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Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

23rd August 2020 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently Deceased:

Deceased: Matey O'Donnell

Anniversary: Ron Barwick; Dorothy & Harold Mann; Jack Tinson; Marj Thomson; Beryl Meredith; Sheila McNamara; Anthony T O'Donnell; Ena O'Donnell; Patricia Mason; Joe Gigli; Bill Norman Jnr; Bill Norman Snr; Ron O'Dwyer; Dominic Bowen; Eric Robinson; Lorna Matheson; Alan Reading Snr; Helen Hird; Anne Gee; Elouise Harrison; Bernie Howard; Clare Perkins, Tiny Stockdale; Margaret Heath; Sue Schumaker; John Egan; Eleanor Heyman; Maureen Pengilley; Roy Smith; Cas Reading;

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.

And for those who are ill:

David Seiler; Rita Looney; Bobbie Paton; Fr John Willis; Fr John McHugh; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigli; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greentree; Rosalynn Chan; and all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

<u>Roster</u>

29/8/2020 R: H Passfield

EM:

G:

30/8/2020 R: M & J Elsley

EM:

G:

J Daniels & K Sweep

The Sacred Liturgy

Quirindi: Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

Werris Creek: Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm

Willow Tree:

Mass at Willow Tree 8.00am

Confessions:

Saturday 4.15pm to 4.45pm and after each Mass except Saturday night

Weekday Mass Times:

St Brigid's: Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at

9.30an

Werris Creek: Wednesday & Thursday at 9.30am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

<u>Baptisms by arrangement with Parish Priest - any</u> <u>Sunday at 11.30am</u>

Rosary is said prior to Mass only when there is no Benediction

No Anointing on the 3rd Sunday of the Month during Mass

Coming Events

- Social Justice Sunday 30th August
- Chrism Mass Monday 14th September with Mass at 5.00pm, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Clergy Assembly 14th, 15th and 16th September. No Parish Mass
- Peter's Pence Collection 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Coronavirus

The following must be observed at all Masses:

- 1. Please sign-in on the log-sheets every time you enter the church.
- Sanitise your hands, observe physical distancing and sit on allocated seats
- 3. No congregational singing, only Father to sing; no Sign of Peace.
- 4. Printed bulletins are for single use only and must not be reused by other people
- 5. One single line during Holy Communion.

Saints to Remember

St Bartholomew - Feast - 24th
St Louis - Memorial - 25th
St Joseph Calasanz - Memorial - 25th
St Monica - Memorial - 27th
St Augustine - Memorial - 28th
The Passion of St John the Baptist - Memorial - 29th

Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Rebuke him, O God, we humbly beseech thee; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the diving power, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Memorare

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember also the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your Son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in heaven. Amen.

Our Lady of La Salette reconciler of Sinners

Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to thee.

Planned Giving \$295.00 + \$56.00 = \$351.00 First Collection \$392.80 Combined Good Shepherd & Priests Retirement \$655.00

GOSPEL Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

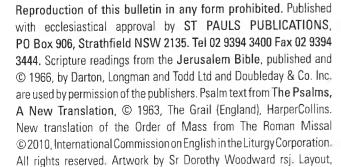
When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever vou loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

M The Gospel of the Lord.



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Reflections Gospel



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

23 August 2020

TREASURED KNOWLEDGE

Jesus questions his disciples about popular perceptions of who he is. Their report shows that people cast him in familiar but totally inadequate roles. The reality requires a leap in imagination and faith achieved in Simon Peter's response: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God'. Beyond being Messiah of Israel, Jesus is God's Son in a unique way.

Peter has conferred a title upon Jesus. Now Jesus confers a blessing and three roles upon him

He is 'blessed', not because he is virtuous, but because God has revealed to him a knowledge that unaided human understanding could never achieve. Everything the Church has to say flows from this God-given knowledge of Jesus. This is the inexhaustible treasure that it holds in trust for the world.

Simon's first role is indicated by his name: 'Peter' (= 'Rock'). He is 'rock', again not because of his personal qualities, but because of his knowledge of Jesus. Built on this 'rock', the Church will be a community of life, against which the powers of death ('gates of the underworld') will not prevail.

The gift of keys, a biblical image (see the First Reading) signifies delegated authority (from Jesus) in the household of God (the Church).

The final role, 'binding and loosing', refers to the power to interpret and apply Jesus' authoritative teaching to new situations. In this way the Church, as both expression and foretaste of God's reign ('Kingdom of Heaven') on earth, is equipped to discern God's will in the changing circumstances that will confront its passage down the ages.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Isa 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

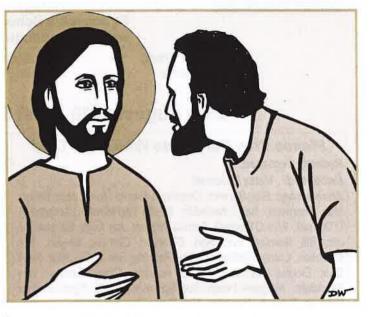
I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8. R. v. 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

- 1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. R.
- 2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R**.



3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church / the gates of hell will not hold out against it. / Alleluia!