

Featurettes

Ferials and Feasts this week

Sunday	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	St Barnabas, <i>Apostle</i>
Tuesday	Tuesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	St Anthony of Padua, <i>Doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday	Thursday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	Friday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	Saturday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Parish Dinner Dance

The Parish Dinner Dance is on 21st July 2018, from 7:00pm—Midnight. Tickets are \$35.00 per head or \$80.00 for a family (up to two children under 12). Tickets will be on sale from next week after the masses or available anytime from the Parish Office.

Gumnuts Dinner

Gumnuts Dinner at Clayton Bowls Club on Wednesday 13th June at 6:30pm. Please ring Peter Jones on 9544 7967.

Dance Lessons

Come along to the Parish Hall on Tuesday 12th June 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. For more information, please contact Tony and Gina on 0450 038 814.

Youth



JPII Cup Soccer Comp

Join youth groups from across Melbourne on 16th June in a great day of sport, fun and prizes.

For more information:
www.cam.org.au/melbournepriest
[facebook.com/vocationsmelbourne](https://www.facebook.com/vocationsmelbourne)

St Anthony's Bread

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 13th June at 7:00pm for the Memorial of St Anthony where bread will be blessed and distributed.

St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a worldwide charity that continues to develop new ways of reaching out to those seeking our support. Through visiting people in their homes we are able to assist with educational expenses, utilities, access to holiday homes and network with other agencies.

Come and See how you can volunteer with the St Vincent de Paul Society, at an information session on Sunday 24th June, 11am and Thursday 28th June, 7pm at St Peter's Parish Community Centre, 258 Clayton Rd, Clayton.

Catholic Aged Care

Deciding to move into an aged care home is an emotional, life-changing decision. Knowing your loved one is safe and well looked after is the most important consideration.

If you want the security of knowing your family member's individual needs are cared for, we invite you to visit Corpus Christi Aged Care Residence to meet our exceptional care staff and learn more about our fantastic lifestyle programs.

Call now for your personal tour.

Corpus Christi Aged Care Residence, Phone 1300 845 526 or visit vmch.com.au

Vocations View

Jesus commanded Peter: "feed my lambs.. feed my sheep." May many young men heed the call of Christ Jesus to do the same as priests of the New Covenant. Let us pray the Lord to send laborers to His harvest.



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

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 and Italian)
Parish Secretary:	Lisa Smith	4:30pm (Malayalam)
Domestic Support:	Seda Peters	Weekday Masses
Office Hours:		Monday 9:00am
Monday	11:00am—5:00pm	7:00pm (Malayalam)
Tuesday—Friday	9:00am—4:00pm	Tuesday 9:00am
PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL		Wednesday 9:00am
Address:	16 Mary St, Clayton, 3168	7:00pm (Mass & Novena)
Phone:	9544 3032	Thursday 9:00am
Email:	principal@spclayton.catholic.edu.au	Friday 9:00am
Principal:	Mrs Therese Stewart (Acting Principal)	2:30pm Divine Mercy
Secretary:	Ms Margaret Nahon	Saturday 9:00am
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS		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
Salesian College, Chadstone:	9807 2644	Anointing of the Sick: Please call parish office
Killester College, Springvale:	9547 5000	

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10th June 2018

Mary, The Type Of The Church — In Mary, we see the fullness of redemption. Today we celebrate with her, who did the will of God throughout her life and who was the first whom God raised with Jesus and put by his side.

FIRST READING:	Genesis 3:9-15
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
SECOND READING:	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!
GOSPEL:	Mark 3:20-35

NEXT WEEK'S READING: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

FIRST READING:	Ezekiel 17:22-24
SECOND READING:	2 Corinthians 5:6-10
GOSPEL:	Mark 4:26-34

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.

From the Desk of the Parish Priest

The Mary of Piety

Rev. Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

Devotional prayer to Mary, the mother of Jesus, has always been the center-piece within Catholic piety. Among other things, those devotions have focused upon various Marian shrines, places where Mary allegedly appeared, Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe, Medjugarie, among other places.

Karl Rahner, studying the phenomenon of Marian apparitions, points out that all these apparitions have one thing in common: In every case, Mary appears to a poor person. In every alleged apparition that has become accepted in popular devotion, the person Mary appears to is someone insignificant in the world’s eyes. Mary has never, it seems, appeared to a Wall Street Banker, a major civic or church leader, nor even to a theologian in his or her study. She seems to pick her audience with a special purpose in mind. What purpose? To provide for them, the poor, something that the elite find elsewhere, namely, a romantic vision of the faith by which to sustain themselves emotionally. That shouldn’t surprise us. Mary, after all, gave us the Magnificat. She has always had a special relationship to the poor.

More recently, as we know, Marian devotion and devotional prayer in general have fallen on hard times, intellectually and theologically. More and more, Marian devotion is written off as non-essential to the faith or worse as a harmful distraction to it. Christ, the Word, and the Eucharist, it is argued, are what’s essential and the object of our intimacy is Jesus, not Mary. Moreover, what brings us together as Christians are the Word and Eucharist, not devotional prayer. Simply put, you shouldn’t be substituting devotions for scripture or the Eucharist, nor saying the rosary in their place.

In essence, this critique is correct and was a needed corrective both at the time of the reformation and again at the time of the Second Vatican Council. Devotional life, and indeed all spiritual enthusiasm, too easily lose balance and, almost without exception, tend to lose their grip on the essentials. That’s the danger inherent in all romance. It’s very power to inflame the heart makes it a powerful narcotic that easily becomes an end in itself. Romance easily becomes unbridled, unglued, disorienting. We know that. But we also know its power to transform lives. It can change everything in fifteen seconds.

Christ, the Word, and the Eucharist are the essentials within our faith, but, just as the main course in a meal doesn’t necessarily make a complete meal, so too the

essentials of our faith don’t necessarily satisfy all our faith needs, particularly in terms of the heart. What the devotional life adds to the essentials is precisely the romantic, emotional fire.

And that’s more necessary than we think. Eric Mascall, a Protestant theologian, commenting on the place of the devotional within the more strictly liturgical and theological, suggests that the danger in opting for essentials alone is that “we end up on a diet of antiseptics, safe from food-poisoning, but in danger of suffering from malnutrition.” He’s right. To give an example:

Today liturgists and theologians are almost universally opposed to having eulogies at funerals. The funeral liturgy, they contend, is complete of itself and the eulogy is an unneeded, inept distraction. They’re right, in a way. The funeral liturgy is complete of itself, theologically. But that doesn’t mean it’s complete humanly. It’s not. The normal congregation at a funeral isn’t composed of people whose faith and emotional lives are so mature and integrated that the latter is fed and satisfied through the former. They want and need more than the essentials of faith and liturgy, particularly on that day. They want and need another kind of ritual, a devotional one that speaks more directly to them (however lengthy and in bad taste those eulogies sometimes are). The heart is part of the soul and too needs its due. We don’t live on essentials alone.

Classically, in terms of our prayer lives, this has been handled largely by devotions and, among devotions, the ones to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, have had the privileged place, especially among the poor. In Marian devotions, the faith takes on a special relationship to the poor. In a manner of speaking, Marian devotions are the mysticism of the poor. In relating to her, countless people, without the benefit of professional training in theology or liturgy have wonderfully appropriated to themselves deep, essential truths about God’s person, presence, compassion, and providence. They know and taste God’s love, through their relationship to Mary.

Many years ago, when I was an 18 year-old novice, a very pious old priest gave us a talk. He shared how a young man had come to him complaining that he’d lost his faith. The old priest had simply told him: “You’ve lost your faith because you’ve lost your mother, Mary.” Funny how among the hundreds of hours of talks and conferences that I heard during my novitiate year, that pious, overly-simplistic, near-saccharine, theologically-impooverished comment is about the only thing I still remember.

We remember in our prayers

Recently deceased: Rev. Fr Stan Hill PE

Anniversaries: Rose McTaggart, Fiorino Antenucci, Henry Wray, Mario De Souza, Juanita Calma

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

Parish Notices

Propagation of the Faith—There will be a special collection this weekend for the Propagation of the Faith. Guest speakers Norah McCluskey will speak at the vigil Mass on 9th June and Kevin Meese will speak at the 8am, 9:30am and 11:15am Masses on 10th June.

Serra Club—The Serra Club of Melbourne will be here each Saturday morning of June to pray for vocations at the conclusion of Mass. Prayer cards will be given so that all can recite the prayer together.

New Hymns—The parish has purchased new hymn books which prove to be a blessing for the congregation and for the music ministry in the parish. A number of people have come forward to offer a donation for hymnals. Should anyone wish to donate a hymnal, we would ensure that a commemorative sticker be placed in the book stating from whom it had been donated. Hymnals are \$30.00 each, please contact the parish office for further information and details.

Bake Sale— St Peter’s Bake Sale will be launched on the weekend of 23rd and 24th June. You will be able to purchase a number of homemade goodies and all proceeds will go to replacing the oven in the Parish Office.

Principal Appointment Process— Please keep praying for the Principal Appointment process as we need to readvertise.



St Anthony of Padua distributing bread painted by Willem van Herp in 1662, housed in the National Gallery in London, but is not on display. The friars on the left are Franciscan and the one in the centre has a Glory, and may be intended to depict Saint Anthony of Padua. The poor on the right, who receive bread from the Franciscans, include two pilgrims.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK | 17 June—Sunday Year B

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
Reader	1 Lorelyn Legas	Luan Viegas	Nisha Antony
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Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	1 Mary Grech	Peter Fitzsimmons	Sr Monica Tuohey
	2 Charlie Grech	Tracey Baynosa	Leanne Smith
	3 Volunteer	Volunteer	Betty Holdsworth
Hospitality	Knights of the Southern Cross		
Monash Medical Centre	Imeleta Lemalu, Jackie Hayman		
Counters	<i>(Team 6)</i> Legion of Mary		
Church Cleaners	<i>(Team 6)</i> Sebastian & Maria Wesley, Shelia Cyril		
Linen	Domencia Cosma		