

## Featurettes

### Ferials and Feasts this week

<b>Sunday</b>	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday</b>	Monday of the Fourteenth Week in O.T.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in O.T.
<b>Wednesday</b>	St Benedict, <i>Patron Saint of Europe</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in O.T.
<b>Friday</b>	Friday of the Fourteenth Week in O.T.
<b>Saturday</b>	Saturday of the Fourteenth Week in O.T.

### 2018 Anniversary Mass

Sunday 29 July, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage and Family Office invites you and your families to join us at the 2018 annual Anniversary Mass. All couples registering will receive a commemorative pack and certificate. Register by Friday 13 July on 9287 5587 or [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) or [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily)

### Last Dance Lessons

Come along to the Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th July at 7pm for dance lessons, in preparation for the Parish Dinner Dance on 21st July. Only \$5 per class and all funds raised are donated to St Peter's Parish. Contact Tony 0450 038 814.

### Youth



### Theology of the Body

Authentic Love & freedom in relationships sexuality from a Catholic perspective. Come and hear an inspiring series of talks in June & July for Young Adults on Themes that will engage and empower. Be energized with great interactive talks and discussion – along with Video Clips and Fab Food. John Paul II's Theology of the Body is at the core – you are at the centre. More details: [trybooking/VNJR](http://trybooking/VNJR) or contact [Geraldine343@gmail.com](mailto:Geraldine343@gmail.com) / 0413 398 528.

### Information Night

Calling on all Parish men to attend the Knights of the Southern Cross Information Night. At St Peter's Community Hall, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018 from 7.30pm. The Knights serve the Parish Priest in many areas:

- Involved in fundraising to offer assistance with parish projects (e.g. Scholarships for children and their families)
- Services to assist at major parish masses & major parish events (e.g. Dinner Dances, Car Boot Markets, Fetes).
- Organise parishioners during major letter writing campaigns.

*Wives are welcome to attend the Information Night and gain an understanding of the Knights Order.*

Contact Neil Daly on mobile 0428 794 002 or email [neil.daly@bigpond.com](mailto:neil.daly@bigpond.com)

### Trivia Pursuit Night

*'Fun for all' at the Knights of the Southern Cross*

St Peter's Hall, Mary St on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 from 7pm. \$10 per head includes light supper. BYO drinks and table snacks. Please organise your table of 8. There are prizes for winners! Funds raised go towards Parish Projects e.g. Bibles for Catechism classes. Contact Neil Daly on mobile 0428 794 002 or email [neil.daly@bigpond.com](mailto:neil.daly@bigpond.com)

### Vocations View

There is a great need today to stand up for what we believe in. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you. He has sent you to bring Good News to the poor.

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.



## ST PETER'S PARISH CLAYTON

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

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

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

8th July 2018

*The Church As Prophet of God*

*The Church rejoices in the spirit of prophecy, even though the exercise of that charism does not bring her any honour from the world. It is exercised in weakness.*

<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Ezekiel 2:2-5
<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b>	Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	2 Corinthians 12:7-10
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor Alleluia!
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Mark: 6:1-6

**NEXT WEEK'S READING:**  
*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B*

<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Amos 7:12-15
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	Ephesians 1:3-14 or Ephesians 1:3-10
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Mark 6:7-13

## From the Desk of the Parish Priest

### Real Miracles

Rev. Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

Ralph Waldo Emerson calls the stars in the night sky “envoys of beauty, lighting the universe with their admonishing smile” and submits that if they appeared for a single night only every thousand years, we’d be on our knees in worship and would cherish the memory for the rest of our lives. But since they come out every night, the miracle goes mostly unnoticed. We watch television instead.

But, their beauty notwithstanding, shining stars are not the most prominent miracle which goes unnoticed. The greatest miracles have to do with gratuity, with love, with unfreezing a soul, with forgiveness. Our great poverty is that these go mostly unnoticed. There are much more astonishing things than the stars for which to be down on our knees in gratitude and there are more profound things to cherish in memory than a starlit night.

The Belgium spirituality writer, Benoit Standaert, suggests that the greatest miracle is “that the freely given exists, that there is love that makes whole and that embraces what has been lost, that chooses what had been rejected, that forgives what has been found guilty beyond appeal, that unites what had seemingly been torn apart forever.”

The greatest miracle is that there’s redemption for all that’s wrong with us. There’s redemption from all we’ve failed to live up to because of our inadequacies. There’s redemption from our wounds, from all that’s left us physically, emotionally, and spiritually limping and cold. There’s redemption from injustice, from the unfairness we suffer ourselves and from the hurt which we inflict knowingly or unknowingly on others. There’s redemption from our mistakes, our moral failures, our infidelities, our sins. There’s redemption from relationships gone sour, from marriages, families, and friendships that have been torn apart by misunderstanding, hatred, selfishness, and violence. There’s redemption from suicide and murder. Nothing falls outside the scope of God’s power to forgive, to resurrect and make new, fresh, innocent, and joyful again.

Our lives, to a greater or lesser extent, all end up incomplete, broken, unfairly ripped away from us, and causing hurt to others because of our weaknesses, infidelities, sin, and malice; and still, ultimately, it can all wash clean again. There’s redemption, new life after all the ways we’ve gone wrong in this world. And that redemption comes through forgiveness.

Forgiveness is the greatest miracle, the pan-ultimate miracle, which, along with everlasting life, is the real meaning of the resurrection of Jesus. There’s nothing more godlike, or miraculous, than a moment of reconciliation, a moment of forgiveness.

It’s for this reason that when the Gospels write up the resurrection of Jesus their emphasis, again and again, is on forgiveness. Indeed, Luke’s Gospel does not distinguish the announcement of the resurrection from the announcement of the forgiveness of sins. Forgiveness and resurrection are inextricably linked. Likewise, in the Gospel of John, in Jesus’ first resurrection appearance to the assembled community (with them all hiding behind locked doors in fear) he gives them the power to forgive sins. The message of the resurrection is that a dead body can be raised again from its grave. But this isn’t just true for our physical bodies, which die, but it’s also true, especially, for hearts that are frozen and dead from disappointment, bitterness, anger, separation, and hatred. The miracle of the resurrection is as much about raising deadened souls to new life as it is about raising dead bodies to new life.

Despite being nearly overwhelmed by new inventions today, machines and gadgets that do everything including talking to us, in truth, we see very little that’s genuinely new, that’s not the norm. Sure, we see new innovations every day coming at us so rapidly that we have trouble coping with the changes they are bringing about. But, in the end, these innovations don’t genuinely surprise us, at least not at a deep level, at the level of the soul, morally. They’re simply more of what we already have, extensions of ordinary life, nothing really surprising.

But when you see a woman forgive another person who has genuinely hurt her, you are seeing something that’s not normal, that’s surprising. You are seeing something that is not simply another instance of how things naturally unfold. Likewise, when you see warmth and love break through to a man who has long been captive of a bitter and angry heart, you are seeing something that’s not just another instance of normal life, of ordinary unfolding. You’re seeing newness, redemption, resurrection, forgiveness. Forgiveness is the only thing that’s new on our planet, everything else is just more of the same.

And so, in the words of Benoit Standaert: “Whenever we strive to bring a little more peace through justice here on earth and, in whatever form, change sadness into happiness, heal broken hearts, or assist the sick and the weak, we arrive directly at God, the God of the resurrection.”

Forgiveness is the most astonishing miracle we will ever see or experience this side of eternity. It, alone, makes for the possibility of heaven – and happiness.

### We remember in our prayers

**Recently deceased:** Vito Nicola Tortelli, Maria Carmela Leonardis, Ricardo Valencia.

**Anniversaries:** Santo Gabriele Brusco, Antonietta Ennio, Rosalia Imbriano, Benito Buontempo.

**Sick & their carers:** Marina Hanz, Armando Ravelo, Robert Holdsworth, Warren Beaton, Nick Cincotta, Ricardo Dayonot and Margaret Iringan, Bernie Perabo, Tony Buordolone, Rodrigo, Bugtai.

### Parish Notices

**Thanksgiving Envelopes—** The new Thanksgiving envelopes for the next 12 months are located at the Church entrance. New Thanksgiving numbers have been allocated, so be sure to throw away any envelopes left from last year! If you have not given in the last 6 months, please contact the parish office.

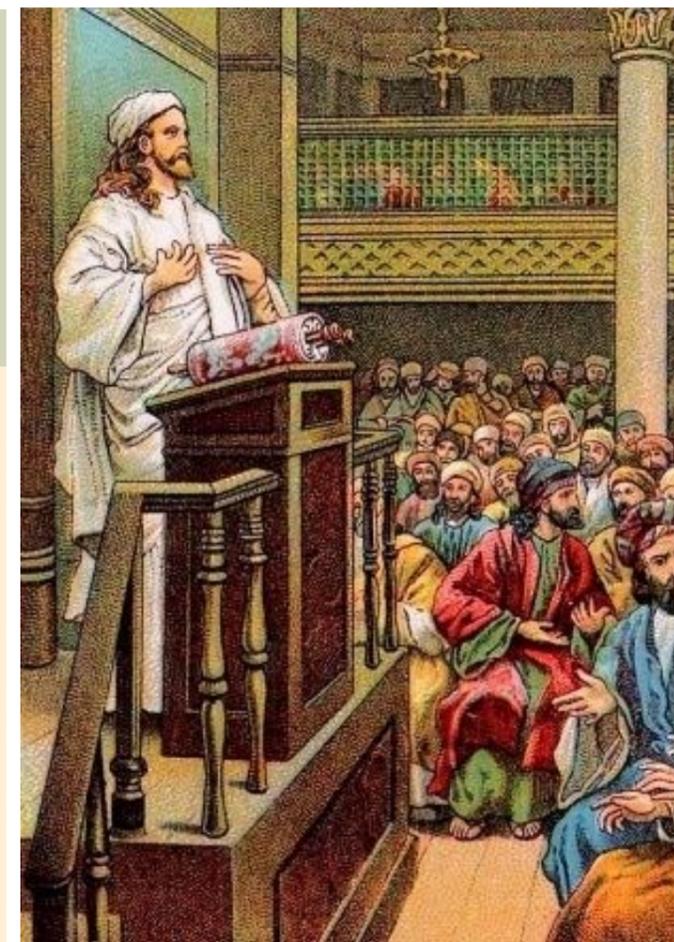
**Catholic Superannuation Morning Tea and Forum Sunday 15th July—** Parishioners are cordially invited with their friends and families to attend a morning tea and presentation introducing Catholic Super on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July, after the 9:30am Mass. Listen to Catholic Super staff as they describe the great benefits and features of belonging to Catholic Super including superannuation, financial planning, home loans and aged care advice.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Training—**This is an opportunity for all current extraordinary ministers to refresh and for new parishioners to become extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. We will hold a formation session in the Church on Thursday, 19th July 2018 at 7:00pm. Could all those attending please register at the Parish Office.

**Roster—** Please see the updated roster for July in the narthex of the church. As we are continuing to review the rosters for August and September, please notify the parish office via email or telephone if you are unavailable between August to September otherwise we will assume you are available.

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

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
<b>Reader</b>	1 Luan Viegas	Imeleta Lemalu	Neil Daly
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<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	1 Maria Paiva	Pura Calma	Mary Grech
	2 Doreen Hickey	Maria Bonita Calma	Charlie Grech
	3 Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Hospitality</b>	Catholic Super		
<b>Monash Medical Centre</b>	Lester & Mildred De Souza, Luan Viegas		
<b>Counters</b>	<i>(Team 4) Marlene Marshall, Peter Fitzsimmons, Tom Ratnasbapathy</i>		
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	<i>(Team 1) Italian Community</i>		
<b>Linen</b>	Domencia Cosma		



*Jesus Teaching in the Synagogue—*A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house’ and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. (Mark 6:6)