

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!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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 you 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to
cheer the heart.

**BACKGROUND ON
THE GOSPEL READING**

It is important to read today’s Gospel and next week’s Gospel as two parts of a single story.

These readings are a turning point in Matthew’s Gospel.

This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church.

Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus’ prediction about his passion and death.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter’s response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock."

Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today’s Gospel, Peter’s recognition of Jesus’ identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus’ rebuke of Peter in next week’s Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus’ prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today’s Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew’s Gospel.

Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus’ identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Public Rosary—Praying For Peace

The Legion of Mary of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish invites you to pray the Rosary outdoors in the Mary Mackillop Plaza after 8am morning Mass on the first Saturday of every month.
The next meeting is Saturday, 2nd September

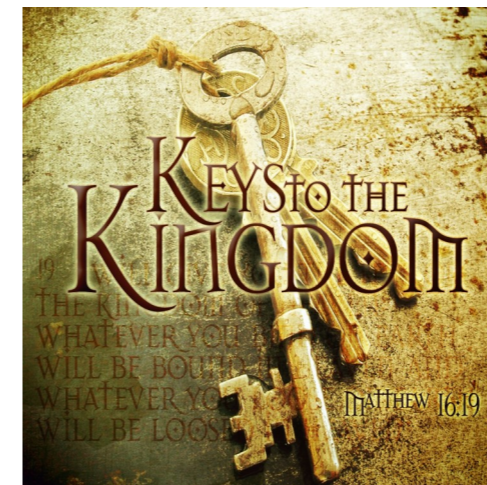


Parish Bulletin

21st Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A

26-27 August 2023

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



Who do you say I Am?

Jesus asks his disciples this question in today’s gospel. He asks us the same question. He is not seeking a textbook response or asks us to repeat what others have said about him. **He wants to hear our personal, heartfelt response.** May we answer his question as truthfully as possible and then listen as he speaks to us.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

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 Hilkiyah.

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 shoulders; 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

Psalm 137: 1-8

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

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**

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**

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 hand. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

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 be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything?

All that exists come from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever!!
Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Social Justice Sunday today.

I encourage everyone to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster hope and trust today.
Pope Francis

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—2-3 Sept 2023 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Jim Litchfield Fil Ciancio Bronwyn Gleeson
9:30am	Paul Halliwell Ann Mary Kollarackal Jake Kollarackal
Children's Liturgy	Tania Montin Angela Mealey
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Saveria Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	19/20 AUGUST
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$403.00
Open Plate	\$247.05
PARISH TOTAL	\$650.05

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$488.30

Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries Sunday September 17

There will be a blessing of milestone marriage anniversaries on Sunday 17th September across the Archdiocese of Adelaide.
If you and your spouse are celebrating a significant marriage anniversary this year please notify the parish office so we can acknowledge this special occasion.



Please remember in your prayers
Carmela La Starza who died on 12th August 2023
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.
Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are housebound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
How often in the Bible the Lord asks us to welcome migrants and foreigners, reminding us that we too are foreigners!
A person's dignity does not depend on them being a citizen, a migrant, or a refugee.
Saving the life of someone fleeing war and poverty is an act of humanity.



Sausage Sizzle Today
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having a Sausage Sizzle today after 9:30am Mass.
Cost: \$2.50 per serve.
Come along and join in this community event.



Parish Announcements

Social Justice Sunday – 27 August 2023
Social Justice Sunday is observed every year on the final Sunday of August; this year it falls on Sunday August 27.
Distribution of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement and Prayer Cards for 2023-24 entitled '**Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**' is scheduled to occur this week. Both the statement and prayer cards are available for download and may be found on the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>
This statement comes at a crucial time as we prepare for the Voice Referendum later this year.

Visit of the Relic of St John Bosco September 1-5 (Sts Peter & Paul's Church and Xavier College)
The relic statue of St John Bosco will be touring Australia as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians.
After the scheduled time in the Gawler parish, other parishes or institutions if interested could welcome the relic to their premises Contact Fr William Matthews SDB through email: wmatthews@salesians.org.au

Migrant and Refugee Sunday – Sunday September 24
You are invited to the Archdiocesan Migrant and Refugee Sunday – Multicultural Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 11am . Featured will be stories from local communities, reflections, primary and secondary schools' prayer rituals .
Journey to the Synod
Tuesday, September 12 at 7pm. Festival Function Centre, 292 Findon Road, Findon. The third of three gathering with Archbishop O'Regan as we journey towards the Synod: exploring communion, participation and mission.
Bookings via: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKKUV>
Please direct enquiries to Sarah Moffatt: smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au or P: 8210 8110

Catholic Charities
September is Catholic Charities Month. Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians.
In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia -Hutt St Centre/ Aboriginal Catholic Ministry/ Centacare Catholic Family Services/ Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.
Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal.
Donations can be made via the reply paid slip on the leaflet or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/gr/cc>

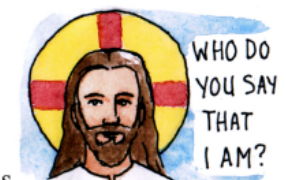
The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27th, 2023

What were Peter and Jesus saying in today's Gospel reading? Look in the mirror to find out!

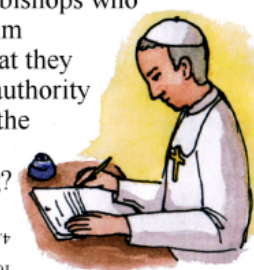
"You Are Peter."

Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was. When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.



When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that pretty amazing?



Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 5. Netherworld 7. on 9. 10 give 11 rock 13 head 14 m 17 flesh 19 Jesus 21 set (or pin) 22 name 23 have 24 son DOWN: 1. Peter 2. Church 3. are 4. prevail 6. do 8. not 10. God 12. keys 15. never 16. we 17. Father 18. Heaven 19. Jonah 20. Simon 23. he