

## Featurettes

### Ferials and Feasts this week

**Sunday**—Third Sunday of Lent  
**Monday**—The Annunciation of the Lord, *Solemnity*  
**Tuesday**—Tuesday of the 3rd week of Lent  
**Wednesday**—Wednesday of the 3rd week of Lent  
**Thursday**—Thursday of the 3rd week of Lent  
**Friday**—Friday of the 3rd week of Lent  
**Saturday**—Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent

### 24 Hours for the Lord

Unfortunately due to the lack of adorers for each hour, we will need to cancel hosting the 24 Hours for the Lord in 2019. For those who would still like to pray, you are most welcome to pray in the adoration chapel.

### Flowers

As the Church refrains from flowers during the solemn season of Lent, all flowers must be placed at the grotto or in front of the statue of St Peter on the Clayton Rd side of the Church.

### Hopper and Curry Night

Hopper and Curry Night, a fundraising evening, with music by Mahogany and a great night for socialising and dancing!  
**When:** Saturday 18th May, 7pm –12am, St Peter’s Hall  
**Cost:** \$35.00 for adult  
 \$20.00 for child (12 years and younger)  
 \$90 for family (2 adults and 2 children)  
 B.Y.O. drinks. Limited tickets, so book tables now!  
**Go to:** [www.trybooking.com/462814](http://www.trybooking.com/462814) or visit the parish office Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 4pm to buy tickets.

### Youth



### Matt Fradd - T@P

Theology @ the Pub and Catholic Vocations Melbourne are proud to be hosting internationally renowned Author, Podcaster and Speaker Matt Fradd on his Melbourne Tour. Matt’s podcast Pints With Aquinas receives hundreds of thousands of downloads every month. An Aussie by birth Matt lives with his wife, Cameron, and their children in Georgia. Join us as Matt shares from his vast experience on the topic: How to win an Argument without losing a soul.

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.

### Ron Huntley @ St Peter’s

**Keys for Creating a Missionary Culture in Parishes**—Come to this workshop to hear how we can renew our Parishes so that they become more outward focused and welcoming. Hear how Alpha & the Divine Renovation model can help in this task and why cultural change is so important. **Saturday, 6th April 2019** from 9:30am to 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. A special cost of \$20.00 for St Peter’s parishioners only if book through the parish office. Come and hear the latest in parish renewal, evangelisation and how we are to become missionaries in our world. It will be music to your ears!

### New Hymnals

A number of people have come forward to offer a donation for hymnals. Should anyone wish to donate a hymnal, a commemorative sticker will be placed in the book stating from whom it had been donated. Some commemorative stickers have been placed in the new hymnals. Hymnals are \$30.00 each, please contact the parish office for further information and details.

### Invitation from the School

We the family of St Peter’s School, would like to invite all parishioners to participate in the end of term Holy Week Assemblies. These assemblies will be held on Wednesday 3rd of April at 10:00am, Foundation - Grade 2 will present Palm Sunday followed by the Grade 3’s and 4’s who will be presenting Holy Thursday. On Friday the 5th of April at 10:00am Grade 5’s and 6’s will be presenting the Stations of the Cross. It would be great to see you all at our Holy Week Assemblies. Kind regards and God bless. The Family of St Peter’s School.

Monday, 6th May 2019 at Royal Melbourne Hotel, Bourke Street, 6:30pm. For bookings, [www.trybooking.com/BBABQ](http://www.trybooking.com/BBABQ)

### A Vocation View

Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Andrew McCarter | **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Jossy Kizhakkethalackal

DETAILS		MASS SCHEDULE
<b>PARISH</b>		
<b>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 & Italian)
<b>Deacon:</b>	Rev. Mr Hubert Fernando	4:30pm (Malayalam)
<b>Secretary:</b>	TBA	
<b>Domestic Support:</b>	Seda Peters	<b>Weekday Masses</b>
<b>Office Hours:</b>		Monday 9:00am
<b>Monday:</b>	Closed	7:00pm (Malayalam)
<b>Tuesday to Friday:</b>	9:00am—4:00pm	Tuesday 9:00am
		Wednesday 9:00am
<b>PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>		7:00pm (Mass & Novena)
<b>Address:</b>	16 Mary St, Clayton, 3168	Thursday 9:00am
<b>Phone:</b>	9544 3032	Friday 9:00am
<b>Email:</b>	principal@spclayton.catholic.edu.au	2:30pm Divine Mercy
<b>Principal:</b>	Sharon Daujat	Saturday 9:00am
<b>Secretaries:</b>	Margaret Nahon and Rebecca Burt	
<b>CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL</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	

## Third Sunday of Lent — Year C

24th March 2019

*The Lord of Compassion and Love—We celebrate today the Lord who resolves to free us from our slavery to sin, if only we will listen to his serious warnings to us to repent.*

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is kind and merciful.  
**SECOND READING:** Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
 Repent, says the Lord;  
 the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
 Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
**GOSPEL:** Luke 13: 1-9

### NEXT WEEK’S READING: Fourth Sunday of Lent—Year C

**FIRST READING:** Joshua 5:9-12  
**SECOND READING:** 2Corinthians 5:17-21  
**GOSPEL:** Luke 15:1-3.11-32

## From the Desk of the Parish Priest

### Our Struggle For Proper Celebration

Rev. Fr Ron Rolheiser

We don't know how to celebrate things as they're meant to be celebrated. We want to, but mostly we don't know how. Generally we celebrate badly. How do we normally celebrate? By overdoing things; by taking a lot of the things we ordinarily do, drinking, eating, talking, singing, and humouring, and bringing them to excess. For most of us, celebration means eating too much, drinking too much, singing too loudly, telling one joke too many, and hoping that somewhere in all that excess we will find the secret to make this occasion extraordinary.

We have this odd idea that we can find special joy and delight by pushing things beyond their normal limits. But there's precious little real delight in this. Heightened enjoyment is found in connecting with others more deeply, in feeling our lives expanded, and in experiencing love and playfulness in a special way. But that doesn't happen in a frenzy. Hence our celebrations are mostly followed by a hangover, physical and emotional. Why? Why is genuine celebration so hard to do?

Perhaps the main reason is that we struggle congenitally to simply enjoy things, to simply take life, pleasure, love, and enjoyment as gracious and free gifts from God, pure and simple. It's not that we lack this capacity for this. God has given us this gift. More at issue is the fact that our capacity to enjoy is often mixed with inchoate feelings of guilt about experiencing pleasure (and the greater the pleasure, the deeper our feeling of guilt.) Among other things, because of this, we often struggle to enjoy what's legitimately given us by God because, consciously or unconsciously, we feel that our experience of pleasure is somehow "stealing from God." This is an uneasiness that particularly afflicts sensitive and moral souls. Somehow, in the name of God, we struggle to give ourselves full permission to enjoy, and this leaves us prone to excess (which is invariably a substitute for genuine enjoyment).

Whatever the reasons, we struggle with this and thus many of us go through life deprived of a healthy capacity to enjoy and, since nature will still have its way, we end up alternating between rebellious enjoyment ("pleasure we steal from God", but feel guilty about) and dutiful discipline (which we do without a lot of delight). But we're rarely able to genuinely celebrate. We rarely find the genuine delight we are looking for in life and this pushes us into pseudo-celebration, namely, excess. Put simply, because we struggle of give ourselves permission

to enjoy, ironically we tend to pursue enjoyment too much and often not in the right ways. We confuse pleasure with delight, excess with ecstasy, and the obliteration of consciousness with heightened awareness. Because we cannot simply enjoy, we go to excess, burst our normal limits, and hope that obliterating our awareness will heighten it.

And yet, celebrate we must. We have an innate need to celebrate because certain moments and events of our lives (e.g., a birthday, a wedding, a graduation, a commitment, an achievement, or even a funeral) simply demand it. They demand to be surrounded with rituals which heighten and intensify their meaning and they demand that they be shared in a special, highlighted way with others. What we cease to celebrate we will soon cease to cherish.

The same is true of some of our deeper loving, playful, and creative moments. They too demand to be celebrated: highlighted, widened, and shared with others. We have an irrepressible need to celebrate, that's good. Indeed the need for ecstasy is hardwired into our very DNA. But ecstasy is heightened awareness, not obliterated consciousness. Celebration is meant to intensify our awareness, not deaden it. The object of celebration is to highlight certain events and feelings so as to share them with others in an extraordinary way. But, given our misunderstandings about celebration, we mostly make pseudo-celebration, that is, we overdo things to a point where we take our own awareness and our awareness of the occasion out of the equation.

We have a lot to overcome in our struggle to come to genuine celebration. We still need to learn that heightened enjoyment is not found in excess, deeper community is not found in mindless intimacy, and heightened awareness is not found in a frenzied deadening of our consciousness. Until we learn that lesson we will still mostly trudge home hung-over, more empty, more tired, and more alone than before the party. A hangover is a sure sign that, somewhere back down the road, we missed a sign post. We struggle to know how to celebrate, but we must continue to try.

Jesus came and declared a wedding feast, a celebration, at the centre of life. They crucified him not for being too ascetical, but because he told us we should actually enjoy our lives, assuring us that God and life will give us more goodness and enjoyment than we can stand, if we can learn to receive them with the proper reverence and without undue fear.

### We remember in our prayers

**Recently deceased:** Stephen Reid, Giuseppe Di Mauro

**Anniversaries:** Mario De Rose, Vingenza Cerbona, Juliana Calma

**Sick & their carers:** Helena Szymczak, Teresa D'Lazarus, Tracey Baynosa, Letty Lozano, Ronald Manalo, Rosalina Garcia, Kitty Dai Yun Zhang, Phil Hickey, Andrea Cinque, Marina Hanz, Armando Ravelo, Warren Beaton, Ricardo Dayonot, Margaret Iringan, Bernie Perabo, Rodrigo Bugtai, Guada Apter

### Parish Notices

**Lauds or Morning Prayer** of the Church will be celebrated each weekday during Lent. This will begin 15 minutes before the morning Mass at 8:45am.

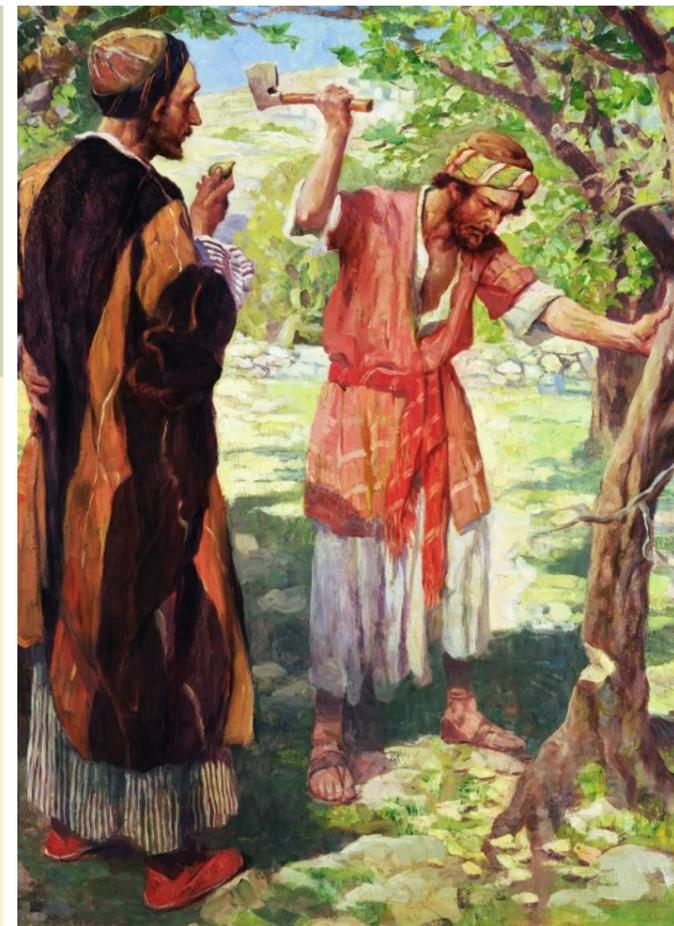
**Trust** is a weekly program based on the Sunday Scripture readings during Lent (Year C). A group will run in the Parish Office on Thursday mornings each week at 11:00am during the weeks of Lent. Please contact the parish office to register for this program. Places are limited to 15 persons.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held in the Church at 6:30pm this Friday. This could be an act of prayer for your Lenten discipline.

**Choir Practice** every Saturday morning at 10:00am. We shall begin with a new Lenten repertoire and continuing on with Holy Week and Easter.

**First Rite of Reconciliation for Lent** is on Thursday, 11th April 2019 at 6:30pm. There are a number of priests who will be attending this evening, so you will have a selection of priests to choose from making this a fruitful and blessed time to confess sins.

**Roster for Holy Week**—If you are available for ministry in Holy Week, please fill your name in on the blank roster in the narthex.



Repentance is not a fashionable word today. Its basic meaning is to change. It means to stop doing something that's not productive or taking you in a wrong direction.

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK | 31 March 2019—Sunday Year C

	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am
<b>Reader</b>	1 Savitri Ratnasabaphy	Mark Szymczak	Brenda Hiu
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	1 Maria Paiva	Lee Calma	Leanne Smith
	2 Tina Murrian	Jovita Calma	Sr Monica Tuohey
	3 N/A	N/A	Betty Holdsworth
<b>Hospitality</b>	<i>(Team 10)</i> The Indian Community		
<b>Monash Medical Centre</b>	<i>(Team 1)</i> Denise Riordan, Imeleta Lemalu		
<b>Counters</b>	<i>(Team 1)</i> Laeta Tabak, Chris Lewis		
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	<i>(Team 1)</i> The Italian Community <i>(Friday 05/04/2019)</i>		
<b>Linen</b>	Arlene De Souza		