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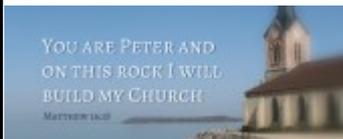
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21st Sunday of the Year
23rd August 2020 - Liturgical Year A
Next Sunday is the 22nd Sunday of the Year



This week:

- Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Bartholemw]**
- Tuesday Mass at 9.30 a.m.**
- Wednesday Mass at 9.30 a.m.**
- Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Monica]**
- Friday Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Augustine]**
- Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [The Passion of St John the Baptist]**
Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Next Sunday: Masses at 9.30 and 11.00

Hopefully we will continue to stream our Masses on You Tube.

Our Masses are open each day for approximately 30 people on a first come first served basis. Please follow the directions and keep social distance. Holy Communion [in the hand] will be distributed at the end of Mass.



When Simon says that Jesus is "The Christ, the Son of the Living God", Jesus responds in Matthew's account by renaming Simon as Peter, the Rock on which Jesus will build his church. The gates of hell won't prevail against it. Peter holds the keys of the kingdom of heaven, with power to bind and loose; power Rabbis claimed for themselves. Peter [and later the entire group of the Apostles] are thus given authority to pronounce on the true teaching of Jesus.

Of your charity, please pray for:

Our recently deceased: Josephine Bell, Donald Dinnie & Bret McCulloch
and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Charles Adamson, Fr Hugh Campbell, Bernard & Agnes McLaughlin, Christine Devlin & Nancy Foley
or those sick in hospital or at home: Fr Tobias [Forfar] & Mike McKay

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for the considerable donations [£535.50 (Gift Aid - £318) received this week by cheque and into the parish bank account'

If you are able to make a donation to the parish or a direct debit, our bank details are:

Royal Bank of Scotland - Kingsway Circus Branch

277 Strathmartine Road, Dundee DD3 8NS

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Our Gift Aid envelopes are available as are direct debit forms

Today's Mass Readings for the 21st Sunday of the Year

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Isaiah warns Shebna that the key, the symbol of his authority, will be taken from him

Responsorial: Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8

R./: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

After the anguished chapters 9-11 comes a hymn to the wisdom and goodness of God

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Peter declares faith in Jesus and is promised the keys of the kingdom

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There are no scheduled time for Confession as yet and we cannot use the Confessional Box. We are available for face to face, socially distanced confession on request any day of the week except Sunday.

Hospital chaplaincy and visitation

If you or a loved one is in hospital and wish to receive the Sacraments, please make contact with the Duty Hospital Chaplain on 07821 624124. Other priests have been refused entry to wards at this time. The chaplain can be contacted by pager through the hospital switchboard on 01382 660111.

SCIAF BOXES

Some of you may still have SCIAF Lenten Boxes at home. If you have, perhaps you can change any money into notes or a cheque and let me have it as soon as possible. The Government have agreed to double any donations received by the end of September.

We are open for Mass on each morning at 9.30 a.m., and at the usual times for Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning, and please follow directions to seats

Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and should be received in the hand, and you are asked to leave immediately after receiving Holy Communion.

Using social distancing we can probably allow 27/30 people to Mass. There is no Holy Water and the Fonts and there will be no sign of peace. You must wear a mask at all times and sanitise your hands.

Please do not congregate outside the church after Mass.



FIRST COMMUNIONS and CONFIRMATION

All being well we hope to have our delayed First Communion on the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 22nd November - at 11 o'clock Mass. More details later. First Confessions will be arranged also.



Confirmation, all being well, will be in St Andrew's Cathedral on 30th November at 7.00 p.m., Feast of St Andrew, with St Mary's, Lochee and Our Lady of Victories.

PRAYERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation.

We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.

God of all, we cry out to you for help. In your mercy, hear our prayer. Protect us, Lord, and be with us especially those of us most vulnerable during this coronavirus crisis.

Move us to reach out in love to our neighbours near and far. So that the humble may be exalted, the hungry filled with good things.

Grant us the courage not to rush back to our old ways, but to rebuild our world together, creating foundations of justice, with equality and peace for all.

Amen.

Shepherd and Rock

Above the sanctuary of Saint Peter's basilica in Rome, written in huge lettering of gold mosaic, is this promise of Jesus to his chief apostle: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.. I will give to you the keys of the

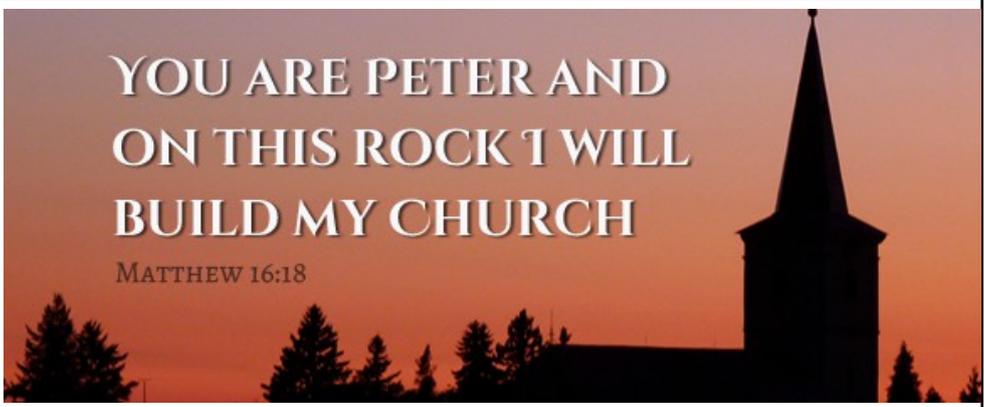
kingdom of heaven." These words are held by Catholics as the basis for the papacy, applying to the bishop of Rome as the successor to Peter, to be the chief spokesman for the church's living faith, and wielder of the spiritual power of the keys.

We must not be too simplistic in how we apply those words to the original Peter and even more so to his successors. Non-catholic Christians, our brethren in the Protestant churches, do not accept that there could be any succession, in the full sense, to the position held by Saint Peter. They find any claims to juridical and absolute authority for the papacy, under titles like "apostolic jurisdiction" or "the power of the keys" to be out of harmony with the Gospel message. They interpret differently what today's Gospel means for leadership in the Church. We need not insist that the Roman way is the only way of taking Christ's words. Still, this Gospel deserves close attention for what it says about faith, enlightenment and leadership, and guidance for our own lives.

Each must make a personal answer to Our Lord's question: "Who do you say that I am?" although Peter's credo is a solid basis from which to begin. Notice the beautiful phrase: "Son of the Living God," expressing more richly what "Christ" means. Peter's worshipful faith comes to him as gift from above, not from any mere logic or ingenuity. Why was the blessing given to him in particular? Perhaps because his humble and contrite spirit made him best prepared to receive it? Or because God chooses whom He wills, irrespective of their merits? It is to this Peter that Jesus entrusts whatever is meant by the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Upon his solid, dedicated faith the Church will always rely, for unity and encouragement. Keys are mainly for opening; many doors lock by themselves.

While he is appointed to "feed the lambs and sheep" of Christ, to "confirm his brethren," and welcome the first pagan convert into the Church, Peter is no plaster saint. Weakness of faith (when he began to sink), rash self-confidence and eventual denial are also portrayed by him. But these serve only to underline the grandeur of his conversion, when with a new clarity of self-knowledge he turns and says to Jesus: "You know that I love you." The task is not one of stern domination, or merely of the efficient organisation of Christ's Church. Pastor and penitent at once, convert and the support for other converted sinners, he leads the faithful by witness and example. This pastoral understanding of authority finds a lovely echo in the first epistle of Peter. Elders or leaders are asked to "tend the flock of God, not as domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock" . Just so, Peter tended the early church by sharing his deep faith in Christ the Risen Lord. So, he kept them united in a community of mutual love, and in faithful obedience to the Gospel.

What of today's Church, spread in all continents, united under the leadership of pope Francis? How can this work of teaching, encouraging and uniting so many millions of baptised believers be carried on? Jesus remains at the centre, as the Christ, Son of the Living God, and he continues to be the Church's true Rock. We today, just as much as in the time of St Peter, need the ministry of faithful apostles, entrusted by Christ to build up his people, witness to the faith, and provide leadership in Christian love. Pope, bishops, priests and other ministries exist in order to serve. But in some sense, we get the service that we deserve. It is for us to make known to our pastors both our appreciation and our loyal criticisms; especially to pray for them, for their courage and perseverance. Today we particularly remember the present successor of Peter, our Pope; that God may establish him in faith and wisdom; that being strong in himself, he may confirm the brethren; and that as Chief Shepherd he may help us on our way to the Kingdom.



YOU ARE PETER AND
ON THIS ROCK I WILL
BUILD MY CHURCH

MATTHEW 16:18