

## Featurettes

### Ferials and Feasts this week

<b>Sunday</b>	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday</b>	Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wed of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
<b>Thursday</b>	St Aloysius Gonzaga, <i>Memorial</i>
<b>Friday</b>	Sts John Fisher and Thomas Moore, <i>Memorial</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	Sat of the Eleventh 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 from the Parish Office during office hours.

### Dance Lessons

Come along to the Parish Hall on Tuesday 19th 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



### Ordination Breakfast

Gather with other young men from across the Archdiocese on 23rd June, as we celebrate together the Priestly Ordinations for our Archdiocese and we farewell our Camino pilgrims for 2018.

For more information:

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

### St Vincent de Paul

The local Clayton conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society has been in operation for over 30 years, but is needing new members in order for the good work to continue. The commitment is only a few hours a week, and induction and training is offered to all new and existing members. Come and See how you can be involved in our good works 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.

### St Peter's Parish Feast Day

The parish will celebrate its patronal feast day on 29th June. We will gather for Holy Mass at 6:30pm followed by a basket supper in the Parish Hall afterwards. This will be a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and to celebrate our patron, St Peter.

### Master Plan Steering Committee

We need two (2) representatives from the parish community to form a steering committee. This committee will work through a process of formation to develop, devise and implement a master plan for the parish and its foresight into the future for 2019—2024 and beyond. Please send an email to the parish office to express your interest in joining the committee.

### Vocations View

Through the gift of the Holy Eucharist and by the Word of God we are nourished and continue to grow towards fuller maturity. Like the Church, we are the potential to be like a growing tree, bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.



## 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>	
<b>Phone:</b>	9544 1516	Saturday (Vigil)	6:00pm
<b>Fax:</b>	9544 1089	Sunday	8:00am
<b>Email:</b>	clayton@cam.org.au		9:30am
<b>Website:</b>	www.stpetersclayton.com		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>	principal@spclayton.catholic.edu.au	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		

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

17th June 2018

*The Cedar of Lebanon — The Church of Christ is like a tree that God planted in the world. From the smallest of seeds it became the noblest of trees and filled the earth. We are like the birds of the air who make their home in him.*

<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Ezekiel 17:22-24
<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b>	Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	2 Corinthians 5:6-10
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia!
	The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Mark 4:26-34

### NEXT WEEK'S READING:

*The Nativity of St John the Baptist—Year B*

<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Isaiah 49:1-6
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	Acts: 13:22-26
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Luke: 1:57-66, 80

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

### God’s Quiet Presence In Our Lives

Rev. Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

The poet, Rumi, submits that we live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, and then not.

That can be very helpful in understanding our faith. One of the reasons why we struggle with faith is that God’s presence inside us and in our world is rarely dramatic, overwhelming, sensational, something impossible to ignore. God doesn’t work like that. Rather God’s presence, much to our frustration and loss of patience sometimes, is something that lies quiet and seemingly helpless inside us. It rarely makes a huge splash.

Because we are not sufficiently aware of this, we tend to misunderstand the dynamics of faith and find ourselves habitually trying to ground our faith on precisely something that is loud and dramatic. We are forever looking for something beyond what God gives us. But we should know from the very way God was born into our world, that faith needs to ground itself on something that is quiet and undramatic. Jesus, as we know, was born into our world with no fanfare and no power, a baby lying helpless in the straw, another child among millions. Nothing spectacular to human eyes surrounded his birth. Then, during his ministry, he never performed miracles to prove his divinity; but only as acts of compassion or to reveal something about God. Jesus never used divine power in an attempt to prove that God exists, beyond doubt. His ministry, like his birth, wasn’t an attempt to prove God’s existence. It was intended rather to teach us what God is like and that God loves us unconditionally.

Moreover, Jesus’ teaching about God’s presence in our lives also makes clear that this presence is mostly quiet and hidden, a plant growing silently as we sleep, yeast leavening dough in a manner hidden from our eyes, summer slowly turning a barren tree green, an insignificant mustard plant eventually surprising us with its growth, a man or woman forgiving an enemy. God, it seems, works in ways that are quiet and hidden from our eyes. The God that Jesus incarnates is neither dramatic nor splashy.

And there’s an important faith-lesson in this. Simply put, God lies inside us, deep inside, but in a way that’s almost non-existent, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed, and easily ignored. However, while that presence is never overpowering, it has within it a gentle, unremitting imperative, a compulsion towards something higher, which invites us to draw upon it. And, if we do draw upon

it, it gushes up in us in an infinite stream that instructs us, nurtures us, and fills us with endless energy.

This is important for understanding faith. God lies inside us as an invitation that fully respects our freedom, never overpowers us; but also never goes away. It lies there precisely like a baby lying helpless in the straw, gently beckoning us, but helpless in itself to make us pick it up. For example, C.S. Lewis, in explaining why he finally became, in his words, “the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom”, writes that, for years, he was able to effectively ignore a voice inside him, precisely, because it was almost non-existent, almost unfelt, and largely unnoticed. On the other hand, in retrospect, he realized it had always been there, a gentle, incessant nudge, beckoning him to draw from it, something he eventually recognized as a gentle, but unyielding, imperative, a “compulsion” which, if obeyed, leads to liberation.

Ruth Burrows, the British Carmelite and mystic, describes a similar experience in her autobiography, *Before the Living God*. Chronicling her late adolescent years, Burrows describes both her religious flightiness and her lack of attraction to the religious life at that time in her life. Yet she eventually ends up not only being serious about religion but becoming a Carmelite nun. What happened? One day, in a chapel, almost against her will, triggered by a series of accidental circumstances, she opened herself to voice inside her that she had, until then, mainly ignored because it lay inside her precisely as a voice that was almost non-existent, almost unfelt, and largely unnoticed. But once touched, it gushed up as the deepest and most real thing inside her and set the direction of her life forever afterwards. Like C.S. Lewis, she too, once she had opened herself to it, felt it as an unyielding moral compulsion opening her to ultimate liberation.

Why doesn’t God show himself to us more directly and more powerfully so as to make faith easier? That’s a fair question for which, partly, there is no fully satisfying answer. But the answer we do have lies in understanding the manner in which God manifests himself in our lives and in our world. Unlike most everything else that’s trying to get our attention, God never tries to overwhelm us. God, more than anyone else, respects our freedom. For this reason, God lies everywhere, inside us and around us, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed, and easily ignored, a quiet, gentle nudge; but, if drawn upon, the ultimate stream of love and energy.

### We remember in our prayers

**Recently deceased:** Eddie Larkin

**Anniversaries:** Domenico Colantuono, Peter Fernandopulle, Michael D’Silva, Umile Massaro, Ruby Desouza, Jade.

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

### Parish Notices

**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.

**Bake Sale**— St Peter’s Bake Sale will be launched next weekend on 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. There will be a meeting at 10:30am in the Parish Office on Thursday after the morning tea. Anyone wishing to assist in cooking for the bake sale will need to complete a registration form as a baker.

**Counters Meeting** —There will be a meeting for all counting teams on Tuesday, 26th June at 7:00pm in the Church.

**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.

**Principal Appointment Process**— Please keep praying for the Principal Appointment process as applications close on Monday, 18th June at 4:00pm. May St Peter intercede for and guide our applicants and the selection panel.



*Sir Thomas More Bids Farewell to his Daughter*, painted mid 19th-century by Edward Matthew Ward. Sir Thomas More sent his last letter from the Tower of London in 1535 on "such little pieces of paper as he could obtain by stealth, on which he wrote with a coal," was written from prison on the day before his execution for treason. It was to his daughter Margaret, and shows Thomas More's great love for his family. It is also apparent from this letter that More was completely at peace with his impending death, and longed to "go to God" on the following day.

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK | 24 June— 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
<b>Reader</b>	1 Imeleta Lemalu 2	Bernie Fitzsimmons	Catechist Children
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	1 Doreen Hickey 2 Tina Murrian 3 Volunteer	Mildred De Souza Lester De Souza Volunteer	Charlene Perez Roni Asalemo Tuala Asalemo
<b>Hospitality</b>	Year 6 Morning Tea		
<b>Monash Medical Centre</b>	Lester & Mildred De Souza, Luan Viegas		
<b>Counters</b>	<i>(Team 1)</i> Laeta Tabak, Lawrence Bagnell, Peter Jones, Neil Daly		
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	<i>(Team 1)</i> The Italian Community		
<b>Linen</b>	Angela Bruno		