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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 23 August 2020

Matthew 16:13-20

*“Who do you say that I am?”*

*We note that Jesus looks beyond Peter's failures, his at times cowardice, impetuosity – to ask Peter -'Who do you say that I am?'*

*When in boarding school all those years ago at Geelong, under the care of the Christian Brothers I experienced in them, qualities in Leadership that shared compassion, wisdom, prayer and challenge. I recall those days often and, in particular, the moving story of one of the boys who came to us via a different channel - 'as Ward of State'. Upon his arrival, we were encouraged to become his peers, his friend, his colleague and to share the life of the harmony of our school. I'll call him Brian (this was not his name.) All too soon, Brian became highly unpopular, he was obnoxious, always angry, fighting, swearing, unkind and mean. It was clear he didn't want to be with us, and the feeling was hastily mutual among us. No one wanted him to stay. But one wise and caring Christian Brother looking long and caringly with his compassionate heart wanted to know more about Brian. Going to his file, he learnt from whence he came and, with the permission of Brother Superior, went to Brian's hometown located in a far-off distant place in country Victoria.*

*Speaking to the Parish Priest there, Brother learnt how things had gone so badly in young Brian's early life. The Parish Priest with a saddened heart shared Brian's family situation, his father an aggressive and angry chronic alcoholic, his mother, so unloved and abused at home became a lady in the street. Brian, after being laughed at and mocked by his peers at school for always arriving in dirty and smelly clothes, turned to truancy. Brian would spend long days in the streets, he would take the milk bottles and the money left out for the milkman from his neighbours doorsteps, raid their letter boxes, cast mail in all directions and bring attention to himself through his anti-social behaviour.*

*The Christian Brothers were successful in their appeal to the State Ward courts for Brian to come to them. Yes, those first months with us, were hard, as we witnessed his many outbursts, his many tears, but patiently this kind Brother saw to Brian's counselling in ongoing care programs. Slowly, Brian's suspicions and rejections of everyone turned to trust, his heart of hatred turned into love and care, his lack of faith into a prayerful relationship with his God. Through it all, Brian began to appreciate he was loved and loveable and, he began to believe in himself. Brian experienced as I believe Peter the Apostle experienced in his encounter with Jesus, that, he was valued for who he was. Brian learned to believe in himself, he became full of purpose, at the end of his studies, he entered the police force and in the course of many years' service looked after dysfunctional families, victims of family violence, children in similar circumstance to his own and was recognised for his compassion and love. Brian is now retired.*

*It's a great story, Brian's story is everyone's story as, in Matthew's Gospel this weekend we are to let Jesus speak to our hearts and in turn we are to meet Jesus Heart to Heart. As in Peter there were divisions within, so also divisions exist within each of us. We recognise our high and low moments sometimes letting our low moments get the better of us. Jesus points to our high moments, he draws them out in us- these high moments are to work for the Lord. Our call is to be Christlike to look deeply into each other's heart, to search for and find the good, generously reveal it, and very patiently bring it out.*

*May the Lord who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfilment. Love and prayers for all throughout this Coronavirus pandemic: Take care: Dean Peter*

**PRAYER FOR  
BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET**

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide  
We bless and thank you for the appointment  
of your servant, Greg Bennet,  
as the tenth Bishop of Sale.  
May your Holy Spirit grace him  
with the gifts of wisdom and strength,  
gentleness and compassion,  
as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor  
and teacher.  
May he be a shepherd after your own heart,  
who will walk in your ways and, with loving care,  
watch over your people.  
May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of  
your truth.  
As Bishop-elect Bennet prepares to make his  
home among us,  
may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan  
community,  
now entrusted to his care and leadership.  
May we, as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of  
Sale,  
through our work and prayer  
together bear witness to Christ and the building  
up of your kingdom.  
We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever. Amen,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop pray for us.



**DATE OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF  
BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET**

The Diocesan Administrator, Fr Peter Slater is  
happy to announce the Episcopal Ordination and  
installation of Bishop-elect Gregory Bennet as  
Tenth Bishop of Sale will be held on **Tuesday  
20<sup>th</sup> October in St Mary's Cathedral Sale  
commencing at 11am.**

Mindful of the seriousness of the current COVID  
pandemic, all arrangements will be planned with  
due respect of restrictions concerning public  
safety.

Further information such as the live streaming  
details will be made available in due course.

**HAPPY 95<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** wishing Monsignor  
John Allman a very happy birthday for last  
Tuesday 18 August. Our Diocese and parishes  
have been richly blessed by the energy, wisdom,  
care and love and the steadfast faith of our  
wonderful Monsignor Allman. With every best  
wish for your coming years, Mons from your  
many friends at Sale.

**LIVESTREAM MASSES: Each Sunday -  
Cathedral 9.30am.** The opportunity of having  
Mass in the Home is special. We would love  
dearly for parents and family members to tune in  
the prayer of the Mass at home. let us embrace  
God's trust in us, calling on our love of the Lord  
to bless our families at all times.

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD** Please deliver a  
bulletin to anyone you know who might like one.  
It would be lovely if we could reach as many of  
our parishioners as possible, so they too may be  
aware of the changes happening in our Parish  
life. Copies are available from the Parish Office  
on Monday or Friday.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** In response to  
the horrific explosion in Beirut on 4 August, the  
Australian office of the international Catholic  
Charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has launched  
a national emergency appeal to raise funds to  
support the people of Lebanon. To read more  
about the appeal, and to make a donation,  
please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon](http://www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon) or call  
**1800 101 201** during business hours: 8am-5pm,  
AEST.

**FINANCE MATTERS**

*'For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.'*  
(Romans 11:29)

God has a special mission in mind for each of  
us. He has given us the gifts we need to ac-  
complish that mission. We are called to be  
good stewards by using those gifts to do the  
work that he has planned for each of us. If we  
deny our gifts or fail to use them, then some  
part of His work will be left undone.

**DAILY PRAYER** Short daily Gospel reflections  
with access to readings and prayers of the  
faithful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

**PARISH PRAYER.**

*God our loving Father, we give you thanks  
and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,  
for your people and your Creation.*

*Nourish us by your daily Word  
and Eucharist.*

*Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.*

*Strengthen us with the spirit of your  
mercy and grace.*

*Make us grateful for your gifts as we  
journey through our lives together.*

*May we be a welcoming and serving  
community,  
always discerning and doing your will for  
one another.*

*We make this prayer through Christ Our  
Lord. Amen.*

**REDISCOVERING THE OTHER TREASURES  
OF THE CHURCH'S LITURGICAL TRADITION**

For Catholics, much of our liturgical worship is  
experienced through our participation in the  
Mass. But did you know that there are other rich  
gifts the Church has, that are there for strength-  
ening our faith and equipping us as disciples of  
Christ? This time of pandemic offers us a timely  
opportunity to explore these treasures of liturgi-  
cal prayer and encourage us to pray at home,  
building up the domestic Church for the sake of  
Christ's mission in transforming the world. There  
are some ways in which we can do this:

- 1. Pray the Liturgy of the Hours** (Divine  
Office) with the global Catholic community –  
versions of Morning and Evening Prayer can  
be found at <https://universalis.com> or  
download the prayer app onto your phone or  
tablet from Give Us This Day (Apple App Store  
or Google Play) Info at [https://  
giveusthisday.org](https://giveusthisday.org)
- 2. Pray the Liturgy of the Word:** read and  
pray with the Sunday scriptures.  
[www.liturgybrisbane.net.au](http://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au)

**ONLINE RESOURCES DURING COVID:** Free  
access to the following online music and video  
resources Prayer: [https://www.cdsale.org.au/  
news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need](https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need)

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 24 - 30 August. Please  
pray for vocations.

**FR PETER** thought you may enjoy this beautiful  
presentation of Amazing Grace. [https://  
www.youtube.com/watch?v=BA7pdABvpnc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BA7pdABvpnc)

**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.  
**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of  
the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month  
9.30am—10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the  
9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday  
evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less  
than six months notice please.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

- Fri 21 August:** Humberto Gatica (A)
- Sun 23 August 9.30am:** Monica Chirgwin (A)
- Tues 25 August:** Greg McCarthy (A)

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**Mass Timetable this week  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
23 August 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS</b>		

**PARISH MASS ON YOUTUBE** we invite you to pray our Parish Mass at 9.30am each Sunday the YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AlxPXAjVG3nEYTzQ>. Alternatively, you can find the link on our Parish website at: <http://www.stmaryscathedralsale.com.au/>  
This week's livestreamed Mass:  
**Sunday 23 August at 9.30am - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:</b>			
Planned Giving:	\$650.00	Presbytery:	\$275.00
Credit Cards:	\$30.00	Direct Debits:	\$829.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

**Prayer for the Year of Laudato Si'**

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic. Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good.

Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, Amen.

We offer prayers for those who have died **Angela Di Pietro, Ronald Bruce, Fr Michael Wheeler, Jack Darby, Julie Healy, Tess Gillies**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Monica Chirgwin, Humberto Gatica, Greg McCarthy, Fr Patrick Cremin**. We pray for those who are sick **Fr Brian O'Connor, Zita Sutherland, Kim Yacoub, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Marie Adjemovic, Cynthia Freshwater, Angela Jones, Ercilia Tobar, Ann Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane**. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION - SUNDAY SEPT 13 2020**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to **Sunday September 13** to coincide with the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** on September 14. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** will be celebrated on **Sunday 30 August**.

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. Our parishes, organisations and communities can be places of acceptance care and healing, not places of rejection, judgment, or stigma. In the Social Justice Statement *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Social-Justice-Statement-2020-WEB.pdf>

The Bishops observe that "our society tends to draw away from, or to push away, those who confront us with our frailties and limitations" which is "completely at odds with the story of Jesus" who "takes on the frailty of the human condition" and "draws near to those who are sick or who have disabilities, those who are marginalized or despised". People living with mental ill-health are part of the Body of Christ – 'us' and not 'them' – and share equally in Jesus' promise of the fullness of life (Jn 10:10).

**NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?**

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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.

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet 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 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:

**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 hands. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the 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.

### The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**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:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.**

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though you have already come,  
I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You:  
never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen



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### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Not being held until further notice**

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral**

**Not being held until further notice**

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

#### **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

First Reading: **Jeremiah 20:7-9**  
Second Reading: **Romans 12:1-2**  
Gospel: **Matthew 16:21-27**

### **MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE**

**Cancelled currently due to  
Coronavirus restrictions.**



### **SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE - No Public Masses until further notice.**

**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (1st Saturday of the Month)  
**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9.30am (Live-streamed)  
**Sunday:** Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)  
**Sunday:** Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th Sunday of the Month)  
**Sunday:** Briagolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month)  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm