

## Featurettes

### Ferials and Feasts this week

<b>Sunday</b>	Pentecost Sunday
<b>Monday</b>	Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wed of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
<b>Thursday</b>	Our Lady, Help of Christians, <i>Solemnity</i>
<b>Friday</b>	Friday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
<b>Saturday</b>	St Philip Neri, <i>Confessor and Founder</i>

### Save the Date

Keep the 21st July 2018 available for the Parish Dinner Dance beginning at 7:00pm—Midnight.

### Presentation Masses This Weekend

This weekend we welcome our Year Three and Four children and other children in our parish who will be receiving Jesus for the first time in two weeks on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, 3rd June. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they progress in their faith formation.

### 2019 Enrolments at St Peter's Primary School are now open

### Youth



### A Word from Pope Francis

The works of mercy “help young people so much,” because they help them to be grounded in “concreteness” and to “enter into a social relationship.” “It worries me that they communicate and live in the virtual world,” he said, noting that on a recent visit with youth, instead of extending their hands when they saw him, they “greeted” him with their phones held up, taking photos and selfies. “Their reality is that... not human contact. This is serious,” he continued. “We have to make young people ‘land’ in the real world. Touch reality. Without destroying the good things the

### Chaplaincy Sunday 2018

The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop’s Charitable Fund will be conducting its annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in parishes to support the vital work of Catholic Chaplains in our community this Sunday. Our focus for 2018 is Prison Chaplaincy. The relationship and collaboration between prisoners and Chaplains whilst they are in prison is vital to restoring them back onto the road again to re-join society:

- with dignity and self-respect,
- with a sense of hope and responsibility for new pathways,
- with a sense of personal power and control over their own life;
- and hopefully with new skill sets and options.

If you would like further information please contact the Office of Philanthropy: 9926 5731.

### Dance Lessons

Come along to the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings, beginning 16th May, at 7pm for dance lessons, in preparation for the Parish Dinner Dance on 21st July. Only \$5 per class and all funds raised are donated to St Peter’s Parish. Tea / Coffee provided. For more information, please contact Tony and Gina on 0450 038 814.

virtual world can have,” because some things are needed, he acknowledged.

### Vocations View

Be guided by the Holy Spirit, because with the Spirit comes, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control. With God’s help, come forward to proclaim to those who are searching for meaning in life. As the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

St. Peter’s Parish is committed to the safety, well being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. If you see something that concerns you, say something. Need advice? Call the office of *Professional Standards and Ethics for assistance* on 9926 5677, or call the *Department of Health and Human Services* on 131 278.



## ST PETER'S PARISH CLAYTON

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Andrew McCarter | **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Thomas Kuruville

PARISH	DETAILS	MASS SCHEDULE
<b>Address:</b>	258 Clayton Road, Clayton, 3168	<b>Weekend Mass Times</b> Saturday (Vigil) 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am 9:30am 11:15am (English and Italian) 4:30pm (Malayalam)
<b>Phone:</b>	9544 1516	
<b>Fax:</b>	9544 1089	<b>Weekday Masses</b> Monday 9:00am 7:00pm (Malayalam) Tuesday 9:00am Wednesday 9:00am 7:00pm (Mass & Novena) Thursday 9:00am Friday 9:00am 2:30pm Divine Mercy Saturday 9:00am
<b>Email:</b>	clayton@cam.org.au	
<b>Website:</b>	www.stpetersclayton.com	<b>Other Sacraments</b> <b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 9:30am (or by appointment) <b>Marriages and Baptism:</b> By appointment <b>Anointing of the Sick:</b> Please call parish office
<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Lisa Smith	
<b>Domestic Support:</b>	Seda Peters	
<b>Office Hours:</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	11:00am—5:00pm	
<b>Tuesday—Friday</b>	9:00am—4:00pm	
<b>PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>		
<b>Address:</b>	16 Mary St, Clayton, 3168	
<b>Phone:</b>	9544 3032	
<b>Email:</b>	principal@spclayton.catholic.edu.au	
<b>Principal:</b>	Mrs Therese Stewart (Acting Principal)	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Ms Margaret Nahon	
<b>CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>		
<b>Sacred Heart College, Oakleigh:</b>	9568 5488	
<b>Mazenod College, Mulgrave:</b>	9560 0911	
<b>Salesian College, Chadstone:</b>	9807 2644	
<b>Killester College, Springvale:</b>	9547 5000	

## Pentecost Sunday — Year B

20th May 2018

*The Day of Pentecost — Today we celebrate the great day of Pentecost when Christ filled the Church with the power of his Spirit and sent it out into the world to bring his peace, joy and forgiveness to all mankind.*

<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8, 16-20 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5
<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b>	Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	Romans: 8:22-27
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	John: 7:37-39

**NEXT WEEK'S READING:**  
**The Most Holy Trinity—Year B**

<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	Romans 8:14-17
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Matthew 28:16-20

## From the Desk of the Parish Priest

### Pentecost: A Need For Our Lives

Rev. Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

We go through life struggling. This is true for everyone. We all live with inferiorities, dashed dreams, and deep frustrations. Because of this we tend to grow jealous. We begin to envy other people’s lives, seeing in their lives the things that we are missing within our own. This increases our disappointment with who we are and, all too often, puts us into an attitude within which we refuse to accept what is good, happy, creative, and pleasurable within our own lives.

Instead of picking up our own lives and living them creatively, we put them on hold. We focus on something we are missing, and desperately crave – a marriage partner, a certain friendship, a certain achievement, a certain prestige, a certain physical appearance, a certain fame or place to live – and we relativize and belittle our own lives to the point of finding them unhappy and meaningless. We live in brackets, waiting; always waiting for this certain something to come along and fulfill our lives. When this happens, a deep restlessness sets in.

There is a beautiful image in Scripture that depicts this. After the resurrection of Jesus, his disciples are unable to pick up the spirit of his new presence. They want, instead, to have their old earthly Jesus back. Eventually, they are reduced to huddling in fear in a locked room, paralyzed. When they do receive the spirit of the resurrected Christ, they burst from that room, now alive with the spirit for their actual lives. When we live in restless unhappiness, not satisfied with our situation in life because we are unmarried, or because we are not married to whom we would like to be, or because we would want a different job, or different family, or different body, or a different set of friends, or a different city to live it, we live, like the Apostles, huddled in fear.

Let me illustrate this with an example, Brian Moore’s novel, *The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne*: Judith Hearne is a woman approaching menopause. She is bright, talented, educated, artistic, and gifted with a pleasant personality and pleasant looks. But she desperately wants to be married. She is deeply frustrated with being single and does not consider herself a complete person. Consciously and unconsciously, her whole life is geared towards finding a husband. Because of this, her entire present life has little meaning or satisfaction for her. She wants to be married and has decided that, for her, there can be no meaning, no genuine reality, outside of that. Early on in the story, she meets a man who interests her, and who she senses is

interested in her. He is a pleasant man, though he is also a calculating schemer and dilettante. It is soon apparent to the reader that Judith would be taken for a ride in this marriage. However, because she is desperate, and this is a real chance at marriage, Judith pursues the relationship and, in a vague kind of way, does fall in love. On his part, the man sees her as a possible business partner, as someone whose money he could use.

At a certain point, Judith proposes to him. She is rejected and the disappointment, coupled with the hurt of rejection, triggers within her a deep depression which takes her on an alcoholic binge and eventually leads to a nervous breakdown and a mental hospital. The story climaxes with her ex-boyfriend coming to visit her in the hospital and announcing that he has changed his mind and wants to marry her after all. She refuses and in her explanation to him of her decision we learn things to help us understand the connection between ascension and Pentecost:

These are her words:

“When you are a little girl you dream of the perfect man, of that perfect person who will make you whole, who will give you reality. He will be handsome, and good, and kind and generous. He will be perfect.

“Then, as you get older, you revise your expectations downward. After awhile, he doesn’t have to be so perfect, or handsome, or good.

“Finally, when you get to be my age, he doesn’t have to be handsome, good, or loving at all. Anyone will do....even if they are common as dirt! You’ll take anyone because you think that, alone, you aren’t anything.

“But I’ve learned something here. I’ve grown to know that, even alone, single, just by myself, I am something! I have reality!”

She throws his address card away as she leaves the hospital and we see in her face that she is now a woman of inner strength and inner joy. She has a new calmness, attractiveness and energy. The restlessness is gone. She has received the spirit of her own life. You sense too that, now, if she wants to, she will easily find someone good to marry... now that she no longer desperately needs to.

Pentecost is not an abstract mystery. We are asked to accept the spirit of our actual lives. When we do this, then we no longer belittle our own lives but, like Judith Hearne, know that even with all our inferiorities and frustrations, just by ourselves, we are something.

### We remember in our prayers

Recently deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Giovanni Aceto, Dom Aleixo Corte-Real, Angela Perna, Maria & Felice Dalena, Severo Calma, Antonio Nigro, Benedict Lim Pin Lu

**Sick & their carers:** Armando Ravelo, Robert Holdsworth, Warren Beaton, Nick Cincotta, Ricardo Dayonot and Margaret Iringan

### Parish Notices

**Bake Sale** - St Peter’s Bake Sale launch has now been rescheduled to the weekend of 23rd June and 24th June. You will be able to purchase a number of homemade goodies and all proceeds will go to replacing the oven in the Parish Office.

**New Hymnals**—The parish has purchased new hymn books which prove to be a blessing for the congregation and for the music ministry in the parish. A number of people have come forward to offer a donation for hymnals. Should anyone wish to donate a hymnal, we would ensure that a commemorative sticker be placed in the book stating from whom it had been donated. Hymnals are \$30.00 each, please contact the parish office for further information and details.

**May Count**—Should the collectors or others be looking at you in a strange way, they will be counting all people during each of the masses for the annual parish mass count each weekend during the month of May.

**Principal Appointment Process**—Please keep this process in your prayers in the weeks ahead as we endeavour to appoint a possible successful applicant under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our patron, St Peter. Applications close on Monday, 21st May at 4:00pm.



*Pentecostes* by Fray Juan Bautista Maino (1581-1649). Handmade Oil Painting. Housed in the Museo del Prado, Madrid. On 14 February 1612 Juan Bautista Maíno signed the contract to execute the paintings for the monastery church of San Pedro Mártir in Toledo. Maíno agreed to a period of eight months to make the paintings, which had to portray the scenes and episodes specified by the prior of the monastery. Despite the agreement reached in the contract, the paintings were not completed until December 1614. In the meantime Maíno entered the monastery, becoming a member of the Dominican Order on 27 July 1613.

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK | 27 May—Sunday

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
<b>Reader</b>	1 Lorelyn Legas	Ted Smith	Catechist Children
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<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	1 Maria Paiva	Peter Fitzsimmons	Sr Monica Tuohey
	2 Doreen Hickey	Tracey Baynosa	Elvira Coutinho
	3 Volunteer	Volunteer	Charlene Perez
<b>Hospitality</b>	Year 5 Morning Tea		
<b>Monash Medical Centre</b>	Rodney Narcis, Tina Murrian		
<b>Counters</b>	<i>(Team 3)</i> Jackie & Roy Hayman, Reji Abraham, Tony Perez		
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	<i>(Team 3)</i> Betty Holdsworth, Val Manuelpillai, Lucy Araujo		
<b>Linen</b>	Arlene De Souza		