

Featurettes

Ferials and Feasts this week

Sunday—Sunday of the Thirty First in Ordinary Time
Monday—St Charles Borromeo, *bishop, Memorial*
Tuesday—Tuesday of the Thirty First in Ordinary Time
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Thursday—Thursday of the Thirty First in Ordinary Time
Friday—Friday of the Thirty First in Ordinary Time
Saturday— The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, *Feast*

Assistant Priest Appointment

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has appointed Fr Patrick Bradford as Assistant Priest of St Peter's, Clayton with effect 6th November 2019. We wish him every blessing as he begins with us at St Peter's and hope that his ministry will be a fruitfully rich one. We shall welcome him at morning tea on Thursday, 7th November 2019. All are welcome.

Keep the Date Free

New Years Eve Dance, St Peter's Parish Hall, 16 Mary Street, Clayton from 7:00pm to 12:30am. 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 on Sunday, 10th November 2019 at 2:00pm followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Community Centre. All are invited to attend.

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/>

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.

Memorial Mass

We, as a parish, extend an invitation to you and your families to our Annual Memorial Mass. This Mass, 8th November 2019 at 7:00pm, is a time to commemorate and reflect on the lives of your loved ones who have gone before us in faith during the last 12 months. If your loved one has died in the last year, please bring a photo and place it on the table provided by 6:45pm.

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.

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.

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.

A Vocation View

Do whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today.



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Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Patrick Bradford
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Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday—Friday: 9:30am—4:30pm
Tuesday: Closed

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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

DETAILS

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

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

3rd November 2019

Jesus In Our Midst— To him the whole world is like a grain of dust. Yet he loves all that exists; and comes to dwell with sinners.

FIRST READING: Wis 11:22—12:2
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and and my God.
SECOND READING: 2 Thess 1:11—2:2
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
 Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Lk 19:1—10

NEXT WEEK'S READING: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

FIRST READING: 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9—14
SECOND READING: 2 Thess 2:16—3:5
GOSPEL: Lk 20:27—38



House of Prayer

Rev. Fr James Mallon

The Temple (cont...)

Most scholars agree that this part of the Book of Isaiah (chapters 56—66) was written in the sixth century BC, and that this prophecy comes from the time of exile before the temple was rebuilt in 520 BC, the original temple of Solomon having been completely destroyed by the Babylonians. It is clearly God’s intention not only for the temple, but for the nation of Israel itself, to be a conduit of salvation for all people. We find hints of this great universal vocation throughout the Scriptures, but especially in the prophets and, in particular, in the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah chapter 49, in what is known as the Second Song of the Servant, was written during the exile and speaks of the restoration of the people of Israel, but goes on to expand Israel’s vocation:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6)

Mindful of this call, he who was declared in that very temple from the lips of Simeon (Luke 2:29—32) to be the embodiment and fulfilment of this prophecy now beheld a temple that did not reflect the radical inclusion of all nations through the exclusive choice of Israel. Rather, he beheld a people who had forgotten their vocation, who had robbed the Gentiles of their inclusion into God’s covenant. They had decided that it was enough to keep it all for themselves. They were content with the status quo, they were content with their worship and ritual, and they had forgotten their purpose—their identity that the prophets of Israel had pointed out, often at their own cost.

The very architecture of the temple communicated this theology of exclusion. Gentiles could ascend to the sacred Temple Mount and be present in what was known as “The Court of the Gentiles,” but were forbidden to enter the gates of the temple. From there, access to the Holy of Holies, the inner sanctuary, was limited by varying degrees of proscription. After the Court of the Gentiles was the Court of the Women, then the Court of the Israelites, to which only Jewish men could be admitted. Next was the Court of the Priests, and lastly the Holy of Holies, into which only the High Priest could enter once a year. The Holy of Holies originally housed the Ark of the Covenant in Solomon’s Temple, and was separated by a veil, the same veil that was torn in two when Jesus died on the cross. By his death and resurrection, Jesus allows the temple of his body to be destroyed and

rebuilt so that in his person, he manifests the new temple of God, where earth is joined to heaven. In this temple there are no more walls of separation. (Ephesians 2:14) There is now no Jew and Greek, no male and female. (Galatians 3:28) All are priests and have access to the Holy of Holies. Jesus fulfils in his person the destiny of Israel. All of the ancient prophecies of radical inclusion are fulfilled exclusively by this only Son of God, the Son of David, Jesus the Messiah. The mission of inclusion is handed on to the New Israel, the ones who are called out by Jesus, his ekklesia, to go and make disciples of all nations. But then, we too would eventually forget this and become satisfied with keeping it all for ourselves.

Déjà Vu

The identity crisis in our Church today is not unlike the one that existed at the time of Jesus. It is said that it’s not so much that the Church of Christ has a mission, as that the mission of Jesus Christ has a Church. We, however, have so forgotten our essential missionary calling that we have contented ourselves with maintenance and serving ourselves. That the Church exists for the sake of mission has been asserted by popes and theologians continuously for the last 50 years, but most Catholics perceive mission as something that a select few carry out in far-off places, and most parishes, crippled by a culture of maintenance, focus at best on meeting the needs of parishioners. Like Israel at the time of Jesus, we have become robbers of the people of God has appointed us to reach, that his “salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6)

April 14, 2012, was the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. My home city of Halifax was deeply affected by these commemorations, as it had played a key role in the rescue operations. As I write these words, I am aware that the cemetery that holds the remains of those victims who were recovered is a short distance away. On the night of the anniversary, I watched the old black-and-white movie A Night to Remember. It reminded me that many of the lifeboats launched from the stricken vessel that night were no more than half filled. In fact, in the eighteen lifeboats that launched from the ship, there were a total of 472 unused spaces. After the ship disappeared below the water, around 1,500 people floundered in the icy waters while the lifeboats sat at a safe distance and watched. Only two of the eighteen lifeboats went to rescue survivors. They transferred passengers to maximise free space, and it is a recorded fact that some of the first-class passengers complained about terrible inconvenience. By the time those in lifeboats had recalled their purpose and had gone among the victims, only nine people were found alive, and three of these eventually succumbed to hypothermia.

We remember in our prayers

Recently deceased: Giovanna Santomaggio, Gemma Carnevale

Anniversaries: Lorraine McCarter, Bobby Jonker, Severo and Eduardo Calma, Martina & Ignacio Dayonot, Demetria Yaming, Emilio Tenuta, Pietro Perua, All deceased members of the Magtoto & Cunanan Family

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!

Holy Hour—Sunday, 3rd November at 6:00pm in the Church followed by refreshments afterwards.

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! There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 6th November at 8:00pm in the Parish House after the novena Mass.

Special Collection for World Mission Sunday—Thank you for your generosity with \$983.70 being raised.

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



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 | 10 NOVEMBER 2019—Sunday Year C

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
Reader	1 Tina Murrian	Gina Caminiti	Brenda Hiu
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	1 Maria Paiva	Lester De Souza	Charlene Perez
	2 Doreen Hickey	Mildred De Souza	Tony Perez
	3 N/A	N/A	Betty Holdsworth
Hospitality	(Team) St Peter’s Primary School		
Monash Medical Centre	(Team 1) Denise Riordan, Lester De Souza, Mildred De Souza		
Counters	(Team 6) Sheila Cyril, Shantha Nazareth		
Church Cleaners	(Team 4) Volunteer, Anna Wei Tang (Friday 15/11/19)		
Linen	Arlene De Souza		