

## Featurettes

### Ferials and Feasts this week

**Sunday**—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday**—Monday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time  
**Tuesday**—Tuesday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time  
**Wednesday**—Wednesday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time  
**Thursday**—*Saint John Chrysostom*  
**Friday**—*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
**Saturday**—Saturday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time

### St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

The St Vincent de Paul Society is inviting anyone interested in joining the local conference at St Peter's to a special meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Community Centre.

All are welcome and for more information, please contact Rohan on 0421 288 017.

### Youth



### World Youth Day announcement!!!!

Archbishop Comensoli is inviting young adults to join him on the Melbourne Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Panama! The mission of the Melbourne World Youth Day Pilgrimage is to facilitate a safe and supported pilgrimage which enables young adults from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to deepen their personal faith, broaden their understanding of the Catholic Church, form enriching relationships with other young Catholics, and respond to God in their life.

Places are strictly limited and each successful pilgrim will receive a generous subsidy from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Full costs for the pilgrimage will be \$8960 but with the Archdiocese of Melbourne subsidy it will bring the cost down to \$3,500 per pilgrim which includes travel insurance.

**Our timeline is extremely tight and interested young adults are required to apply by Wednesday 12th September.**

For more information about this amazing pilgrimage and how to apply visit our website or contact the Archdiocesan Office for Youth on 03 9287 5565 or [wyd2019@cam.org.au](mailto:wyd2019@cam.org.au).

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 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](http://www.trybooking.com) and search *Spring Ball* or book through the Parish Secretary via email: [clayton@cam.org.au](mailto:clayton@cam.org.au) or phone: 9544 1516 (Tuesday to Friday).

### 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.



**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 & Italian) 4:30pm (Malayalam)  <b>Weekday Masses</b> Monday 9:00am 7:00pm (Malayalam) Tuesday 9:00am 7:00pm (Italian) 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 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>	Therese Stewart (Acting Principal)	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Margaret Nahon	
<b>CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL 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	

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B 9th September 2018

*The Lord Who Does All Things Well—Today we celebrate our 'unbounded admiration' for the Lord who makes no distinctions between classes of people, but makes the poor rich in faith, the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 35:4-7  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Praise the Lord, my soul!  
**SECOND READING:** James 2:1-5  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
 Alleluia!  
**GOSPEL:** Mark 7:31-37

### NEXT WEEK'S READING: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 50:5-9  
**SECOND READING:** James 2:14-18  
**GOSPEL:** Mark 8:27-35

## From the Desk of the Parish Priest

### The Incarnation And The Body of Christ

Rev. Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

A story that is familiar to many of us tells of a young girl who woke up on night frightened and disoriented, convinced that there were spooks and monsters around her in the darkness of her room. She ran to her parents’ bedroom for safety. Her mother brought her back to her own room, put on a light to show her that there was nothing there, and gently tried to reassure her that she was safe. Then, just before leaving, the mother said to her, “You don’t need to be afraid. You aren’t alone. God is here in the room with you.” the child replied, “I know that God is here with me, but I need someone here who has some skin!”

We are all like that little girl. As human beings we are sensual creatures in the true meaning of that term. We are creatures of the senses: touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste. Everything that enters us goes through one of those five senses and everything that comes out of us, all communication and expression, comes out through one of those same senses. We are not angels, pure spirits without bodies. We are incarnate spirits, souls that have a body, and so we need things that we can touch, see, hear, taste and smell.

That is true, too, sometimes especially so, in terms of our relationship to God. A God who is everywhere is, for us, at a certain point, nowhere. We are human. We need a God who has some skin, who can be located, who can somehow be physically touched. And God—who knows human nature, since he created it—respects that need in us and meets us on our own terms. Thus, the central tenet within Christianity, the very thing that defines it, is the belief that, in Christ, God took on concrete flesh and became tangible, physical, someone who can touch and be touched. Indeed the very word Christ ultimately means divine reality inside of human flesh.

When John wrote his Gospel, he did not include a Christmas story. In place of the birth of Jesus, he simply wrote, *The word was made flesh and it lives among us.* That single statement defines Christianity. Christianity isn’t first and foremost a religion or a set of beliefs. Rather, parallel to the unfolding of the universe itself, it is an ongoing story, the story of God taking on physical flesh in this world, a story that began with the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and that continues down to this very day. God is still taking on concrete flesh. How?

The mystery of God taking on concrete flesh, which Christians call the incarnation, isn’t a simple thirty-three-year incursion of God into human history in the person of Jesus. It’s more. God took on flesh in Jesus, but the incarnation didn’t end when Jesus ascended back to the Father after his resurrection. The incarnation is still going on. God is still taking on concrete flesh in this world. Where?

In the Christian scriptures, the term *the body of Christ* is used to refer equally to three things: the historical body of Jesus, the body of believers, and the Eucharist. Each of these is referred to as the body of Christ. Each is the body of Christ. For instance, when Saint Paul refers to either the community of believers or the Eucharist, he never intimates that they are like Jesus, that they replace Jesus, that they are symbolic representations of Jesus, or even that they are a mystical presence of Jesus. Each is equally called the body of Christ, each is that place in our world where God takes on concrete flesh. God still has skin in this world, in the Eucharist and in the community of believers. The incarnation is still going on. The word is still becoming flesh and living among us.

That is the first, and the key, thing that must be said about the Eucharist. Along with the community of believers, the Eucharist is God’s physical presence, God’s real presence in the world. The Eucharist is the place where God continues to take concrete physical flesh just as he once did in the womb of Mary. In the Eucharist, the word continues to become flesh.

### We remember in our prayers

**Recently deceased:** Robert Klimek, Gisella Tieghi, Milena Jeronimo, Stefana Velardi

**Anniversaries:** Marcella Rausa, Francisco Valencia, Pascuala Valencia, Ferdinando Siciliano, Felix Cabuenas, Guido Di Somma, Eugenio Mirabelli

**Sick & their carers:** 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.

**New worker in the Parish Office**— to assist with the prompt processing of payments to the parish and to assist those who only use EFTPOS or credit cards, the parish has acquired an EFTPOS machine. I hope that you will make good use of this facility to move our parish forward.

**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 next weekend on Sunday 16th September.



*Jesus Heals a Mute Possessed Man*, painted by James Tissot, in 1886-1894, located at Brooklyn Museum, New York City.

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK | 16 September—Sunday Year B

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
<b>Reader</b>	1 Lloyd De Souza	Neil Daly	Nisha Antony
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<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	1 Savitri Ratnasabaphy	Pura Calma	Sr Monica Tuohey
	2 Maria Paiva	Maria Bonita Calma	Elvira Coutinho
	3 Volunteer	Volunteer	Betty Holdsworth
<b>Hospitality</b>	Year 2 Morning Tea		
<b>Monash Medical Centre</b>	<i>(Team 3)</i> Lester & Mildred De Souza, Luan Viegas		
<b>Counters</b>	<i>(Team 5)</i> Angela Yeo, Ted & Leanne Smith		
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	<i>(Team 2)</i> Charlie Grech, Anna Tang, Divya Thomas		
<b>Linen</b>	Vittoria Strangis		