

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.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. 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.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. 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.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

JESUS' IDENTITY

In biblical times, a man was judged and given status according to the village he was from, the family he belonged to, and the trade he carried out. Oftentimes this ascribed personality – what people thought of the person – was considered to be more important than what the individual thought about himself or herself.

Jesus' stereotypical identity would have been: 'Jesus of Nazareth'. This would have accorded him little honour because the stereotypical image of that village's inhabitants was 'worthless and inconsequential'. In fact, Nathanael from nearby Cana remarks: 'Can anything good come from Nazareth?' (John 1:46) Even Jesus' occupation was humble: he was a carpenter (Mark 6:3), a carpenter's son (Matthew 13:35). The Israelites stayed close to the adage: 'Like father, like son'. Both Jesus and Joseph were *tektonai*, 'stone or wood workers'.

Jesus, however, did not conform to his stereotype. Instead of engaging in the same profession as Joseph, he became an itinerant preacher. He did not stay in his home town and marry as was expected of him. After he preached the word of God and showed that he was mighty both in word and in deed, the people began to attribute to Jesus honourable opinions.

In today's Gospel, the disciples tell Jesus that people perceive him as John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or another of the prophets. These are all honourable perceptions, but still inadequate. Simon Peter then confesses Jesus to be 'the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God'. No human being could arrive at this knowledge without a revelation of God. Peter expresses Jesus' true identity: not ascribed to him by human beings, but by the Father himself.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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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 for us to repeat what others have said about him. He wants to hear our personal response. May we answer his question as truthfully as possible, and then listen as he speaks to us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. 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.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

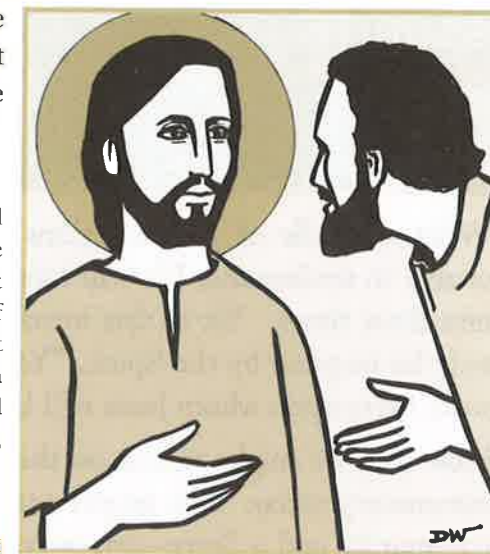
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP 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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

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!

GOSPEL Mt 16:13-20

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ROSE BAY AND DOVER HEIGHTS



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Reflection



What a bundle of contradictions is Peter! At times, he is hot-headed, impulsive; at others, obtuse and unable to understand. He will later declare his undying loyalty to Jesus at the Last Supper and then deny him three times. Yet in this incident it is Peter who speaks the words of wisdom and faith which could only be inspired by the Spirit, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." It is this same imperfect, weak Peter upon whom Jesus will lay the mantle of leadership of his Church.

How well we might reflect on this when we are confronted with the human failings within our Church community today. This gospel presents us with the mystery of a Church which is both a flawed human community and a Spirit-empowered communion which continues the presence and ministry of "the Son of the living God".

All of us, as members of that Church, are imperfect human beings like Peter, often slow to understand, or lacking courage in our discipleship. Yet, we too are imbued with his Spirit, a Holy communion called Church, empowered to be his presence in our world. Do we understand the mystery and the glory that we carry within us and among us?

Catholic Men's Fellowship Talk—Sam Clear



Listen to Sam share his experiences and challenge us to think about our choices. Enjoy a hot breakfast and participate in the discussion. Bring your brother, your son, your mate or any man.

KNOWING THE BENEFITS OF MAKING TOUGH DECISIONS, WHY IS IT SOMETIMES WE CHOOSE THE EASY OPTION?
CCC 1733 / Rom 6:17

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Weekly Liturgies

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St Mary Magdalene: 8am, 10am, 6pm
St Therese (Sat night vigil): 5pm
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St Mary Magdalene, Rose Bay: Tue-Fri 9am
Confession
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Eucharistic Adoration
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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This Sunday's gospel reading is a well known passage, central to Matthew's account, in which Simon, on behalf of the Twelve, professes his faith in Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God"; and Jesus calls Simon "blessed" for this faith, recognising in him a special gift of the Father, and tells him, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church."

Let us pause on this very point, on the fact that Jesus gives Simon this name, "Peter", which in Jesus' language is pronounced Kefa, a word which means "rock". In the Bible, this term, "rock", refers to God. Jesus gives it to Simon not because of his character or for his merits as a human, but for his genuine and steadfast faith, which comes to him from above.

Jesus feels great joy in his heart because, in Simon, he recognises the hand of the Father, the work of the Holy Spirit. He recognises that God the Father has given Simon "steadfast" faith on which he, Jesus, can build his Church, meaning his community, that is, all of us. Jesus intends to give life to "his" Church, a people founded no longer on heritage, but on faith, which means on the relationship with him, a relationship of love and trust. The Church is built on our relationship with Jesus. And to begin his Church, Jesus needs to find solid faith, "steadfast" faith in his disciples. And it is this that he must verify at this point of the journey.

The Lord has in mind a picture of the structure, an image of the community like a building. This is why, when he hears Simon's candid profession of faith, he calls him a "rock", and declares his intention to build his Church upon this faith.

Brothers and sisters, what happened in a unique way in St Peter, also happens in every Christian who develops a sincere faith in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Today's gospel passage also asks each of us, is your faith good? Each one answer in his or her heart. Is my faith good? How does the Lord find our hearts? A heart that is firm as a rock, or a heart like sand, that is doubtful, diffident, disbelieving? It will do us good to think about this throughout the day today. If the Lord finds in our heart, I don't say a perfect, but sincere, genuine faith, then he also sees in us living stones with which to build his community. This community's foundation stone is Christ, the unique cornerstone. On his side, Peter is the rock, the visible foundation of the Church's unity; but every baptised person is called to offer Jesus his or her lowly but sincere faith, so that he may continue to build his Church, today, in every part of the world

Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice ... And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us, "Who do you say that I am?" What do we answer? Let us think about this. But above all, let us pray to God the Father, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary; let us pray that he grant us the grace to respond, with a sincere heart, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is a confession of faith, this is really "the Creed". Let us repeat it together three times, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

St Mary Magdalene Roster—3rd September

3rd Sep	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Elizabeth Moore		
Info Desk		Sue Heavener	
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Acolyte/Altar Servers	Paul, John, Saxon/ Anthony Williams	Dave Korte/ Jess Toomey, Tilly Power, Jay Mabee	

St Therese, Dover Heights Roster—2nd September

Commentator— Marie Manche
First Reader— Graham Motum
Second Reader— Patti McGowen
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