

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
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.

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Breaking Open the Word

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Who is Jesus? What would I want to say
to him? Today's Gospel brings us to one of
the most important questions posed by the
evangelist to the Gospel's audience – and to
us: Who is Jesus for us?

Jesus first asks the disciples about the gossip
circulating concerning him and who they
believe him to be. Their response reflects
how the disciples understand Jesus and how
they will follow him as they draw closer to
Jerusalem, the city where Jesus' ministry will
conclude in his death and resurrection. The
disciples respond to Jesus' question as to what
others say about him: He is John the Baptist,
or Elijah who will return at the end of time,
or one of the prophets. Then Jesus asks them,
'Who do you say I am?'

Simon Peter, speaking for the group,
acknowledges Jesus as 'the Christ', the Greek
for the Hebrew word 'Messiah', literally 'the
anointed one'. Jesus is God's emissary anointed
with the Spirit. Jesus affirms Peter's response
as divinely inspired and declares that Peter –
Petros, 'rock' – will be the foundation or 'rock-
base' for the growth of the Jesus movement.

For Matthew's audience, this is an affirmation
of the movement's authority through time and
history. It is within this graced community that
we gather today. As contemporary followers
of Jesus, we are invited to give our response
personally and communally as to Jesus' identity:
Who do you, who do we say Jesus is? Our response
will shape how we act, with whom we engage and the kind of community
of Jesus' followers we will be.

Fr Michael Trainor

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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.

THE SAVING WORD

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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.



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28



Adorers are needed for these hours:

Sunday: 4am; 1pm; 2 pm; 11pm

Monday: 11am; 8pm

Tuesday: 8pm

Wednesday: 4am; 1pm

Saturday: 7am; 10am; 11am; 1pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Tony Cordina, Mary Camilleri, Eric Nunn, Roko & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stolinik, Fr Murphy, Robert Camilleri, Frederick Ventura, Argentino Larrabure, Gloria Tria, Eli & Pertti Riikonen, Kirsu M Hyninen, Jari Tapio Riikonen, Juha Tapani Riikonen, Jesusa Chin Doclan, Joaquin Catamayo, Stanley Culas, Donato Sr, Manuela, Fr Uy, Maria Evangelina Garcia, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Margarito Taguinod Sr, Pelagia Mendoza, Luz Sy, Afi, Delia & Mario, Kevin & Jeremy Lawang, Lawrence & Rachael Cachia family

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THANKSGIVING: Pedro Bagnay, Maria Nancy Valdivinus

THIS WEEK: 23 August 2026 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Alister R	Richelle C	Hilda D S	Eva O	Toniette S	Angel M T
1st Reader	Colleen D B	Jeslie M	Dulce T	Maria Mizzi	Shereen Q	R Sazon
2nd Reader	Maria Miletic	Susan C	Lorraine B	Nonie G	Mel O	A Julian
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Antonietta C Ernesto Co Paul M George E	Kurt C Stefan P	Ferdinand T Rukmal M Shirley T Thi Pham	Froilan M Joe M Roger S J Cathryn D	Vernon A Diana T Kirk D G R Jacqueline R	Teo C Virgie G Roland D Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Ann	Jherielle
Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	AHFI	Butch Eleazar	CFCFA	Exxemoz	MWF with LIHM Sisters

NEXT WEEK: 30 August 2026 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Gloria T	Frances R	Mario N	Dulce T	Milo P	Andrea C
1st Reader	Ryson R	Richelle C	Wynna D	Marliou S J	Toniette S	Raphael V
2nd Reader	Rochelle D	James J	Gynn D	Rency C	Maria Sulfaro	Danica L
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Alister R Paul M George E Antonietta C	Kurt C Stefan P	Marcelline A Roland D Ronald D Greg G	Ferdinand T Anna C Rosa M Gilbert M	Patrick B Candida D S Tami M Emman C	Diana T Ric M Joe C Marvin D
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Ann	Jherielle
Choirs	Excelsis Choir	AHFI	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Samoan DVM	Lea Lapid	CFCFA

Come and Join. SPC Bible Study
SPC Evangelisation Team would like to invite you to an online Bible study.
Every Wednesday, 7:30pm
Contact Hilda 0450 006 316.

SPC Bible study group. We warmly invite you to join the SPC Youth and Young Adults Bible Study group. Come along for prayer, Scripture reflection and meaningful discussion in a welcoming and supportive community. We look forward to journeying faith with you.
Contact: Parish office 03 93633132 or Email: deerpark@cam.org.au

Novena. Our Lady of Vailankanni
(Our Lady of Good Health) 9-day Novena commencing on Sunday, 30th August up until 7 September. Starting at 5:00pm on the first day and through the week Novena will start at 6:15pm and on Saturday, 5th September, novena will start at 4pm. Feast Day mass On Tuesday, 8 September at 7pm followed by fellowship and light Refreshment in the foyer of the church Please bring a plate to share.

Reminder. A friendly reminder to all our Parishioners. Kindly park your car outside if you are staying after the 8:30am mass. School gates will be closed at 9:30 AM. Thank you

Crying Room. Please keep the "Crying Room" clean and tidy. Please pick up your rubbish before leaving. Thank you for your cooperation.

Next Week: 30 August 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

A VOCATION VIEW

Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.