

Featurettes

Ferials and Feasts this week

Sunday—Third Sunday of Advent
Monday—Monday of the Third week of Advent
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Saturday—Saturday of the Third week of Advent

New Years Eve Dance

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.

Parish Raffle

Please return your raffle book/s to a representative in the church foyer or to the parish office by no later than Wednesday, 17th December. The raffle will be drawn at the morning tea after the 9:30am Mass on 22nd December 2019.

Christmas Lunch

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.

Youth



**Alpha is a
 personal
 encounter with
 Jesus**

Alpha

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.

Christmas 2019

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December

5:30pm—Carols followed by
 6:00pm—Vigil Mass
 11:30pm—Carols followed by
 Mass During the Night 12:00am

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25 December

8:00am—Morning Mass
 9:30am—Solemn Mass
 11:15am—Mass in Italian

New Year's Day, Wednesday 1 January

9:00am—Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Advertising in the Parish Directory 2020

We are seeking businesses or people who wish to place an advertisement in our parish directory for 2020. The cost of an advertisement is \$200 for a half page (A6 size) and \$400 for a full page (A5 size). Please spread the word around to those businesses or individuals who would be happy to support our parish and in turn we support them.

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

PARISH
Address: 258 Clayton Road, Clayton, 3168
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Website: www.stpetersclayton.com
Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Andrew McCarter
Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Patrick Bradford
Deacon: Rev. Dcn Hubert Fernando
Domestic Support: Seda Peters

Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday—Friday: 9:30am—4:30pm
Tuesday: Closed

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Address: 16 Mary St, Clayton, 3168
Phone: 9544 3032
Email: principal@spclayton.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Sharon Daujat
Secretaries: Margaret Nahon and Rebecca Burt

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
Sacred Heart College, Oakleigh: 9568 5488
Mazenod College, Mulgrave: 9560 0911
Salesian College, Chadstone: 9807 2644
Killester College, Springvale: 9547 5000

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Times
 Saturday (Vigil) 6:00pm
 Sunday 8:00am
 9:30am
 11:15am (English & Italian)
 4:30pm (Malayalam 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Weekday Masses
 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

Other Sacraments
Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am (or by appointment)
Marriages and Baptism: By appointment and at least 6 months notice
Anointing of the Sick: Please call parish office

Third Sunday of Advent—Year A 15th December 2019

The Joy of Expectancy—At his coming Christ fulfilled the expectations of the prophets. He made the blind see again, the lame walk, and the lepers clean.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, come and save us.
SECOND READING: James 5:7-10
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
 he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
 Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Mt 11:2-11

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-14
SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7
GOSPEL: Mt 1:18-24



House of Prayer

Rev. Fr James Mallon

Pope Paul VI (cont...)

Evangelisation is now a moral obligation. It’s almost a selfish thing to not evangelise. If we find something wonderful and we keep it for ourselves, then we would be morally culpable. Fr. Bob Bedard, founder of the community of priests called the Companions of the Cross, used to say that evangelisation was “one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread”. Jesus is the Bread of Life and the Living Water, and we live in a world filled with hungry and thirsty people. In the name of respecting those who hunger and thirst, we all too often give physical bread and water but almost hide the fact the we do it in his name, not to mention that we rarely offer them Jesus himself. This great division within the Church’s missionary activity, between justice and charity on the one hand and evangelisation on the other, would be taken up by Pope Benedict.

Pope Benedict XVI

Josef Ratzinger, present at the Second Vatican Council as a theological advisor to Cardinal Frings, participated at all sessions of the Council and played a key role in helping the German bishops overturn the documents and agenda that had been prepared for the bishops by the Roman Curia. He was also personally involved in drafting or redrafting many of the conciliar documents. As the pope’s right-hand man throughout John Paul II’s pontificate, Josef Ratzinger witnessed first-hand the unfolding of the call to the New Evangelisation. He would go on to formalise it as Pope Benedict through two major developments: the establishment in June 2010 of the Office for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation, and through the convocation of the 13th Synod of Bishops on October 2012 to discuss the topic of “The New Evangelisation for the Transmission of the Christian Faith.”

Although these two developments are concrete manifestations of the magisterial response to the New Evangelisation, his writings and the writings of curial documents during his pontificate contain the language of an evangelisation that is new in its ardour, methods and expression. They extend the development and refining that had begun to take shape in Pope John Paul II’s development of Paul VI’s writings. The distinction between evangelisation and catechesis increases, with evangelisation being identified more with proclamation that leads to encounter. Under Pope Benedict, a relatively unfamiliar term, at least in official Catholic documents,

begins to speak of the necessity of the *personal* encounter and *personal* relationship with Jesus.

In an address to the bishops of the Philippines in 2011, he reminded them that “Your great task in Evangelisation is therefore to propose a personal relationship with Christ as key to complete fulfilment.” Personalist language also appears throughout what is known as the *Lineamenta* document for the synod, released two weeks before this address to the Filipino bishops. This document was distributed to create discussion throughout the world and provide input from bishops and local churches. This feedback would help form a working document for the synod itself. The *Lineamenta* defines the goal of evangelisation as the “realisation of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ in the Spirit, thereby leading to an experiencing of His Father and our Father.” (no. 11) Evangelisation is always Trinitarian, but not in an abstract, theoretical manner. It is about experiencing a person or persons, and the goal of evangelisation is to bring people to Jesus Christ so they can then be filled with the Holy Spirit and come to know God the Father. The Holy Spirit who fills us is the Spirit of adoption, who speaks to our spirits so that we cry out, “Abba! Father!” (Romans 8:15) It is totally Trinitarian. This is the goal of evangelisation.

For many traditionally minded Catholics, the recurrence of terms such as *evangelisation* and *personal relationship* with Jesus seems, well, not quite Catholic. In my first month at my present parish, when I would speak in this way, many parishioners would say, “Father, this just doesn’t sound very Catholic.” That the average Catholic struggles even today with evangelisation is seen in the reason for the synod topic given in the *Lineamenta* document: “That despite the fact that the expression (the New Evangelisation) is widely known in the Church it has failed to be accepted fully and totally.” (no. 5) The document says this in spite of the fact that 30 years had passed since Pope John Paul II first spoke about it. What more can we do to demonstrate that this language is quintessentially “Catholic”?

Being Christian and “being Church” means being missionary; one is or is not. Loving one’s faith implies bearing witness to it, binging it to others and allowing others to participate in it. (no. 10)

So just as we were beginning to make peace with the term “evangelise,” along comes this even more evangelically Protestant-sounding language from the Pope and Vatican documents: *personal relationship* and *personal encounter*.

We remember in our prayers

Recently deceased: Tom Ratnasabapathy (Funeral Tuesday 10:30am)

Anniversaries: Rosa Aminta De Gomar, Angel Valencia and Family, Carlo Cosma

Sick & their carers: Roy Hayman, 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 (102/250 envelopes returned)

Church Envelope: \$1251.40 **Church Loose:** \$447.30

Presbytery Envelopes: \$619.70 **Presbytery Loose:** \$841.90

Shepherds & Angels—Children are invited to dress as angels and shepherd and form part of the entrance procession at the 6:00pm vigil mass on Christmas eve.

Rosters for the Christmas Masses—Please complete the blank roster in the Narthex of the Church.

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

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—Thank you for your generosity towards our special collection for Melbourne Overseas Mission last weekend. We managed to raise \$776.70.

Bake Sale—bake sale this weekend, 14th and 15th December 2019. Please support our efforts and the parish. Thank you to our bakers. Your efforts are much appreciated by all.



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 | 22 DECEMBER 2019—Sunday Year C

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
Reader	1 Maria Paiva	Gina Caminiti	Ted Smith
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	1 Doreen Hickey	Yvonne Hepponstall	Roni Asalemo
	2 Tina Murrian	Marlene Marshall	Tuala Asalemo
	3 N/A	N/A	Reji Abraham
Hospitality	(Team 8) Charlene and Tony Perez		
Monash Medical Centre	(Team 2) Jackie Hayman, Rodney Narcis, Tina Murrian		
Counters	(Team 2) Chris Lewis, Rita Yuwanti		
Church Cleaners	(Team 4) Marlene Marshall, Anna Wei Tang (Friday - 27/12/19)		
Linen	Angela Bruno		