

Featurettes

Ferials and Feasts this week

Sunday—Sunday of the Thirtieth in Ordinary Time
Monday—St Simon and Jude, *apostle, Feast*
Tuesday—Tuesday of the Thirtieth in Ordinary Time
Wednesday—Wednesday of the Thirtieth in Ordinary Time
Thursday—Thursday of the Thirtieth in Ordinary Time
Friday—All Saints, *Solemnity*
Saturday— All Soul's Day

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 welcome.

Best Wishes

Our parish secretary, Sumitha Moses, has found full time employment and will leave us on 31st October. We thank her for her dedication and hard work at St Peter's. Sumitha has brought to our parish office a warm presence which makes anyone feel welcome. She will be sorely and sadly missed. We will farewell her at morning tea on Thursday, 31st October after the 9:00am mass. God bless you, Sumitha!

Bake Sale

The bake sale raised \$1466.00 for the ongoing expenses of the parish. Many thanks for your support! The next one will be 16th and 17th November 2019. We are most grateful for our bakers, cooks, sweet toothers and their generosity.

Youth



Catholic Women's Discernment Retreat

You are invited to a weekend of prayer, silence and guided meditations together with the Carmelites, Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia, Nazareth Sisters, MGLs and the Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Open to single women aged 18-35yo. Friday 25th - Sunday 27th October 2019. Nazareth House, 16 Cornell Street, Camberwell. Cost: \$150.00 / Day visit: \$50.00. For more information and

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.

bookings for the Catholic Women's Discernment Retreat: www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=556763&

A Vocation View

If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, Listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do.



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| Parish Priest: | Rev. Fr Andrew McCarter |
| Assistant Priest: | TBA |
| Deacon: | Rev. Dcn Hubert Fernando |
| Secretary: | Sumitha Moses |
| Domestic Support: | Seda Peters |
| Office Hours: | |
| Monday, Wednesday—Friday: | 9:30am—4:30pm |
| Tuesday: | Closed |
| PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL | |
| Address: | 16 Mary St, Clayton, 3168 |
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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 |

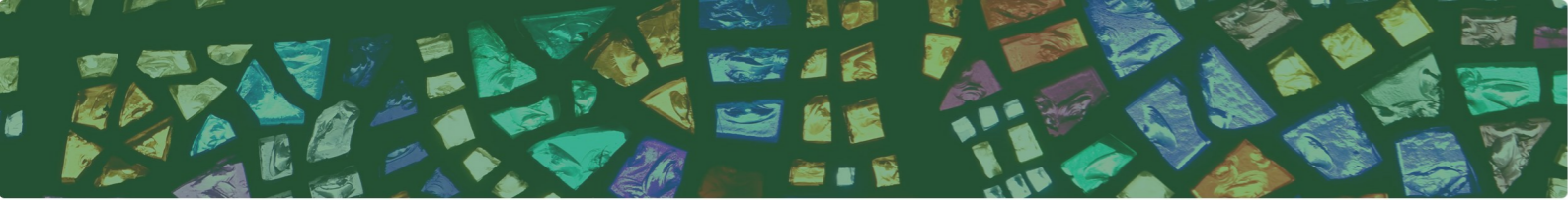
| MASS SCHEDULE | |
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| Weekend Mass Times | |
| Saturday (Vigil) | 6:00pm |
| Sunday | 8:00am |
| | 9:30am |
| | 11:15am (English & Italian) |
| | 4:30pm (Malayalam 2nd and 4th Sundays) |
| Weekday Masses | |
| Monday | 9:00am |
| | 7:00pm (Malayalam) |
| 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 |

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C 27th October 2019

The Lord, The Righteous Judge - The Lord is our judge. The one thing we know for certain about his judgement is that it favours the humble, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

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| FIRST READING: | Eccl 35:12-14, 16-19 |
| RESPONSORIAL PSALM: | The Lord hears the cry of the poor. |
| SECOND READING: | 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 |
| GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: | Alleluia, Alleluia! |
| | God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. |
| | Alleluia! |
| GOSPEL: | Lk 18:9-14 |

| NEXT WEEK'S READING: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C | |
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| FIRST READING: | Wis 11:22 - 12:2 |
| SECOND READING: | Thes 1:11 - 2:2 |
| GOSPEL: | Lk 19:1 - 10 |



House of Prayer

Rev. Fr James Mallon

Remembering Our Identity and Purpose

The key to regaining the buildings of every parish I’ve ever led was to address the very reason they were turned over to community groups to begin with. It’s all about identity.

There is much talk in our Church today about crises. We are told that we have a vocations crisis, a family crisis, a marriage crisis, a financial crisis, a faith crisis, a sexual abuse crisis, a leadership crisis and St Peter’s crisis. While there may be much valuable discussion around these issues, I contend that our deepest crisis is an identity crisis, and that these other crises are but symptoms of this deepest crisis of all: we have forgotten who we are and what we are called to do as a Church. When this happens, we soon forget not only what our buildings are for, but why we exist as a Church to begin with.

The Temple

This present age is not the first time the People of God have needed to recall their true identity. Over the last few years, I have had the pleasure of leading groups on pilgrimages to the Holy Land. I love doing it and it is always an unforgettable experience. On our first full day in Jerusalem, we walk down the Mount of Olives, from which you have an amazing view of the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock. Before ascending to the Garden of Gethsemane, we pause at the Church of *Dominus Fleuit*, the site associated with Jesus’ weeping over the city of Jerusalem. (Luke 19:41-44) It is not uncommon to hear tour guides telling the story of how Jesus cleansed the temple of money changers because he was angry that commerce was taking place within the sacred precincts. This is a most common understanding of this action of Jesus, but it is misunderstood. It has more to do with card socials and Scout gatherings than we might imagine.

Fr. Robert Barron, in his beautiful *Catholicism* series, echoes the research of biblical scholar N.T. Wright in speaking about the intentionality of Jesus presenting himself as the Jewish Messiah as he enters the city of Jerusalem. Descending the Mount of Olives riding a colt and entering the city from the East through the Golden Gate, says Barron, would be the equivalent of entering Washington, D.C., in a black stretch limo, with U.S. flags mounted on the front of the car, accompanied by a police escort. The point is that everything was planned and intentional. One of the tasks the Messiah was to fulfil was the restoration of the temple. In Mark’s Gospel, after Jesus enters the city to the sound of Messianic

acclamations, he immediately enters the temple. Then something odd happens. Saint Mark tells us that Jesus then took a look around, checked the time, realised it was late and left with the Twelve to spend the night in Bethany.

It is not until the next morning that Jesus enters the temple and begins to drive out those who are selling and buying. He upsets the tables of the money changers “and would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.” (Mark 11:15-16) This was not a spontaneous, passionate outburst by Jesus. It was not a moment of righteous indignation at finding a marketplace in his Father’s house. It was a cool and collected Jesus who intentionally made a symbolic gesture. He was not shocked at what he found in the temple. He had been going there his whole life, and buying and selling animals was a necessary part of the worship of the people, as the temple was where sacrificial offerings were made. It is not even anger towards the money changers who added an exchange rate when changing currency from multiple nations into the unique temple currency, the only money with which the sacrificial animals could be bought. Notice that Jesus’ action does not just interrupt those making money, but even those who were buying or even trying to enter the inner courts of the temple. Jesus shuts down the entire temple for a period of time and invokes the authority of the prophets. The quote Jesus gives the astonished crowds is from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 56:7); he then makes a reference to Jeremiah’s prophecy against the first temple (Jeremiah 7:11): “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’. But you have made it a den of robbers.” (Mark 11:17)

The Jeremiah reference, when viewed in its original context, would seem to identify the robbers with those charging exorbitant amounts to people who had no other options, just like hot dog vendors in sports stadiums today. However, the key to understanding Jesus’ actions is the first quote, from Isaiah, where God reminds the Jewish people that the temple was intended to be a house of prayer for all people, that God’s exclusive choice of Israel was intended towards the most generous inclusion of all nations:

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord... these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. (Isaiah 56:6)

We remember in our prayers

Recently deceased: Rev. Fr Chris Toms PP (Jordanville) and Rev. Fr Joseph Yu PE (Northcote)

Anniversaries: Victor, Paul, Esmael Oliveira, Pat Thomson, Sam and Josie Putrino, Anna Del Raso and all deceased members of the Calma 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, 31st October 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!

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.

Holy Hour—Next week, 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—There will be a special collection for World Mission Sunday at all masses this weekend.



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 | 3 NOVEMBER 2019—Sunday Year C

| | 6:00pm | 8:00am | 9:30am |
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| Reader | 1 Lloyd De Souza | Mark Szymczak | Neil Daly |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | 1 Doreen Hickey | Lee Calma | Sr.Monica Tuohey |
| | 2 Tina Murrian | Jovy Calma | Betty Holdsworth |
| | 3 N/A | N/A | Maria Paiva |
| Hospitality | (Team 8) Charlene Perez, Tony Perez | | |
| Monash Medical Centre | (Team 4) Tonka Rako, Wanda Fiumara | | |
| Counters | (Team 1) Laeta Tabak, Neil Daly | | |
| Church Cleaners | (Team 3) Betty Holdsworth, Lucy Araujo, Shine Xavier Kaitharath (Friday 08/11/19) | | |
| Linen | Domenica Cosma | | |