

Featurettes

Ferials and Feasts this week

Sunday—Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday—St Martin of Tours, *Memorial*
Tuesday—St Josaphat, *Memorial*
Wednesday—Wednesday of the Thirty Second Week in O T
Thursday—Thursday of the Thirty Second Week in O T
Friday—Friday of the Thirty Second Week in O T
Saturday— Saturday of the Thirty Second Week in O T

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 will run dance classes in the Parish Hall on Friday nights between 7:00pm and 8:00pm. Hope to see many of you there! Starting Soon!

Parish Annual General Meeting

Parish Annual General Meeting to be held today on Sunday, 10th November 2019 at 2:00pm followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Community Centre. All are invited to attend.

Parish School Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for Foundation (Prep) 2020 for those children who will be 5 years of age before 30 April 2020. Please come and see our friendly staff in the office for an enrolment form.

Youth



Spring Ball

Annual Ball hosted by Saints Peter and Paul's Parish South Melbourne. Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 7:00pm—11:30 PM. The Hall @ Saints Peter and Paul's, South Melbourne. Dress: Cocktail. \$50 each or \$45 each for groups of 10. For more information and for booking, go to Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2687949381280980/>

November—Month of Prayer for the Faithful Departed

In November we pray for our faithfully departed. Please collect an envelope for November Masses for the Holy Souls from the narthex. Envelopes can be put in the plate or handed to Fr Andrew and Fr Patrick, or brought to the Parish Office. As stipulated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, each November Mass for the dead is \$20.00 per Mass.

Pre-School Playgroup

Do you have pre-school (0—5years) children? Come and join our playgroup! Families meet in the school Library on Tuesdays from 9-10am or Friday from 9-10am. We would love to meet you and welcome you to our school community.

Columban Calendars

The 2020 Columban Calendars will be on sale next 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!

Parish Recognition Luncheon

An invitation is extended to all our volunteers who fulfil various ministries within our parish community. A recognition luncheon will be held on Sunday 24th November at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall. Could all volunteers please contact the parish office or email the parish to RSVP for catering purposes by 20th November 2019.

A Vocation View

As the Church-year comes to a close, may the Lord Jesus strengthen your heart for every good work and word. May you live your vocation.

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

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

10th November 2019

Such Sure Hope—However cruelly the world may treat us, we can always rejoice in the glorious future promised us by Christ, when we will be filled with the vision of God's glory.

FIRST READING: 2Macc 7:1-2, 9—14
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.
SECOND READING: 2Thess 2:16—3:5
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Lk 20:27—38

NEXT WEEK'S READING:
 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

FIRST READING: Mal 3:19-20
SECOND READING: 2Thess 3:7-12
GOSPEL: Lk 21:5-19



House of Prayer

Rev. Fr James Mallon

Déjà Vu (cont...)

As I watched the movie, it struck me that this was a metaphor for the Church. We exist for mission. Like Jesus, we have been sent to “seek and save” those who are perishing, and there are plenty of seats available in the lifeboats. Yet, so often as a Church, we sit at a safe distance, more concerned with our own needs and comfort. Perhaps if a few people swam over to us, we would help them, but going to them? This is not just a question of our comfort zones being challenged—it is totally outside of our frame of reference, because we have so thoroughly forgotten our identity. Lifeboats exist to rescue people. So does the Church. We maintain our lifeboats, we paint them, we serve the people in them and keep them in good order and hold card socials, but we do not use them for the purpose for which they were created. Any crew member would dare to disrupt life on the lifeboat will quickly hear a chorus of complaints from the passengers who are adverse to being inconvenienced in any way. We lament the tragedy of the loss of faith, secularisation, church closures and so on, but it does not occur to us to pick up the oars and row.

The Mission

So, if we exist for mission, what is the mission of the Church? To answer this question, we turn to the last verses of Matthew’s Gospel, to the passage known as the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19-20) Here, the wavering disciples are told to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” Translations of this text vary slightly, but what is obvious is that Jesus gave his nascent Church four tasks: go, make, baptise and teach. Of these four imperatives, we find in the original Greek that one of them is a finite verb and three are participles. A finite verb is always the grammatical hinge of a sentence, and participles are verbal nouns that, although they qualify a sentence, ultimately make sense only in reference to the finite verb. So it is with the Great Commission. One of these verbs is the grammatical centre of the sentence and thus, also, the theological centre. Over the years, when speaking at conferences, I have asked groups to choose which of the four verbs is the hinge of the Great Commission and, therefore, the heart of our purpose, the very task that gives us our identity. I have asked groups of lay people, priests and even bishops. I have asked large groups and

small groups, and all with the same result. The right answer is always chosen by the least amount of people, and not just by a few but by an insanelly small minority. Once, from a group of 600, only two people chose the right answer. Once, from a group of over 3,000 people, only about 20 people chose the right answer. These disproportionate results reflect the identity crisis that afflicts our Church and reveal a deep, unconscious bias against the very task that the Lord placed at the heart of his mandate.

Which do you choose: to go, to make, to baptise or to teach? Here’s the answer:

The finite verb is “make” - literally, “make disciples” (*matheteusate*). This task is the very heart of the Great Commission, and it is around the making of disciples that all the other missionary aspects of the Church revolve: the going, the baptising and the teaching. Think about this: in recent centuries, the Catholic Church had the distinction of being a great missionary Church. We went. We have a rich didactic tradition and are famed for our schools and universities and curricula. We teach. We surely know how to baptise and celebrate all the other sacraments, but our one pastoral weakness, the task we struggle with the most, is that which lies at the very heart of Christ’s commission to the Church: to make disciples.

Making Disciples

What do we mean by making disciples? In Church culture, we often use terms such as “disciple” or “apostle” without understanding the meaning of these words, but “disciple” is so key to our mandate from Jesus that we ought to know its meaning. The word in Greek for “disciple” is *machetes*, which, in turn, comes from the verb *manthanein*, meaning “to learn” (think of the term “math”). To be a disciple is to be a learner. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be engaged in a lifelong process of learning from and about Jesus the master, Jesus the teacher. The English term “disciple” comes from the Latin *discipulus*, and provides the connotation that this learning process is not haphazard, but intentional and disciplined. To become a disciple is to commit to such a process of growth.

But how many of our parishioners does this term honestly describe? We all have people in our churches who are passionate about their faith, committed and hungry to grow and learn, but they are, sadly, a small minority who often are considered a little odd by “normal Catholics”. When I speak to pastors, they will often admit that this designation describes about 6 to 10% of regularly attending Catholics—at most, 20%, if a parish is particularly vibrant. We have a real problem before us.

We remember in our prayers

Recently deceased: Marisa Gavillucci

Anniversaries: Filomena Soares, All deceased members of Valencia & Bacani Family, Leonarda Mui

Sick & their carers: Tracey Baynosa, Letty Lozano, Kitty Dai Yun Zhang, 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

Beta Night for Alpha Grads—Are you an Alpha graduate? Take the next step! Thursday, 28th November 2019 at 7:00pm—9:00pm in the St Peter’s Parish Community Centre. Looking forward to seeing many of you there! Pot luck dinner so bring a dish to share!

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!

Bake Sale—The next bake sale will be next weekend, 16th and 17th November 2019. Please place your orders as they are now open until Wednesday.

Special Collection Catholic Deaf—There will be a special collection taken up this weekend for the Catholic Deaf as advertised in the Parish Directory. Please support this worthy cause.



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 | 17 NOVEMBER 2019—Sunday Year C

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
Reader	1 Chico’s	Luan Viegas	Ace Octavio
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	1 Tina Murrian	Peter Fitzsimmons	Mary Grech
	2 Maria Paiva	Jovy Calma	Charlie Grech
	3 N/A	N/A	Leanne Smith
Hospitality	(Team 7) Knights of the Southern Cross		
Monash Medical Centre	(Team 3) Lester De Souza, Mildred De Souza, Luan Viegas		
Counters	(Team 2) Chris Lewis, Rita Yuwanthi		
Church Cleaners	(Team 4) Marlene Marshall, Anna Wei Tang (Friday 22/11/19)		
Linen	Vittoria Strangis		