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*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
26 - 27 August 2023*

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

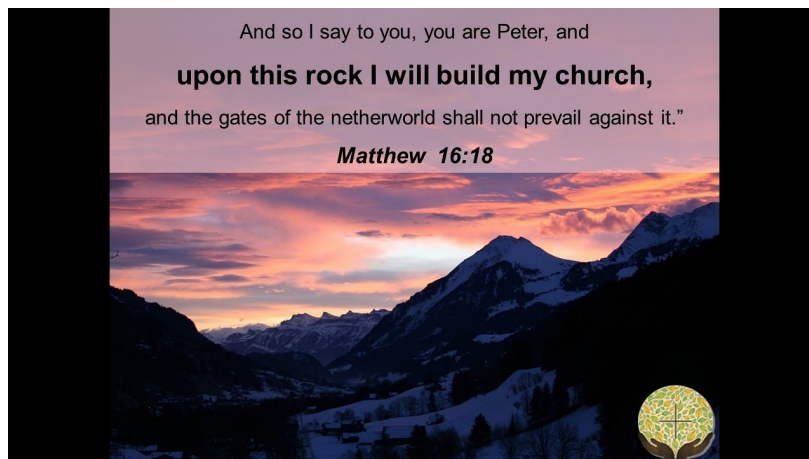
The first reading narrates the transfer of authority from one man to another. Some form of mismanagement or deceit had taken place, and so Shebna, the master of the palace was deposed. The description of the transfer resembles a ritual of investiture. Three metaphors characterize the authority bestowed upon Eliakim the successor: father of the people, key to the house, and tent peg. This oracle promises a person who will provide the order and stability that the kingdom of Judah must have needed. If this person was not himself a messianic figure, he seems to have ensured that the kingdom, which would eventually produce a messiah, would survive.

The temple setting of the psalm suggests that the psalmist has come to worship and publicly witness to the goodness of God. The temple was considered the earthly representation of the heavenly divine dwelling. Thus, standing in the temple in the presence of God, the psalmist would also be in the presence of the attending angels. The reason for the psalmist's gratitude is God's faithfulness to covenant commitment: loving kindness and truth. The psalmist concludes the prayer of thanksgiving on a note of confidence that this commitment will endure forever. God is not only faithful to past promises, but will be faithful into the endless future.

Paul speaks again of the mysterious ways of God in the plan of salvation. He argues that it will be through the very salvation of others that the first people (the Jews) will be brought to the gospel. God's ways do not follow the path of human logic. Even though human beings cannot grasp God's plan, it has meaning and purpose, and God's plan for all creation will unfold in God's way. The mysterious ways of salvation have brought Paul to praise the incomprehensible wisdom that determined them. Paul concludes by extolling God as creator and source of all that is, as the sustainer through whom all creation continues to be, and as the goal for whom all things were made and to whom all things proceed.

Jesus asks the disciples what people are saying about him; Who do they think he is? He seeks to discover how his words and actions are being understood, thus preparing the disciples for their own assessment of him. The answers given are all religious figures who have already died. The people seem to believe that Jesus is a prophetic figure come back from the dead. Speaking in the name of others, Simon Peter proclaims that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus insists that the only reason why Peter could make such a testimony of faith was that Jesus' identity had been revealed to him by God. After this Jesus announces that his church will be founded on Peter.

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PARISH CALENDAR.

Sat 26 Aug 5.30pm: RCIC baptisms
Sat 2 & Sun 3 Sep: Priests Welfare Fund
Sun 3 Sep 9.30am: First Sunday Cuppa, St Mary's Primary School hosts.
Thurs 7 Sep 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass & Meeting

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION will take place in term four. If you have an eligible child please enrol them before the end of term three by contacting the Parish office on 5144 4100 for an enrolment form and program dates.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next weekend, Sunday 3 September, St Mary's Primary School will be our host for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share as we enjoy Father's Day with the Fathers of our Parish.

31 CLUB REMINDER 28 Aug to 3 September. Please pray for vocations.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC) program is currently running. The children will be baptised at the 5.30pm Mass this Saturday 26 August. Please bring a plate of food to share.

HEART OF LIFE Retreat in Everyday Life – **MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION** – Saturday, 28 August 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (in-person) When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. Facilitated by Paola Cheng who is a Spiritual Director, mental health social worker and meditation teacher, this is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness and Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within oneself. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/mindfulness-meditation/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)

GARDEN MAINTENANCE TEAM meets on Wednesday from 9.30-11.00am. When you do come, please come with your garden gloves, spades, garden shears etc and help to lighten the load. We'll have a cup of tea/coffee when done. If you are able to assist please call John Dykun on 0413 947 352.

A HISTORY OF THE GIPPSLAND CATHOLIC

DIocese: A history of the diocese entitled A Mass Kit in the Saddle Bag, written by Patrick Morgan, is now available. Catholics were settling in Gippsland from 1837 for a half century before the diocese of Sale was set up in 1887. During this pioneering period priests were sent out from Melbourne 'on the Gippsland mission'. The first two bishops, James Corbett and Patrick Phelan, established a basic but coherent network of Catholic organizations. The book includes a bibliography, lists of parishes and priests, and over fifty photographs. The diocesan history can be purchased for \$25, plus \$5 postage, from Patrick Morgan, 610 Limonite Rd, Boolarra, Vic, 3870 phone: 5169 6216 email: morganpa@iprimus.co.au.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW DIOCESE OF SALE MISSION OFFICE: Its Role

"The role of the new Diocesan Mission Council will be to assist the Bishop in investigating, discerning, and proposing practical priorities and strategies for the development of the Diocese's pastoral life and mission. As a key body in the Diocese, the Mission Council exercises leadership and co-responsibility in a Christ-centred and mission orientated way, sharing in the proclamation of the Gospel, and serving Jesus Christ where He is present among the people of the Diocese, through unity, trust, and solidarity." (DMC Statutes)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL: Catholic communities around the world have been invited to host an ecumenical prayer vigil on the weekend of **September 30-October 1** in solidarity with a major international gathering in Rome ahead of the first session of the Synod on Synodality. Fifteen people from Australia will be participating in the Synod, and they have asked for the Catholic community's prayers as they prepare for their important task. A prayer vigil would be a great way to respond to their request, and to gather with Christian sisters and brothers in our shared faith. Find out more and register your vigil at: <https://together2023.net/>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Angela Lecomber from Aid to the Church in Need will be speaking at all Cathedral Masses next weekend **Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 September.**

PARISH ASSEMBLY PRAYER.

Heavenly Father,
you have called us to journey with each other as one people in this process of coming together as one family through sharing, listening and discerning the movements of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather in unison for our Parish Assembly to discern the growth of our Parish, open our hearts and help us to listen to each other with humility and empathy.

United as one family and one Body in Christ, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as to what we ought to do and where we ought to go.

As we make our way in these days by faith, guide and shape us so that our minds and hearts reflect yours.

Help us build a Parish that is vibrant, evangelising and missionary.
May the blessed Virgin Mary continue to intercede for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Fathers Day Appeal for the Priests Welfare Fund for the Diocese of Sale will take place next weekend - **2 & 3 September.** This Fund supports the priests and deacons of our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be about \$400,000. Envelopes are available in the Church for the Special Collection to be taken up to assist the work of the Priests' Welfare Foundation of the Diocese of Sale. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please print your name and address clearly on the special envelope and a receipt will be issued in due course.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 27 Aug 9.30am: Monica Best (A)

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.

At Other times: Available on request

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,179.00
Presbytery:	\$1,059.95
Credit Cards	\$0.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,145.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$90.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
26 - 27 August 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 26 August	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 27 August	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 28 August	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Tuesday 29 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 30 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 31 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 1 September		
<i>Exposition & Reconciliation Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 2 September	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 3 September	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 26 August 5.30pm	Sun 27 August 9.30am	Sun 27 August 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Claire Everard
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Susan Mattson	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Emma Morrison	Mildred Semodio	Brenda Bowden
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Margaret Shirreffs	Doug Waite
Counters	Theo and Sandra Smolenaars		

Date & Time	Sat 2 September 5.30pm	Sun 3 September 9.30am	Sun 3 Sept 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Marietta Dykun	Amanda & Maya V	Sophia Kartobi
Eucharist	Marie Centra	Anna Allen	Brenda Bowden
Counters	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **James Maher, Betty Bourke, Madeleine Evans, Robert Bailey**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Monica Best, Fr Patrick Cremin**. We pray for those who are sick Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Rebecca Duck, Andrew Lyon, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Activity tubs and books are available in the youth corner for any children attending Mass.

As the ministry to our young ones continue to develop in our parish, the youth ministry team is soliciting the assistance of parishioners who are willing to help with conducting children's liturgy. This will be during the 9.30am Sunday Mass only. Interested volunteers should please contact the Parish Office. A WWCC and Parish Code of Conduct is required. Our next Youth Mass will be at **5:30pm on Saturday 16 September**.

If you have any questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved, please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth volunteer on 0430 932 220.



*'Remember your creator in the days of
your youth'*
Ecclesiastes 12:1

BAPTISM FOR RCIC CHILDREN

As part of our Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) program we have twelve children who will be baptised at Saturday evening Mass. Congratulations to the children and their families and welcome to our Parish Community. Thank you to Jennifer Fitzgerald and Fr Francis for preparing the children, to Fr Jithin for baptising the children and to Clare for administering the program.

We welcome:

Elkie Leggett	Ziggy Leggett
Oscar Humphrey	Samuel Humphrey
Dixie Nikolajew	Jaggar Nikolajew
Vienna Nikolajew	Charlie Sammut
Jayla Ryan-County	Luka Ryan-County
Hazel Wilson	Nelly Wilson



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 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. **All: Thanks be to God**

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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

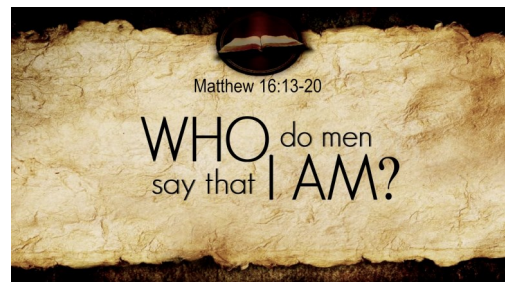
When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral
Friday 10.30 - 11am**

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1st Reading: **Jeremiah 20:7-9**
2nd Reading: **Romans 12:1-2**
Gospel: **Matthew 16:21-27**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm
Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.