

**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

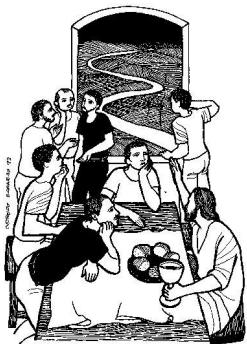
St Mary MacKillop
Monday 9.30am
Tuesday 9.30am
7.00pm—8.00pm Holy
Hour
Friday 9.30am

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

Reconciliation
Saturday 4.30pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A — 2nd & 3rd May, 2026



Today's Gospel is a flashback to the Last Supper on Holy Thursday night, and because of Christ's passion following His 'Last Super,' we can now understand more of what He said, and meant, when He spoke to the disciples for the last time before his death.

Thomas asked Jesus 'Lord we do not know where You are going, so how do we know the way?'

Jesus replied, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father, except through Me.'

After His Resurrection, the disciples then began to understand and believed that Jesus was the Son of God, in human nature.

Jesus does not ask of us, anything that He himself has not already done to the fullest. He laid down His life for us, so that we might have a share in that same life.

Entrance Antiphon:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

1st Reading:

Acts 6:1-7
Psalms 32:1-2,4-5,18-19

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 14:1-12

Before Communion:

Lord God, by this holy exchange of gifts you share with us your divine life. Grant that everything we do may be directed by the knowledge of your truth.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, alleluia!

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, 5th May
7.00pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 6th May
6.00pm—Legion of Mary Prayer Group—Parish Meeting room
7.30pm—St. Paul's Prayer Group

Thursday, 7th May
10.30am—St. Mary of the Assumption Prayer Group
6.00pm—Perpetual Succour Novena Group—St. Mary MacKillop



MARY MACKILLOP READERS ROSTER

Weekend 9th & 10th May
5.00pm—Michael Dilima
9.00am—Joe Falvo
11.00am—Thy Trinh
5.30pm—Georgina Sant

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.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

The Next Men's Group will be on Sunday, 10th May, 6.30pm Cuppa, 7-8.30pm Meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary MacKillop. LENTEN PROGRAM IS "METANOIA". Topic: JESUS CALLS & Empowers. 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.

Resurrection Catholic Parish—50th Jubilee

Parishioners from neighbouring communities are warmly invited to join Resurrection Catholic Parish, Kings Park, in celebrating its 50th Jubilee on Sunday, 24th May. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, followed by a community gathering in the parish hall. We look forward to celebrating together.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal This weekend we support the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal, helping individuals and families experiencing homelessness and hardship. Through housing assistance, practical support, and compassionate care, CatholicCare brings safety, dignity, and hope to those most in need. Your generosity can help ensure no one faces their darkest moment alone.

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

We invite you to join our PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA GROUP. This Novena Group will pray together at Mary MacKillop Church on Thursday at 6pm, and we warmly invite you to join us Contact June Caruana 0401268216 or Herwin Allen 0408749730 for information.



CHOIR PRACTICE

will be held on the
Monday 11th May at 7:00pm
at St. Mary MacKillop Church

In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Maria Samarzija

Anniversaries:

John Grech, Charle & Tessie Cini, Nazzareno & Louis Camilleri, Carmen & Joseph Camilleri, Aldo & Maria Ferrari, Anthony, Raymond John & Paula Busuttill, Carmen & Angelo Rapa, John Sammut, Charlie Micallef, Baby Grabiell Lay, Carolyn Jandula, Ivan & Andelka Jolic, Joseph Sammut, Violet Camilleri, Remigio & Carmela Scicluna.

We pray for all those who are sick, especially Jessie, Chris, Marie, Paul, Frances & Peter.

New Parish Website – Now Live

We are excited to share that **St Mary of the Assumption Parish Keilor Downs** has a fresh new website

✦ What's new:

- Weekly parish newsletter available online
- Daily Mass readings
- Easier to navigate and find information

☐ How to find the website:

www.melb catholic.org/s/keilordowns or scan QR code



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Entrance:

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and Corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Thy faithful loving-kindness,
Hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee, forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
Praise and honour to the Son,
Praise and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three, and ever One,
One in might, and one in glory,
While unending ages run.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us
As we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;

No- one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory:

Refrain:

I have carried you on eagle's wings!
I will care for you in all your years!

My heart is full of peace;
You have been within my life!
Your guiding hand has always covered me
I am full of confidence in You!

My soul is like a child,
Cradled safe within your arms!
You have carried me across my years!
Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy.

Never need I be afraid!
No matter how uncertain things may be!
Sometimes thru' me, sometimes in spite of me,
You seem to find your purpose in my life!
Antiphon

Communion:

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst;
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way;
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand;
You shall see the face of God and live!

Chorus

Be not afraid – I go before you always,
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters,
In the sea, you shall not drown;
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed;
If you stand before the pow'r of hell,
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all! **Chorus**

My soul proclaims the Lord my God;
My spirit sings his praise!
He looks on me, he lifts me up,
And gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy,
His gifts he has outpoured;
His little one he has made great;
I magnify the Lord.

For those who love his holy name,
His mercy will not die.
His strong right arm puts down the proud
And lifts the lowly high.

Recessional:

Take the word of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow. **Refrain.**

Refrain:

Go in peace to serve the world,
in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God,
the love of God with you as you go.

Take the peace of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow. **Refrain**