

Featurettes

Ferials and Feasts this week

Sunday—Second Sunday of Advent
Monday—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday—Tuesday of the Second week of Advent
Wednesday—Wednesday of the Second week of Advent
Thursday—Thursday of the Second week of Advent
Friday—St Lucy, *Memorial*
Saturday— St John of the Cross, *Memorial*

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.

Note the Change of Date

The Carols In the Courtyard on Monday the 9th December at 6:00pm. This event will run in the School Court Yard. Enter through the double gates. For the frail or elderly, please enter via the parish hall entrance.

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. \$2 each or \$10 per book.

Youth



Christmas Carols and Lessons

Invitation to Chaplaincy Christmas Carols & Lessons, Monash Religious Centre, Clayton Campus, Time: 7:30 pm — Tuesday, 10th December 2019. Light refreshments served at the conclusion of the service. All Welcome!

Christmas 2019

Advent Reconciliation

Friday, 13th December at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve, Monday 24 December

5:30pm—Carols followed by

6:00pm—Vigil Mass

11:30pm—Carols followed by

Mass During the Night 12:00am

Christmas Day, Monday 25 December

8:00am—Morning Mass

9:30am—Solemn Mass

11:15am—Mass in Italian

New Year's Day, Tuesday 1 January

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

Christmas Lunch

25th December 2019 with lunch 12:30pm to 4:00pm. St Peter's Clayton Community Centre, 15 Mary Street, Clayton. are welcome. Please RSVP to the parish office on 95441516 by 10th December for catering purposes. 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.

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.

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.



DETAILS		MASS SCHEDULE	
PARISH		Weekend Mass Times	
Address:	258 Clayton Road, Clayton, 3168	Saturday (Vigil)	6:00pm
Phone:	9544 1516	Sunday	8:00am
Fax:	9544 1089		9:30am
Email:	clayton@cam.org.au		11:15am (English & Italian)
Website:	www.stpetersclayton.com		4:30pm (Malayalam 2nd and 4th Sundays)
Parish Priest:	Rev. Fr Andrew McCarter	Weekday Masses	
Assistant Priest:	Rev. Fr Patrick Bradford	Monday	9:00am
Deacon:	Rev. Dcn Hubert Fernando		7:00pm (Malayalam)
Domestic Support:	Seda Peters	Tuesday	9:00am
Office Hours:		Wednesday	9:00am
Monday, Wednesday—Friday:	9:30am—4:30pm		7:00pm (Mass & Novena)
Tuesday:	Closed	Thursday	9:00am
PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL		Friday	9:00am
Address:	16 Mary St, Clayton, 3168		2:30pm (Divine Mercy)
Phone:	9544 3032	Saturday	9:00am
Email:	principal@spclayton.catholic.edu.au	Other Sacraments	
Principal:	Sharon Daujat	Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am (or by appointment)	
Secretaries:	Margaret Nahon and Rebecca Burt	Marriages and Baptism: By appointment and at least 6 months notice	
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL		Anointing of the Sick: Please call parish office	
Sacred Heart College, Oakleigh:	9568 5488		
Mazenod College, Mulgrave:	9560 0911		
Salesian College, Chadstone:	9807 2644		
Killester College, Springvale:	9547 5000		

Second Sunday of Advent—Year A

8th December 2019

Our Baptism With The Holy Spirit and Fire—May the Lord who gave us this baptism purify us in our celebration today; for he can brook nothing that lacks integrity and truth. Then, through the Spirit of our baptism, united in heart and voice, we will be able to give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.
SECOND READING: Rom 15:4-9
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
 All people shall see the salvation of God.
 Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Mt 3:1-12

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-6. 10
SECOND READING: James 5:7-10
GOSPEL: Mt 11:2-11



House of Prayer

Rev. Fr James Mallon

Pope Paul VI (cont...)

There is much confusion today about the necessity of using words to achieve the goal of evangelisation. We have all heard that saying attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi: “Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.” In spite of the popularity of this phrase, it appears to be a kind of ecclesiastical urban myth. A search of the Franciscan Omnibus of Sources will not turn up this quote. Saint Francis appears never to have said this, and, in any case, it is erroneous. Saint Paul tells us that “Faith comes from what is heard.” (Romans 10:17) Certainly, however, there is a primacy to the witness of life. We instinctively cringe when we encounter someone who is not living it but is spouting it. However, it is not an *either/or* situation, it is *both/and*, and *both/and* is a sound Catholic principle. The witness of life must come first, but it must lead to the word of life being proclaimed. Without actions, our words are not believed by our cynical post-modern, post-Christian society, but without words, our actions are not understood. Saint Peter says, “Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15), and so does Pope Paul II, when he insists that evangelisation must be “made explicit by a clear and unequivocal proclamation of the Lord Jesus.”

There is no true evangelisation if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed. (EN, no. 22)

Although he gives a broad definition of evangelisation throughout the document, he makes it clear, then, that evangelisation will also always contain—as the foundation, centre, and at the same time, summit of its dynamism—a clear proclamation that, in Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, who died and rose from the dead, salvation is offered to all men, as a gift of God’s grace and mercy. (EN, no. 22)

In this beautiful one-sentence definition of the Good News, Pope Paul prepares the way for a development that would emerge in the writings of Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict, Pope Francis and magisterial documents around the topic of the New Evangelisation. The Church’s pastoral methodology must be broad, but evangelisation *qua* evangelisation is essentially kergmatic and leads to an encounter with the person of Jesus. It does not just communicate information about him or his

teaching, but consists in the very encounter that makes one become a disciple.

Pope John Paul II

Within three years of the writing of this still pivotal document, after the 33-day ministry of Pope John Paul I in 1978, Karol Cardinal Wojtyla of Krakow would put on the fisherman’s ring and continue to advance the notions of the universal call to holiness and mission that he encountered at the Second Vatican Council. *Evangelii Nuntiandi* was an apostolic exhortation, written after a synod of bishops who gathered in Rome in 1974 to discuss the meaning, definition and relevance of evangelisation. Karol Wojtyla worked at the Synod as the General Secretary and played a major role in the drafting of the document. Within eight months of his election as Pope John Paul II in 1978, the man who had played no small role in the formulation of key documents of the Council and in the writing of *Evangelii Nuntiandi* itself would coin the phrase “the New Evangelisation” during his first papal visit to Poland on June 9, 1979. He used the term then, but did not define it until four years later. He did this during an address to CELAM, the Latin American Bishops’ Conference, in 1983, saying that the New Evangelisation would be “new in its ardour, in its methods, and in its expression.”

The theme of evangelisation appeared continuously throughout his ministry and his writings. From his encyclical letter *Redemptoris Missio* (“The Mission of the Redeemer,” in English), published in 1990, he said this:

I sense the moment has come to commit all of the Church’s energies to a new evangelisation and to the missions *ad gentes* (to the nations). No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all people. (RM, no. 3)

Saint John Paul unequivocally states that the proclamation of Christ is not only the summit of all evangelising activity, but is the supreme duty of the Church and every individual believer. None of us can avoid it. He builds on this theme in his Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (On Entering the New Millennium) from 2001 to mark the close of the Great Jubilee year.

This passion will not fail to stir in the Church a new sense of mission which cannot be left to a group of “specialists” but must involve the responsibility of all the members of the people of God. Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep Him for themselves, they must proclaim him. (no. 40)

We remember in our prayers

Recently deceased: Kevin Waters (Funeral prayers Wednesday 11am)

Anniversaries: Loh Yang Cho,

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 (101/250 envelopes returned)

Church Envelope: \$1138.10 **Church Loose:** \$465.80

Presbytery Envelopes: \$530.00 **Presbytery Loose:** \$721.70

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

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.

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards—On sale in the Piety Stall.

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 this weekend 7th and 8th December for Melbourne Overseas Mission and the needy work in various parts of the world. Please support.

Bake Sale—The next bake sale will be next weekend, 14th and 15th December 2019. Please place your orders as they are now open until Wednesday.



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 | 15 DECEMBER 2019—Sunday Year C

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
Reader	1 Lorelyn Legas	Timothy Lim	Nancy Putrino
Extraordinary Minister of	1 Tina Murrian	Peter Fitzsimmons	Charlene Perez
	2 Maria Paiva	Jovita Calma	Tony Perez
	3 N/A	N/A	Leanne Smith
Hospitality	(Team 6) Mary and Charlie Grech		
Monash Medical Centre	(Team 3) Lester De Souza, Mildred De Souza, Luan Viegas		
Counters	(Team 6) Sheila Cyril, Shantha Nazareth		
Church Cleaners	(Team 2) Charlie Grech, Anna Wei Tang (Friday - 20/12/19)		
Linen	Vittoria Strangis		