

## Featurettes

### Ferials and Feasts this week

**Sunday**—First Sunday of Advent  
**Monday**—Monday of the first Week of Advent  
**Tuesday**—St Francis Xavier, *Memorial*  
**Wednesday**—Wednesday of the first Week of Advent  
**Thursday**—Thursday of the first Week of Advent  
**Friday**—Friday of the first Week of Advent  
**Saturday**— St Ambrose, *Memorial*

### Keep the Date Free

New Years Eve Dance, St Peter's Parish Hall, 16 Mary Street, Clayton from 7:00pm to 1:00am. Tickets will be on sale from next week. In preparation for the New Years Eve dance and learning how to dance, Tony and Gina are running dance classes in the Parish Hall on Friday nights between 7:00pm and 8:00pm. You don't need a partner. Hope to see many of you there! Tickets on sale after all the masses in the Narthex.

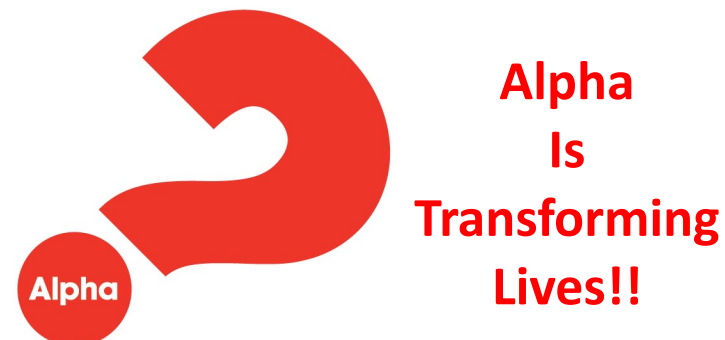
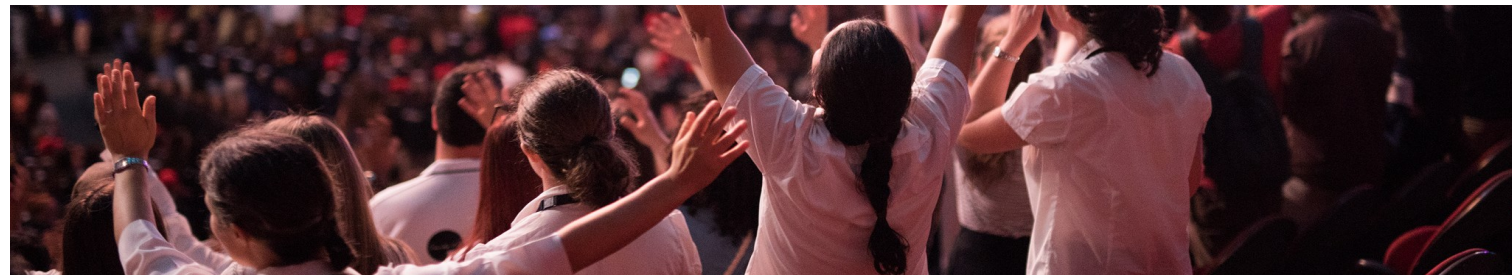
### Columban Calendars

The 2020 Columban Calendars will be on sale from this week in the St Vincent De Paul Piety Stall. The cost of each calendar will be \$9.00. Please buy them quickly as they will run out! A great Christmas stocking filler!

### Holy Hour

Tonight, Sunday, 1st December at 6:00pm in the Church followed by refreshments afterwards. Come and spend some time with the Lord as you prepare for his second coming at the conclusion of the Advent season.

### Youth



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.

### Note the Change of Date

The Carols In the Courtyard will be on Monday the 9th December at 6:00pm. This has been advertised as Thursday, 12th December in the parish directory. This is incorrect. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend on the 9th December at 6:00pm.

### Christmas Lunch

Let us bring people to Christ - let us gather together to celebrate God's greatest gift to us - His only Son Jesus. 25th December 2019 with lunch 12:30pm to 4:00pm. St Peter's Clayton Community Centre, 17 Mary Street, Clayton. Forward this message to someone you know within our Parish especially our new families, our school families, our students - All are welcome. Please RSVP to the parish office on 95441516 by 10th December for catering purposes. We need your hands on deck! We require your help!

We also need your financial support to assist with the cost of holding this encounter. Please take an envelope from the tree in the Narthex, place your donation in the envelope and place it in the collection bag or take it to the sacristy. Please do not put any money back on the tree.

### Parish Raffle

Please collect your raffle book/s from the church foyer, there are more raffle books available from the volunteers selling tickets in the church foyer or at the parish office. The raffle will be drawn at the morning tea after the 9:30am Mass on 22nd December 2019. There are 300 raffle books to sell, each ticket is \$2 each with 5 tickets per book and all parishioners are encouraged to sell raffle books.

### Prayer for Vocations

O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore you to choose from us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



DETAILS		MASS SCHEDULE
<b>PARISH</b>		
<b>Address:</b>	258 Clayton Road, Clayton, 3168	<b>Weekend Mass Times</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	9544 1516	Saturday (Vigil) 6:00pm
<b>Fax:</b>	9544 1089	Sunday 8:00am
<b>Email:</b>	clayton@cam.org.au	9:30am
<b>Website:</b>	www.stpetersclayton.com	11:15am (English & Italian)
<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Rev. Fr Andrew McCarter	4:30pm (Malayalam 2nd and 4th Sundays)
<b>Assistant Priest:</b>	Rev. Fr Patrick Bradford	
<b>Deacon:</b>	Rev. Dcn Hubert Fernando	<b>Weekday Masses</b>
<b>Domestic Support:</b>	Seda Peters	Monday 9:00am
<b>Office Hours:</b>		7:00pm (Malayalam)
<b>Monday, Wednesday—Friday:</b>	9:30am—4:30pm	Tuesday 9:00am
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Closed	Wednesday 9:00am
		7:00pm (Mass & Novena)
		Thursday 9:00am
		Friday 9:00am
		2:30pm (Divine Mercy)
		Saturday 9:00am
<b>PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>		
<b>Address:</b>	16 Mary St, Clayton, 3168	<b>Other Sacraments</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	9544 3032	<b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 9:30am (or by appointment)
<b>Email:</b>	principal@spclayton.catholic.edu.au	<b>Marriages and Baptism:</b> By appointment and at least 6 months notice
<b>Principal:</b>	Sharon Daujat	<b>Anointing of the Sick:</b> Please call parish office
<b>Secretaries:</b>	Margaret Nahon and Rebecca Burt	
<b>CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL</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	

## First Sunday of Advent—Year A

1st December 2019

*The Day of the Lord—Today we rejoice that the night of our long pilgrimage to God's eternal city, the new Jerusalem, will soon be over. The Lord's unending Day is dawning. Already, in the words of Isaiah, "we see the mountain of the Temple of the Lord" etched against the eastern sky. Let us wake up and stand ready.*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 2:1-5  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.  
**SECOND READING:** Rom 13:11-14  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.  
 Alleluia!  
**GOSPEL:** Mt 24:37-44

### NEXT WEEK'S READING: Second Sunday of Advent—Year A

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 11:1-10  
**SECOND READING:** Rom 15:4-9  
**GOSPEL:** Mt 3:1-12





## House of Prayer

Rev. Fr James Mallon

### From Disciples to Apostles (cont...)

Something must be done. Drastic action is required. Over the last four years, in my present parish of Saint Benedict, after over-turning a few figurative card tables, we did regain control of our facilities. Since then, we have seen almost 2,000 people participate in Alpha, with 20% to 30% being non-churchgoers. We have run hundreds of different faith formation events or programs and have seen hundreds of lives changed and transformed as people encountered the person of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through these experiences, they have come to know God as their Father and have come alive in their experience of God’s family, the Church. All this through the grace of God, which has enabled us to rediscover our new identity through Pope John Paul II’s call for the New Evangelization, whose roots are in the Second Vatican Council.

## Rebuild my House

### From Vatican II to Pope Francis

Do you remember where you were on March 13, 2013? I bet you do. It was the day that Jorge Bergoglio was introduced to world as Francesco. Although rumoured to have been a close second in the previous conclave that elected Pope Benedict, Cardinal Bergoglio was a relative unknown and was on no list of the pundits for the 2013 election. I remember where I was when I heard the news, and I remember my first words: “Who?” and “Francesco!” Although he would go on to explain his choice of name based on his love for the poor, my first thoughts were that this man was declaring himself to be a reformer after the saint who heard the Lord say to him, “Francis, rebuild my house, which as you see is falling into ruin.” I like to believe that he chose this name for both reasons, and his actions so far as pope would confirm this hope.

Since that momentous day, Pope Francis has exploded onto the international scene. He speaks to all Christians with clarity and urgency, challenging us to recall our identity and to be a Church that goes out and a Church that makes “missionary disciples.” In doing this, he continues the call of his predecessor, who spoke often of the New Evangelisation and called for the re-evangelisation of the West.

### The Second Vatican Council

There is no doubt about the priority of evangelisation in the Church teaching over the last number of years. To

truly understand the call to the New Evangelisation, we must begin by looking at something that happened over 50 years ago: the Second Vatican Council (1962—1965). This Council would produce sixteen documents, each an original synthesis of traditional Catholic doctrine and new theological insight. Without any academic attempt to support my statement, I would like to claim that the central theological insights of all sixteen conciliar documents can be summed up in the following phrases: *the universal call to holiness* and *the universal call to mission*. Holiness and mission are not new in the teaching of Church, but the stress on the universal nature of these things was relatively new. The idea that the call to holiness and mission is rooted not in ordination or in religious profession but in baptism had been so forgotten that it was revolutionary. We are called to holiness because we are baptised. We are called to mission, to evangelise, to share the Good News because we are baptised.

### Pope Paul VI

Ten years to the day after the Council was closed, Pope Paul VI released a groundbreaking document called *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, which means “Announcing the Good News.” Its title in English is “Evangelisation in the Modern World.” This document enunciated a theology for mission and evangelisation that is the responsibility of all Christians. Since the close of the Council, it remains the most profound call for the Church to rediscover her identity.

Let us begin with how Pope Paul VI defines evangelisation:

It has been possible to define evangelisation in the terms of proclaiming Christ to those who do not know Him, of preaching, of catechesis, of conferring Baptism and the other Sacraments. (EN, no. 17)

We see right away that he chose a broad definition of evangelisation. It includes all of the tasks that make up the Great Commission, but also includes most of the activities of the Church: preaching, catechesis, teaching, sacraments, and proclamation, or kerygma.

Pope Paul also reminds us that we must avoid the temptation of thinking that the witness of our lives alone is sufficient to evangelise. As he says, “the Good News proclaimed by the witness of life, sooner or later has to be proclaimed by the word of life.” (EN, no.22) This is a very important principle for us today, as it emphasizes the proclamation or kerygmatic dimension of Pope Paul VI’s definition.

## We remember in our prayers

Recently deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Dulcie Rodrigo-Sathianathen, Fr. Virgilio Chagas, Maria and Julio Calma, Mansueto Dayonot,

**Sick & their carers:** Tracey Baynosa, Letty Lozano, Phil Hickey, Andrea Cinque, Marina Hanz, Margaret Iringan, Bernie Perabo, Rodrigo Bugtai, Ron Grinter, Dawn Francis, Samantha Kolakidis, Francisca Supan, Francisca Silverio, Kevin Hickey, Kateri Byrnes, Carlito Dimar

## Parish Notices

**Collections Last Week—Thank you for your support!**

**Weekly Pledge Amount:** \$1991.75 (98/250 envelopes returned)

**Church Envelope:** \$1151.55      **Church Loose:** \$349.00

**Presbytery Envelopes:** \$498.75      **Presbytery Loose:** \$637.05

**St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal Collection**—There will be a special collection for the Christmas Appeal for St Vincent De Paul this weekend. Should you wish to have a tax deductible receipt, please see a volunteer in the piety stall.

**Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for Advent**—Friday, 13th December 2019 at 6:30pm.

**Lauds**—Morning Prayer of the Church will be celebrated each weekday during Advent 15mins before the morning mass. Monday to Saturday at 8:45am.

**Church Cleaners Urgently needed**—There are a couple of teams who have only one person cleaning the church. It is too big for one person to do alone and time consuming. Please consider your brothers and sisters.

**Daily Missal 2020**—These are on sale in the parish office for \$25.00 per book. There are a limited number available so please be quick to purchase them.

**Special Collection**—There will be a special collection next weekend 7th and 8th December for Melbourne Overseas Mission and the needy work in various parts of the world. Please support.



## Parish Vision

Saint Peter’s Parish is a **healthy and growing faith community that brings people to Christ, forms disciples and sends them out to transform the world. Our members commit to worship, to grow, to serve, to connect and to give.**

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK | 8 DECEMBER 2019—Sunday Year C

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
<b>Reader</b>	1 Luan Viegas	Mark Szymczak	Miracle John
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	1 Maria Paiva	Lester De Souza	May Grech
	2 Doreen Hickery	Mildred De Souza	Charlie Grech
	3 N/A	N/A	Leanne Smith
<b>Hospitality</b>	(Team 2) Legion of Mary		
<b>Monash Medical Centre</b>	(Team 1) Denise Riordan, Lester De Souza, Mildred De Souza		
<b>Counters</b>	(Team 5) Angelo Yeo, Ted Smith, Leanne Smith		
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	(Team 3) Betty Holdsworth, Lucy Araujo, Shine Xavier Kaitharath (Friday 13/12/19)		
<b>Linen</b>	Arlene De Souza		