

Featurettes

Ferials and Feasts this week

Sunday—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday—Monday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time
Tuesday—Tuesday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time
Wednesday—Wednesday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time
Thursday—*Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions*
Friday—*Saint Matthew*
Saturday—Saturday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time

New way of thinking is needed

With a steep decline in the contributions to our parish thanksgiving program and higher costs in running our parish, we need new ways of thinking to keep our parish sustainable and manageable. We are open to your ideas to make this happen as we are all responsible for our parish.

Come celebrate with us!

A special Mass will be held in honour of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta to celebrate the 21st anniversary of her death.

Mass will be held at St John Vianney’s Church, 23 Police Road, Mulgrave on Sunday 16th September at 2:30pm.

Youth



Sunday Night, Holy Hour at Sacred Heart, Carlton

Join the seminarians for Holy Hour and Vespers at 6pm on Sundays, during term.

For further info: www.cam.org.au/melbournepriest

St Peter’s Parish Spring Ball

Hello Spring!

You’re invited to the St Peter’s Parish Spring Ball!

Come along to enjoy a delicious dinner, socialise with the St Peter’s Community and possibly burn up the dance floor!

Please note this is a Parish fundraiser to raise much needed funds for our Parish.

When: Saturday 27 October 2018, at 7:00pm

Where: St Peter’s Parish Hall, 16 Mary Street, Clayton

RSVP: 19 October 2018

Purchase tickets: Go to www.trybooking.com/421017 or book through the Parish Secretary on phone: 9544 1516, via email: clayton@cam.org.au or at the office Tuesday to Friday.

Madonna Dell’Emigrante

On the 7th of October a Mass will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, 19-21 Johnson St, Oakleigh, in honour of the Madonna dell’Emigrante and Padre Pio. Rosary is at 2:30pm and the Mass at 3:00pm. The procession will follow after the Mass. Please bring a plate and beverage to share.

Vocations View

When Jesus says “Who do people say I am?” We could interpret this as Jesus asking for feedback from His disciples about Himself. If you were to ask Jesus, ‘how would you describe today’s Christians?’



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 & Italian)
Parish Secretary:	Lisa Smith	4:30pm (Malayalam)
Domestic Support:	Seda Peters	
Office Hours:		Weekday Masses
Monday	11:00am—5:00pm	Monday 9:00am
Tuesday—Friday	9:00am—4:00pm	7:00pm (Malayalam)
PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL		Tuesday 9:00am
Address:	16 Mary St, Clayton, 3168	Wednesday 9:00am
Phone:	9544 3032	7:00pm (Mass & Novena)
Email:	principal@spclayton.catholic.edu.au	Thursday 9:00am
Principal:	Therese Stewart (Acting Principal)	Friday 9:00am
Secretary:	Margaret Nahon	2:30pm Divine Mercy
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL		Saturday 9:00am
Sacred Heart College, Oakleigh:	9568 5488	Other Sacraments
Mazenod College, Mulgrave:	9560 0911	Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am (or by appointment)
Salesian College, Chadstone:	9807 2644	Marriages and Baptism: By appointment
Killester College, Springvale:	9547 5000	Anointing of the Sick: Please call parish office

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B 16th September 2018

Christ, The Son of Man—We worship the man Christ, who accepted every weakness of our human condition, renouncing himself and taking up the cross.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.
SECOND READING: James 2:14-18
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
 Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

NEXT WEEK’S READING: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20
SECOND READING: James 3:16-4:3
GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

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 Centrality Of The Eucharist To The Christian Faith

Rev. Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

Jesus didn't leave us a lot of rituals. He left us his Word and he left us one ritual, the Eucharist. He refers to other rituals such as baptism, and other parts of the Christian scriptures refer to the laying on of hands, to the confessing of sins, and to various kinds of anointing with oil, but Jesus, himself, left us only his Word and the Eucharist.

And it is around these two things, the Word and the Eucharist, that we form community; from these we create church. Historically Roman Catholics and Protestants have differed as to which of these to give the priority. In classical Protestant theology and practice, the Word is central; it is what first and foremost draws us into community. Eucharist might or might not follow. In Roman Catholicism, the Eucharist is priority and the Word and all the other sacraments are ultimately in support of the Eucharist. In a vast oversimplification, it might be said that Roman Catholics form church around the Eucharist, while seeing the Word as a necessary prelude to and supplement to the Eucharist; whereas Protestants form church around the Word, while seeing the Eucharist as flowing out from that in different ways.

Partly this can be seen simply by walking into either a Roman Catholic or Protestant church. When you walk into a Protestant Church, what is front and centre? A pulpit or a lectern, something from which the Word of God is proclaimed or preached. Secondarily there might or might not be an altar, and if there is one, it is generally less centrally situated. The architecture speaks theology: we gather first and foremost around the Word. The Eucharist takes a secondary place. When you walk into a Roman Catholic church the reverse is true: what is front and centre? An altar. Off to one side, far less prominently, is placed a pulpit or a lectern. The message is also clear in the architecture: we gather first and foremost around the Eucharist, and the Word takes second place.

Biblical scholars suggest that this kind of division may have existed already at the time when the Gospels were written. Already then there were major variations among the different communities as to how often the Eucharist was celebrated and what its exact role was in bringing the community together. In either case, however, it was still deemed to be central, the summit to which we are called. Augustine, perhaps the most influential Christian theologian of all time, puts it this way: Jesus didn't leave us the church and from the church we derive the Eucharist: rather, for him, Jesus left us the Eucharist and from the Eucharist we derive the church. The church is in service of the Eucharist, not vice versa. Heaven will be a banquet table. The Eucharist already is that table.

Because of this, Roman Catholics teach that the Eucharist is the source and the summit of all Christian life. However, because it is both source and summit, it gives a mixed message: it is both the sign of our unity and a means of coming to that unity. It is both the end to which all Christians are journeying and, at least partially, the means to get there. This double meaning has been the source of much, and sometimes bitter, debate among the churches in regard to the practice of intercommunion.

We remember in our prayers

Recently deceased: Gisella Tieghi-Chendi

Anniversaries: Deceased members of the Melder family, Luigi Bastone, Tina Cerbone, Natalino Raso, Vito Veneziano, Antonio Costabile, Brian Carron

Sick & their carers: Kevin Hickey, Paul Lemalu, Marina Hanz, Armando Ravelo, Robert Holdsworth, Warren Beaton, Ricardo Dayonot, Margaret Iringan, Bernie Perabo, Rodrigo Bugtai

Parish Notices

Parish Directory 2018— are available at the Church entrance and at the parish office.

Memorial Wall for the Interment of Ashes—The St Peter's Clayton Memorial Wall is especially for parishioners who wish to have theirs or loved ones ashes interred OR theirs or loved ones names placed on a remembrance plaque. Please see the parish office for further details.

Social Services Sunday—is this weekend on Sunday 16th September. Social services are essential to the mission of the Catholic Church. Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) is the Catholic Church's peak national social services body. CSSA draws on the experience of decades of Catholic social service and social policy development in Australia as we advocate for those who are most disadvantaged, strengthen the social services which support them, and promote our network's core values of love and justice. For more information go to www.cssa.org.au



The Calling of Saint Matthew, is a masterpiece by Caravaggio, painted in 1599-1600, at the San Luigi dei Francesi (Church of St. Louis of the French) in Rome.

Jesus saw a man named Matthew at his seat in the custom house, and said to him, "Follow me", and Matthew rose and followed Him. Caravaggio depicts Matthew the tax collector sitting at a table with four other men. The dandyish tax-collector and his fashionably-dressed associates, all busily counting the day's proceeds are contrasted with the barefoot Christ. Jesus Christ and Saint Peter have entered the room, and Jesus is pointing at Matthew. A beam of light illuminates the faces of the men at the table who are looking at Jesus Christ.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK | 23 September—Sunday Year B

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
Reader	1 Savitri Ratnasabaphy	Bernie Fitzsimmons	Catechist Children
	2		
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	1 Doreen Hickey	Peter Fitzsimmons	Charlene Perez
	2 Maria Paiva	Tracey Baynosa	Tony Perez
	3 Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Hospitality	Sheila Cyril, Sebastian & Maria Westley		
Monash Medical Centre	(Team 4) Tonka Rako, Wanda Fiumara		
Counters	Reji Abraham		
Church Cleaners	(Team 2) The Italian Community		
Linen	Domenica Cosma		