WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, COUNSEL (right judgement), FORTITUDE (courage), KNOWLEDGE, PIETY (reverence), and FEAR (awe)** of the Lord. The Church lists twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: **CHARITY (love), JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, GENEROSITY, GENTLENESS, FAITHFULNESS, MODESTY, SELF-CONTROL AND CHASTITY.**

May God continue to work in our world through the hearts of all.

COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.

Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. It holds all things together and knows every word spoken by man, alleluia.

1st Reading:

Acts 2:1-11
Psalms 103:1,24,29-31,34

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 20:19-23

Before Communion:

Lord, may the Spirit you promised lead us into all truth and reveal to us the full meaning of this sacrifice.

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done, alleluia.

After Communion:

Father, may the food we receive in the eucharist help our eternal redemption. Keep within us the vigour of your Spirit and protect the gifts you have given to your Church.



This Week in the Parish....

Tuesday, 26th May
7.00pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 27th May
6.00pm—Legion of Mary Prayer Group—Parish Meeting room
7.30pm—St. Paul's Prayer Group

Thursday, 28th May
10.30am—St. Mary of the Assumption Prayer Group
6.00pm—Perpetual Succour Novena Group—St. Mary MacKillop



MARY MACKILLOP READERS ROSTER

Weekend 30th & 31st May
5.00pm—Lea Castro
9.00am—David Gebbo
11.00am—Mark Royal
5.30pm—Mary Portelli

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.*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

The Next Men's Group will be on Sunday, 31st May, 6.30pm Cuppa, 7-8.30pm Meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary MacKillop. LENTEN PROGRAM IS "METANOIA". Topic: This Teaching is Hard. 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

Please join us for a morning tea in the parish centre following the 9:00am mass this Sunday, 24th of May to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. We look forward to celebrating this special feast



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:

Cyril & Mary Agnes Pereira
Rafaela Nuciforo
Toni Di'Pettia
Maria & Nazzareno Briffa
Zvonko & Stojan Sestan
Sabolic & Paskalij Family
Carmela Caruana
Vittoria & Saviour Agius
Grezzju Lia



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

Marriage Encounter is coming to Melton in June!

Live Your Best Life in Love... A gift for every married couple Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We are offering a live-out weekend experience at St Dominic's parish on June 26-28th. Starts at 7pm on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend. Information Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409183676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website: wwme.org.au

HYMNS

Entrance:

Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Give us thyself that we may see
The Father and the Son by thee.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Source of uncreated light,
The Father's promised Paraclete;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thrice holy Font, thrice holy Fire,
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All adoration every be,
Eternal Paraclete to thee.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
From sin and sorrow set us free
That we may live eternally.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, send out Your Spirit,
And renew the face of the earth.

Pentecost Sequence:

Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home.
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, O Holy Spirit Come!
Come, O Father of the poor!
Come, O Source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine!
Come, O Holy Spirit, Come!

You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;
Come, O Holy Spirit come!
In our labor, rest most sweet,
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
O most blessed Light divine,
May the Light within us shine,
And our inmost being fill!
Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
In your absence, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.
Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness, pour your dew
Wash the stains of guilt away
Come, O Holy Spirit come!
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray,
Come, O Holy Spirit come!

On the faithful who adore,
And confess you evermore,
In your sev'n-fold gift descend;
Come, O Holy Spirit come!
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord
Give them joys that never end,
Come, O Holy Spirit come!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Offertory:

Refrain:
Spirit, come, transform us.
Come be our breath, be our hope.
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Deep in the womb of our heart

Reveal your presence, O God. Refrain.
Draw us to share others' burdens,
Healing and loving with truth. Refrain.

You are the one who unites us
In striving for justice, for peace. Refrain

Communion:

I am sending you out in my name to all the world.
Travel lightly, taking only sandals and staff.
I am sending you out in my name to all the world.
Be filled with Gospel fire, the light of the world.

Refrain:
Light a fire on the earth, a fire on the earth.
Be seized by the love of God, a fire on the earth.
Light a fire on the earth, a fire on the earth.
Be the hands and feet of Christ to all the world.

By the pow'r of the Holy Spirit set your sails.
Cast out deeply, fearing not the wind and waves.
Live your lives in witness to me before the world
Take heart, for I am with you all your days. Refrain

Be my light to all the world for all to see;
Shine out brightly doing all for love of me.
And rejoice when the road is rough and days are long.
Take heart, for I'll be with you in your song. Refrain

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
Guide of the wand'rer here below;
Thrown on life's surge,
We claim your care;
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,
From sin's domain God kept you free
Plead with your son for he has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

And while to God who reigns above,
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee,
Mother and Queen, star of the sea,
Pray for your children, pray for me.

Recessional:

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.