

**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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A — 3rd & 4th October, 2026



The image of the vineyard describes the divine project of salvation. The owner of the vineyard symbolizes God himself, while the vineyard symbolizes his people, as well as the life he gives, so that with his grace and our hard work, we may do good. God has a project for his friends, but unfortunately the human response is often oriented to infidelity which is expressed in rejection. Pride and selfishness prevent us from recognizing and welcoming even God's most precious gift: his Only-Begotten Son. When, in fact, "he sent his son to them, [the tenants] took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him." God puts himself in our hands, agrees to make himself an unfathomable mystery of weakness and manifests his omnipotence in his faithfulness to a plan of love which, in the end, also provides for the proper punishment of the wicked. Firmly anchored in faith to the cornerstone which is Christ, let us abide in him, like the branch that can bear no fruit unless it remains attached to the vine. *Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 2011.*

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalms 79:9,12-16,19-20

Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

2nd Reading:

Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 21:33-43

Before Communion:

Father, receive these gifts which our Lord Jesus Christ has

asked us to offer in his memory. May your obedient service bring us to the fullness of your redemption.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to those who are searching for his love.

After Communion:

Almighty God, let the eucharist we share fill us with your life. May the love of Christ which we celebrate here touch our lives and lead us to you.



This Week in the Parish....

Tuesday, 6th October
7.00pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 7th October
6.00pm—Legion of Mary Prayer Group—Parish Meeting room
7.30pm—St. Paul's Prayer Group

Thursday, 8th October
10.30am—St. Mary of the Assumption Prayer Group
6.00pm—Perpetual Succour Novena Group—St. Mary MacKillop



MARY MACKILLOP / ST PAUL'S READERS ROSTER

Weekend 10th & 11th October
5pm—Marcela Abril-Fandino
9am—Christina Santalucia
11am—Ba Chinh
5.30pm—Halina Zablocki
6.30pm—Lina Tabone
10am—Margaret Senserrik



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?"*



Administrator: Rev. Vinh Do **Assistant Priest:** 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.*

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting will be Sunday, 4th October.
6.30pm cuppa, 7-8.30pm meeting in
St. Mary MacKillop Parish Meeting Room,
Church. TOPIC: The Spirit and the Eucharist.
New members welcome. Enquiries: Carmine
0425 785 862, Pierre 0423 527 285, Alister
0423 917 785.

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

In Remembrance...

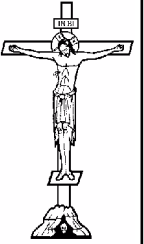
Recently Deceased:

Angela Taliana,
Pat Fonseca.

Anniversaries:

Michael Xerri,
Jerolin Budija, Lam Chun Keung,
Bill Williams Veb, Nikola Dzidzic,
Kelly Curmi, Madeline & Julieanne Tanti,
Patrick & Josephine O'Rafferty,
Anthony & Maria Tanti, Celestine D'Rosario,
Sai Lo, Kau Mui, Louise & Joseph Spiteri,
Josephine & George Spiteri, Peter Lai & Lisa,
Jarrad Portelli, Angelo Mamo.

*We pray for all those who are sick, especially
Tan, Paul, Mary, Peter, Vincetta, Robert,
Catherine, Barry, Flavia, Antoinette & Joseph.*



APPOINTMENT OF PARISH PRIEST

We are pleased to announce that Archbishop Peter Comensoli has appointed Rev. Peter-Damien McKinley as the new Parish Priest of St Mary of the Assumption Parish, commencing 25 November 2026. We warmly welcome Fr Peter -Damien to our parish community and look forward to his ministry and leadership among us. We pray that his time with our parish will be filled with many blessings as we continue to grow together in faith and community. We would also like to sincerely thank **Fr Vinh Do** for his guidance, care and ministry to our parish during this period of transition. We are very grateful for the support and pastoral presence he has provided while we have awaited the appointment of our new Parish Priest. Please join us in welcoming Fr Peter—Damien to St Mary of the Assumption and in keeping both Fr Damien and Fr Vinh in our prayers as they begin their respective ministries with us.

St Mary of the Assumption OSHC Program

Our St Mary of the Assumption After School Care Program is looking to add some new and exciting resources for the children who attend our program.

We would gratefully welcome donations of good-quality toys, games, puzzles, craft items and activities suitable for children aged 6–12 years.

If you have any toys or games at home that are no longer being used but are still in good condition, we would be very grateful for your donation.

Donations can be left:

- ☐ At the back of the church
- ☐ Or dropped into the Parish Administration Office

Your generosity will help us provide the children with more opportunities for play, creativity, learning and fun after school. Thank you for supporting our OSHC children and our parish community!

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

On weekend of 3rd and 4th October at St. Mary MacKillop Church a RAFFLE will be held, proceeds to help our PERSECUTED brothers and sisters. Your support will give valuable aid to Christians internationally. Pick up a flyer from your seats.

Enquiries: Christina 0431955975.

HYMNS

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 away.

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.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Your word, O Lord is truth;
Make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Offertory:

To do your will, is my desire,
To live in you, Lord is my life.
To spread your love, through all the earth,
To find in you, the joy of life.

All of my days, I sing your praise,
Through all my nights, you are my life.
You will shine forth, through all my years,
And joyously will bring me home.

I search this world so restlessly,
Seeking a home from hate and strife.
I found in you, the strength to see,
The meaning of this troubled life.

And so my God, I give to you,
These raining words these restless rhymes,
And take my life as a tribute of,
Your endless love for humankind.

Communion:

Refrain:

Where there is charity and love,
there the love of God abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
Let us revere and love the living God
And love each other with unfeigning hearts.
Refrain

And so when we are gathered here as one,
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.
Refrain

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
To where the blessed glory in your sight;
There let us see and love you face to face,
Gathered once more in everlasting light.
Refrain

MONTH OF MARY

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:

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another;
To walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!
Refrain.