

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *Isaiah 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
R. Thanks be to God

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

Second Reading *Romans 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 under-

stand 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.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Matt 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!

Gospel *Matthew 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 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
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION
by Fr Michael Tate
What’s in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname ‘Rocky’ which in the Greek is Petros. Jesus puns with the nickname: ‘You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build my church.’ The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus). Notice that Jesus only makes promises about ‘my church’, not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset. Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord’s command to St Francis of Assisi, ‘Rebuild my church’. We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

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TWENTY FIRST
SUNDAY IN
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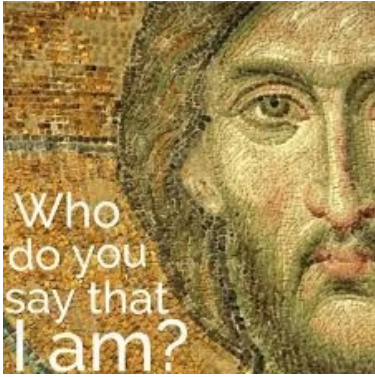


Upcoming
Events

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays
Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and
1st Saturday of the
month @ 9.30am
ENJOY THE GOOD
NEWS
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass
Wrap With Love
Wednesday 30th
August 1pm CMR All
welcome
Craft Group Thursdays
10am
ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm
COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All are welcome

Who do you say I am?

Have you ever wondered what people close to you think of you? What sort of a person do they think you are? Often, it is not until a funeral, that people often get a glimmer of who we are.



Christine Bryden, a CSIRO Science author, policy and planning officer and advisor to the Australian Prime Minister, was diagnosed with dementia at age 46 in 2012. Her diagnosis left her reeling with shock. As a single mother of three girls age 19, 14 and 9 she was fearful about their future and her own: ‘Would I live to see them grow up?’ Christine was so grateful for the support of an Anglican Priest who met with her every month to ‘pray with and encourage me. She suggested I write about my feelings and insights and from this, a book emerged’ – since then Christine has published 4 books in relation to living with Dementia. You can imagine Christine asking this question: ‘Who do you say I am?’ In her books and interviews she challenges us to include people living with dementia in our lives and remember they are whole human beings with body, mind and spirit just like any of us. She shares the following insight: ‘As we become more emotional and less cognitive, it’s the way you talk to us, not what you say, that we remember. We know the feelings but don’t know the plot. Your smile, your laughter and your touch are what we connect with. Empathy heals. Just love us as we are. We are still here in emotion and spirit, if only you could find us.’ [2005].

Jesus asks: Who do you say I am?

The question Jesus asks in today’s Gospel must always be paramount in our lives: Who do you say I am? What answer do I give with my words, with the way I live? Simon, in the Gospel, declares Jesus is truly ‘the Christ, the Son of the Living God.’ Simon Peter seems to sense this mystery, this insight, in proclaiming his faith. He seems to use words beyond his understanding since they expressed the faith of the new born faith Community. It is on Peter’s confession of faith that Jesus built his Church. Jesus focus on earth was proclaiming the Kingdom of God. As his follower am I also focused on the values of the Kingdom – love, justice, forgiveness, mercy & compassion? Is this what my life is about? As a follower of Jesus does everyone who sees me, see also the God who revealed himself in Jesus? In the end my answer to Jesus’ question is reflected more in the life I live than the words I utter. Like Christine Bryden, let us embrace life and the people we encounter, with great love and respect.

Marie Weatherall



MASSSES THIS WEEK

Monday 28th August

Sunday 3rd September

Monday 28th: No Mass

Tuesday 29th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 30th: Mass 9am

Thursday 31st: Mass 9am

Friday 1st: Mass 9am

Saturday 2nd: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm

Sunday 3rd: Mass 9am

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ST BERNARDS PARISH FEAST DAY 2023



Thank you to all of you who made the Annual Parish Feast Day such a wonderful occasion. It was a beautiful day. Lots of delicious Filipino food, and a great bbq as well. Fr Loi sang for us and truly has a remarkable voice!!

Here are a few photos for those who couldn't make it.



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Loi has requested that the PPC be reformed in our parish.

The PPC will be a body reflecting the life of the parish providing advice and support to Fr Loi.

In 2023 the PPC will be made up of the following:

1 rep from the Pastoral Care team
1 rep from the Liturgy team
1 rep from the Finance Committee
1 rep from St Bernard's School
1 rep from Carroll College
Parish Priest
PPC Chair.

We are asking for 2 additional members from the parish to nominate to join the PPC. Their roles will be Social Justice Coordinator and Social Coordinator.

Meetings will be held once every 2 months and will last for 1 hour.

If you would like to nominate for one of the two roles above please give your name to Fr Loi before August 14 with the first meeting to be held in early September



Remembering the Sick:

Maria de Rocco, Pam Wilson, Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

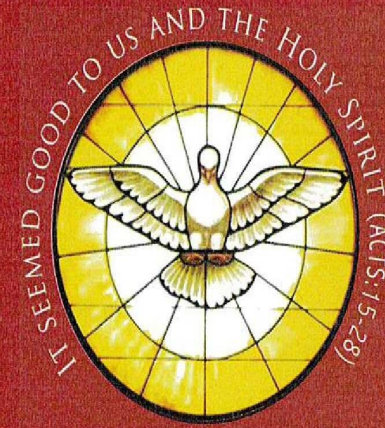
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Julie McDonald, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, Dan Quigley, Maree O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Nita Gorzalka, Linda Russell

Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions

September

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations.
Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

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