

Sunday 27th August 2023

THE 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at Mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

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THIS WEEK

Sun 27 Aug 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	21st OF THE YEAR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Farrell Valmond RIP Yolande Dias RIP James Walsh RIP Jack & Julieanne Murphy RIP
Mon 28 Aug 9.30am	S. Agustine of Hippo Watts & Ledo Families RIP
Tues 29 Aug 9.30am	The Passion of S. John the Baptist Holy Souls
Weds 30 Aug 9.30am	Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward Lucille Thomas Thanksgiving
Thurs 31 Aug 9.30am	feria John Lynchehan RIP
Fri 31 Aug 9.30am	feria Fiona Power Ints.
Sat 1 Sept 9.30am	Of Our Lady Patrick Kelly RIP
Sun 2 Sept 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	22nd OF THE YEAR John Brady RIP Thomas Dolan RIP (Birthday remembrance) Jerzy George RIP Edward Johnston RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Blessed Sacrament Lamp: In memory of James Walsh RIP
Our Lady of Walsingham Lamp: In memory of Rose Taylor RIP

TODAY'S MASS



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.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."

S. Clare of Assisi

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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 86 (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.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: *Isalah 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 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.

Responsorial psalm: *137*

Response: *Your Love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not 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: *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 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.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

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.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself
a people by adoption
through the one sacrifice
offered once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace
in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. Ps 104 (103): 13-15*

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.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.