

Featurettes

Ferials and Feasts this week

Sunday	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Monday	Monday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	St Boniface, <i>Archbishop & Martyr</i>
Wednesday	Wed. of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	Thursday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Save the Date

Keep the 21st July 2018 available for the Parish Dinner Dance beginning at 7:00pm—Midnight.

Gumnuts Dinner

Gumnuts Dinner at Clayton Bowls Club on Wednesday 13th June at 6:30pm. For more information, please ring Peter Jones on 9544 7967.

Dance Lessons

Come along to the Parish Hall on Friday 8th 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

Thanksgiving Program

Last year we printed 300 sets of thanksgiving envelopes. Each week we average about 140 envelopes being collected. Therefore, there are 160 envelopes which have either been unnecessarily printed or being unused with the cost of printing just under \$2,000.00. Our preferred method of giving to the thanksgiving program is via direct debit as this provides peace of mind for you as you are in control of the any payments made. We only want to receive what you want to give. Another method of giving to the thanksgiving program via a credit card, however the parish is charged merchant fees on each transaction and this becomes an unnecessary cost. Using either direct debit or credit card reduces the work of the counters, decreases the risk of any theft and is hassle free. Should you wish to enroll in either the above methods, please contact the Parish Office to arrange the forms to be forwarded to you. Contact 9544 1516.

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal collection is this weekend and envelopes are available from the piety stall for credit card donations or taxation receipts.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Clayton continues to assist around 250 families and individuals each year through personal support and visitation.

Come and See how you can help us to help others, 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.

Vocations View

Through the ministry of our ordained priests, we receive Holy Communion. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one body: to become Christ-like... purified... ready to serve. Pray for vocations, especially for vocations to the priesthood so that the Eucharist can continue in our many parishes of the Archdiocese.



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	

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ /Corpus Christi Year B

The Blood of the Covenant — The old covenant was sealed with the blood of the sacrifice which Moses sprinkled on the people. The new covenant was sealed with the blood of Christ who offered himself as a perfect sacrifice to God.

FIRST READING:	Exodus: 24: 3-8
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.
SECOND READING:	Hebrews: 9:11-15
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!
GOSPEL:	Mark: 14: 12-16. 22-26

NEXT WEEK'S READING: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

FIRST READING:	Genesis 3:9-15
SECOND READING:	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
GOSPEL:	Mark 3:20-35

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.

A Primal Understanding of the Eucharist

Rev. Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

Christian de Cherge, the Trappist Abbott who was martyred in Algeria in 1996, tells this story of his first communion. He grew up in a Roman Catholic family in France and on the day of his first communion he said to his mother: “I don’t understand what I’m doing.” She answered simply: “It’s okay, you don’t have to understand it now, later you will understand.”

Jesus, no doubt, must have given his disciples the exact same advice at the Last Supper, at their first communion. When he offered them bread and said, “This is my body”, and then offered them wine and said, “This is my blood”, they would not have understood. There would have been considerable confusion and bewilderment: How are we supposed to understand this? What does it mean to eat someone’s body and drink someone’s blood? I suspect that in the face of their non-understanding, like Christian de Cherge’s mother, Jesus would have also said: You don’t have to understand it now, later you will understand.

Indeed in instituting the Eucharist at Last Supper, Jesus didn’t ask his disciples to understand what they were doing, he only asked them to faithfully celebrate it until he returned. Their understanding of what they were doing in celebrating the Eucharist only developed as they grew in their faith. But initially, Jesus didn’t ask for much of an understanding, nor did he give them much of an explanation for what he was celebrating with them. He simply asked them to eat his body and drink his blood.

Jesus didn’t give a theological discourse on the Eucharist at the Last Supper. He simply gave us a ritual and asked us to celebrate it regularly, irrespective of our intellectual understanding of it. One of his more-explicit explanations of the meaning of the Eucharist was his symbolic action of washing his disciples’ feet.

Little has changed. We too aren’t asked to fully or even adequately understand the Eucharist. Our faith only asks that we are faithful in participating in it. In fact, as is the case for all deep mysteries, there is no satisfactory, rational explanation of the Eucharist. Nobody, not a single theologian in the world, can to anyone’s intellectual satisfaction, adequately lay out the phenomenology, psychology, or even spirituality of eating someone else’s body and drinking his blood. How

is this to be understood? The mind comes up short. We need instead to rely upon metaphors and icons and an inchoate, intuitive understanding. We can truly know this mystery, even as we can’t fully understand it.

During my seminary and academic training, I took three major courses on the Eucharist. After all those lectures and books on the Eucharist, I concluded that I didn’t understand the Eucharist and that I was happy enough with that because what those courses did teach me was how important it is that I celebrate and participate in the Eucharist. For all the intellectuality in those courses, their true value was that they ultimately said to me what Christian de Cherge’s mother said to him on the day of his first communion: You don’t have to understand now, later you will understand. Contained in that, of course, is the fact that there is something profound here that is worth understanding, but that it’s too deep to be fully grasped right now.

Perhaps this can be helpful in our search for what to say to some of our own children and young people who no longer go to church and who tell us that the reason they don’t go is that they don’t find the Eucharist meaningful. We hear that lament all the time today: Why should go to church, it doesn’t mean anything to me?” That objection is simply another way of saying what young Christian de Cherge said to his mother at his first communion: I don’t understand this. Perhaps our answer then could be along the lines of the response of his mother: You don’t have to understand now, later you will understand.

The British theologian, Ronald Knox, speaking about the Eucharist, submits this: We have never, he claims, as Christians, been truly faithful to Jesus, no matter our denomination. In the end, none of us have truly followed those teachings which most characterize Jesus: We haven’t turned the other cheek. We haven’t forgiven our enemies. We haven’t purified our thoughts. We haven’t seen God in the poor. We haven’t kept our hearts pure and free from the things of this world. But we have, he submits, been faithful in one very important way; we have kept the Eucharist going. The last thing Jesus asked us to do before he died was to keep celebrating the Eucharist. And that we’ve done, despite the fact that we have never really grasped rationally what in fact we are doing. But we’ve been faithful in doing it because we grasped the wisdom in what Christian de Cherge’s mother to her son: You don’t have to understand this; you just have to do it.

We remember in our prayers

Recently deceased: Assunta Porreca, Monica Honevien Ferdinand

Anniversaries:

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

Parish Notices

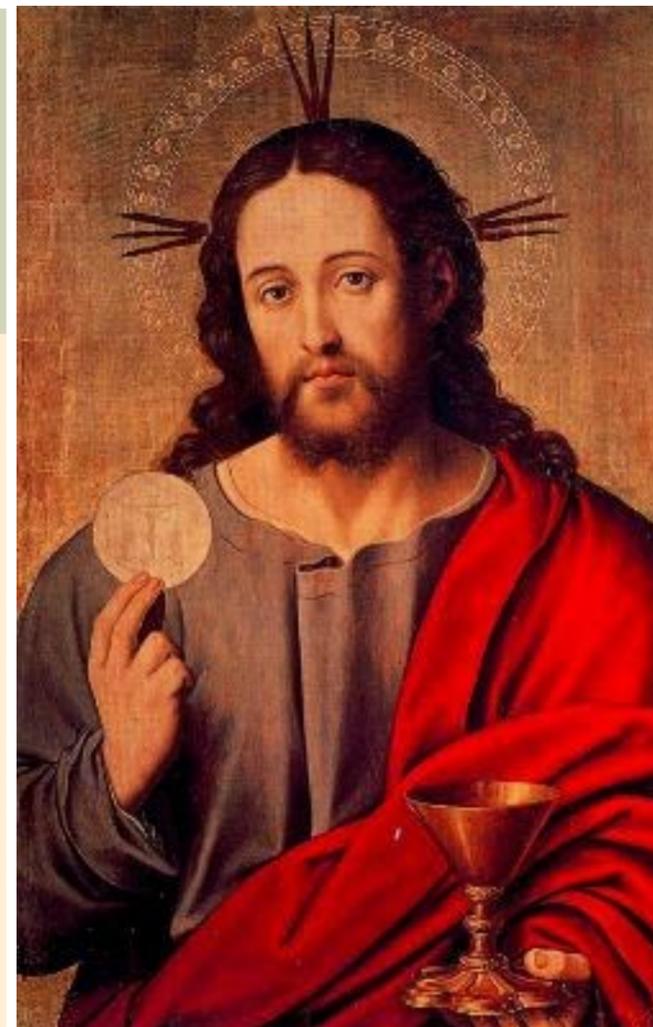
Propagation of the Faith—There will be a special collection on the 9th and 10th June for the Propagation of the Faith. Guest speakers Norah McCluskey will speak at the vigil Mass on 9th June and Kevin Meese will speak at the 8am, 9:30am and 11:15am Masses on 10th June.

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.

Children Receiving the Eucharist for the First Time— Please keep at the forefront of your prayers the children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 3rd June 2018 at a 1:00pm Mass. You are all most welcome to attend.

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



The feast of Corpus Christi arose in the thirteenth century Belgium in response to debates about the Real Presence and as a result of an upsurge in Eucharistic piety. It’s extension to the entire Western Church was first decreed by Urban IV in 1264. The feast celebrates the mystery of the nourishing and enduring presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK | 10 June—Sunday Year B

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
Reader	1 Maria Cendana Paiva 2	Bernie Fitzsimmons	Neil Daly
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	1 Maria Paiva 2 Doreen Hickey 3 Volunteer	Pura Calma Maria Bonita Calma Volunteer	Mary Grech Charlie Grech Leanne Smith
Hospitality	Charlene & Tony Perez		
Monash Medical Centre	Angela Yeo, Denise Riordan		
Counters	(Team 7) Sheila Cyril, Sebastian & Maria Wesley		
Church Cleaners	(Team 5) Mila & Wilfred Satore		
Linen	Vittoria Strangis		