

## Featurettes

### Ferials and Feasts this week

<b>Sunday</b>	Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday
<b>Monday</b>	The Annunciation of the Lord
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter
<b>Wednesday</b>	St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
<b>Thursday</b>	Thursday of the Second Week of Easter
<b>Friday</b>	Friday of the Second Week of Easter
<b>Saturday</b>	Saturday of the Second Week of Easter

### Farewell from Fr John Gandini

This Sunday will be my last Sunday with you. I will be returning to Italy to assist my brother. I promise to remember you in my prayers and I hope that you will do the same for me. May the Lord Bless you all, Fr John.

### Informal Morning Tea for Fr John

There will be an informal morning tea for Fr John Gandini after the 11:15am Mass this Sunday, 8th April 2018 in the Community Centre. Please attend!

### Parish Pastoral Planning Group Decision

It was decided last Tuesday evening that Fr Andrew and Fr Thomas will continue to celebrate the 11:15am Sunday Mass.

### Youth



### Accommodation needed

**Urgently needed!** A Vietnamese Monash Univeristy student is seeking accomodation while he studies at univeristy. He is looking for a family, living close to Monash Univeristy, who may have a spare room and wish to have a student to live with them. It would need to accomodation that would need to be conducive to study. Please contact the parish office for further information and contact details.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday, as declared by Pope Saint John Paul II on 30th April 2000 is a day when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. In one of the most extraordinary homilies of his pontificate, Pope Saint John Paul II repeated three times that Saint Faustina is "God's gift to our time." She made the message of Divine Mercy the "bridge to the third millennium." He then said, "By this act of canonization of Saint Faustina I intend today to pass this message on to the third millennium. I pass it on to all people, so that they will learn to know ever better the true face of God and the true face of their neighbour. In fact, love of God and love of one's neighbour are inseparable."

### Mass for Expectant Mothers

The Life, Marriage and Family Office warmly invites all expectant mothers and their families to the 2018 Mass for Expectant Mothers, to be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart on Sunday 27 May, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition at the Mass. Please note that registration closes on Friday 18 May. Details and registration: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or phone on 9287 5587 or email: [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au)

### Vocations Views

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you...".

*Is the Lord calling you the priesthood or religious life? Seek the Lord and he will find you!*

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.



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Andrew McCarter | **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Thomas Kuruville

DETAILS		MASS SCHEDULE
<b>PARISH</b>		
<b>Address:</b>	258 Clayton Road, Clayton, 3168	<b>Weekend Mass Times</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	9544 1516	Saturday (Vigil) 6:00pm
<b>Fax:</b>	9544 1089	Sunday 8:00am
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:clayton@cam.org.au">clayton@cam.org.au</a>	9:30am
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stpetersclayton.com">www.stpetersclayton.com</a>	11:15am (English and Italian)
<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Lisa Smith	4:30pm (Malayalam)
<b>Domestic Support:</b>	Seda Peters	<b>Weekday Masses</b>
<b>Office Hours:</b>		Monday 9:00am
<b>Monday</b>	11:00am—5:00pm	7:00pm (Malayalam)
<b>Tuesday—Friday</b>	9:00am—4:00pm	Tuesday 9:00am
<b>PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>		Wednesday 9:00am
<b>Address:</b>	16 Mary St, Clayton, 3168	7:00pm (Mass & Novena)
<b>Phone:</b>	9544 3032	Thursday 9:00am
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:principal@spclayton.catholic.edu.au">principal@spclayton.catholic.edu.au</a>	Friday 9:00am
<b>Principal:</b>	Mrs Therese Stewart (Acting Principal)	2:30pm Divine Mercy
<b>Secretary:</b>	Ms Margaret Nahon	Saturday 9:00am
<b>CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>		<b>Other Sacraments</b>
<b>Sacred Heart College, Oakleigh:</b>	9568 5488	<b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 9:30am (or by appointment)
<b>Mazenod College, Mulgrave:</b>	9560 0911	<b>Marriages and Baptism:</b> By appointment
<b>Salesian College, Chadstone:</b>	9807 2644	<b>Anointing of the Sick:</b> Please call parish office
<b>Killester College, Springvale:</b>	9547 5000	

## Second Sunday of Easter — Year B

8th April 2018

*Faith: Our Victory Over the World*

*We come together today like that first group of believers, united heart and soul, and celebrating our victory over the world through our faith in Christ, the Son of God.*

<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Acts 4:32-35
<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b>	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love is everlasting.
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	1 John 5:1-6
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, But still believe! Alleluia!
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	John 20:19-31

### NEXT WEEK'S READING: Third Sunday of Easter—Year B

<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	1 John 2:1-5
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Luke 24:35-48

## From the Desk of the Parish Priest

### The Empty Tomb

Rev. Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

Believers and non-believers alike have been arguing about the resurrection since the day Jesus rose. What really happened? How was he raised from the dead? Did an actual dead body really come back to life and step out of the grave or was the resurrection a monumental life-changing event inside the consciousness of Jesus' followers? Or was the resurrection both, a real physical event and an event inside the consciousness of believers?

Obviously nobody was there to see what actually happened. Those who claimed Jesus was alive again didn't see him rise and emerge from the tomb, they met him only after he had already risen and, immediately, believers and sceptics began to divide from each other, persons who claimed to have touched him and persons who doubted that testimony.

There have been sceptics and believers ever since and no shortage of persons, professional theologians and non-scholarly Christians alike, who believe in the resurrection of Jesus as a faith event but not as a physical event, where an actual body came out of a grave. The faith event is what's important, they claim, and it is incidental whether or not Jesus' actual body came out of the grave.

Was Jesus' resurrection a faith event or a physical event? It was both. For Christians it is the most monumental event, faith and otherwise, in history. Two thousand subsequent years cannot be explained, except by the reality of the resurrection. To understand the resurrection of Jesus only as a literal fact, that his body rose from the grave, is to cut the resurrection off from much of its meaning. However, that being admitted, for Christians, the resurrection must also be a radically physical event. Why?

First, because the Gospels are pretty clear in emphasising that the tomb was empty and that the resurrected Jesus was more than a spirit or ghost. We see, for instance, in Luke's Gospel where Jesus invites a doubting Thomas to verify his physicality: "Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me. Touch me. You can see that I have a living body; a ghost does not have a body like this."

As well, and very importantly, to cut the resurrection off from the literal fact that there was real physical transformation of a once dead corpse is to rob it of some of its important meanings and perhaps of the deepest root of its credibility. For the resurrection of Christ to

have full meaning it must, among other things, have been a brute physical fact. There needs to be an empty tomb and a dead body returned to life. Why?

Not as some kind of miracle proof, but because of the incarnation. To believe in the incarnation and not to believe in the radical physical character of the resurrection is a contradiction. We believe that in the incarnation the Word was made flesh. This takes the mystery of Christ and the reality of the resurrection out of the realm of pure spirit. The incarnation always connotes a reality that's radically physical, tangible, and touchable, like the old dictionary definition of matter as "something extended in space and having weight."

To believe in the incarnation is to believe that God was born into real physical flesh, lived in real physical flesh, died in real physical flesh, and rose in real physical flesh. To believe that the resurrection was only an event in the faith consciousness of the disciples, however real, rich, and radical that might be imagined, is to rob the incarnation of its radical physical character and to fall into the kind of dualism that values spirit and denigrates the physical. Such a dualism devalues the incarnation and this impoverishes the meaning of the resurrection. If the resurrection is only a spiritual event then it is also only an anthropological one and not also a cosmic one. That's a way of saying that it's then an event only about human consciousness and not also about the cosmos.

But Jesus' resurrection isn't just something radically new in terms of human consciousness; it's also something that's radically new in terms of atoms and molecules. The resurrection rearranged hearts and minds, but it also rearranged atoms. Until Jesus' resurrection, dead bodies did not come back to life; they stayed dead, so when his came back to life there was something radically new both at the level of faith and at the level of the atoms and molecules. Precisely because of its brute physicality, Jesus' resurrection offers new hope to atoms as well as to people.

I believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, literally. I believe too that this event was, as the rich insights within contemporary theology point out, highly spiritual: an event of faith, of changed consciousness, of new hope empowering a new charity and a new forgiveness. But it was also an event of changed atoms and of a changed dead body. It was radically physical, just as are all events that are part of the incarnation wherein God takes on real flesh.

### We remember in our prayers

**Recently deceased:** Mario Crivari, Fr Ernie Smith

**Anniversaries:** Camila Dayupay, Juliana Calma

**Sick & their carers:** Armando Ravelo, Robert Holdsworth, Warren Beaton, Nick Cincotta, Ricardo Dayonot and Margaret Iringan

### Parish Notices

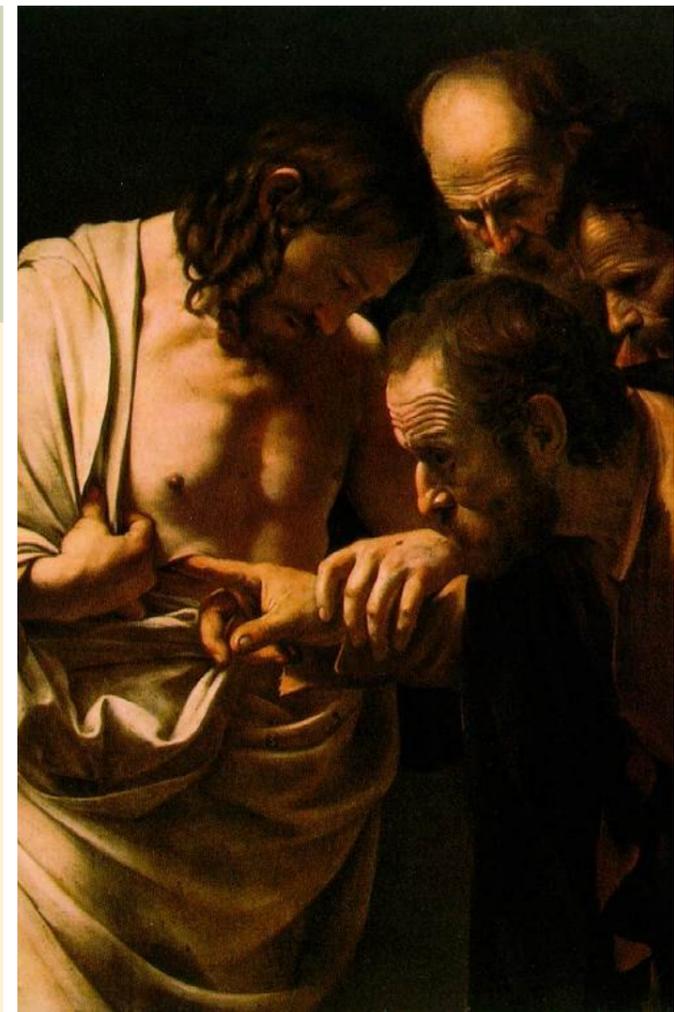
**RCIA**—"For those moved to be the hands, feet and mouth of Christ, to increase their faith and experience". You are needed! Please contact the Parish Office to be part of the RCIA team.

**Emailing Bulletin**—Please contact the Parish office via email if you wish the bulletin to be emailed to you. This helps the environment as well as in cutting down printing costs.

**Movie Night at St Peter's**—'Hidden Figures' will be shown on Saturday, 21st April at 7:00pm in the Community Centre. Free entry and all are welcome. Hot food and snacks will be available to purchase on the evening. This biographical drama is based on the book of the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly, and tells the factual story of a group of African-American women who were employed as mathematicians by NASA, USA, in the 1960s as "human computers". It was chosen as one of the top ten films of 2016 by the National Board of Review, and tells the story of three female pioneers who contributed significantly to America's Space race.

**Project Compassion Boxes** are to be returned and placed in the box provided in front of the statue of St Peter by 15th April 2018. Should you wish to receive a tax deductible receipt, please complete the small form on the inside of the box and place it in the box. Please return by 15th April 2018.

**Hospitality**—Would you consider hosting a morning tea for the next roster beginning in July? Contact the parish office.



*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas* painted in (c.1601-1602) by Caravaggio (1571-1610) an Italian Baroque painter. The artwork is oil paint directly placed on canvas and it is located in Sanssouci Palace, Potsdam, Brandenburg, Germany. Caravaggio's paintings combine a realistic observation of the human state, both physical and emotional, with a dramatic use of light.

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK | 15 April—Sunday Year B

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
<b>Reader</b>	1 Savitri Ratnasabaphy	Mark Szymczak	Sujith Mathew
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<b>Extraordinary Minister of</b>	1 Maria Paiva	Lee Calma	Charlene Perez
	2 Tina Murrian	Jovy Calma	Roni Asalemo
	3 Volunteer	Volunteer	Tuala Asalemo
<b>Hospitality</b>	Imeleta and family		
<b>Monash Medical Centre</b>	Lester & Mildred De Souza, Luan Viegas		
<b>Counters</b>	(Team 5) Angela Yeo, Des & Paula Perkins, Ted & Leanne Smith		
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	(Team 2) Charlie Grech, Ann Roshan, Wei Tang, Divya Thomas		
<b>Linen</b>	Domencia Cosma		