

The Living Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

23 August 2026

First Reading Is 22:19-23

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.

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.)
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

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.

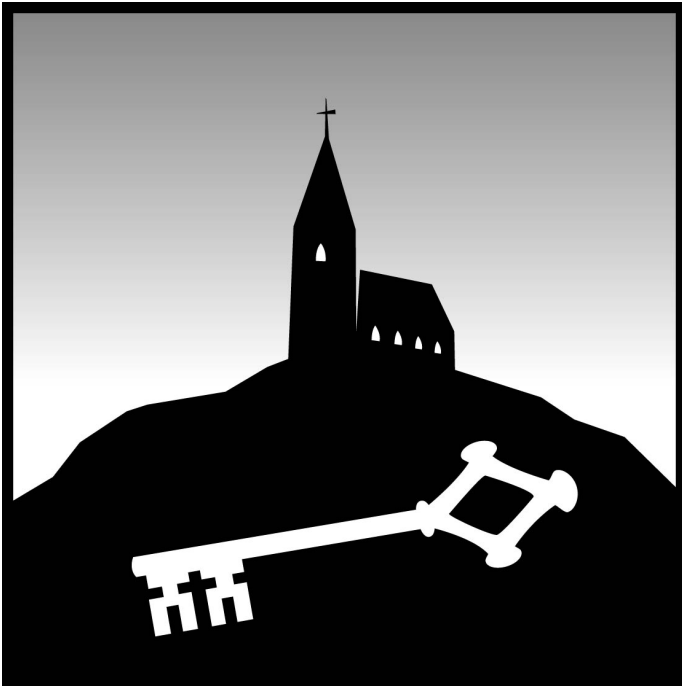
Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

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!



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

Gospel Mt 16:13-20

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.

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23rd of August 2026

The Archbishop's Campaign invites us to proclaim the Good News by supporting ministries that serve those in need across our Archdiocese. Your generous gift helps bring this mission to life — not only in word, but in action. Thank you.



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The Archbishop's Campaign 2026—Collection this weekend

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at www.melbournecatholic.org/archbishopsccampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

Synod Report from Margaret Fleischmann and Gabrielle Panuzzo

"At the heart of who we are is not all the buildings but the person of Jesus Christ, who enters into our lives and who we then share with others."

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

PRAYER FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF MEETINGS

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

The Melbourne Archdiocese is currently undertaking the Melbourne Synod 2026. It is a process of prayer, listening and discernment led by Archbishop Peter Comensoli. Catholics across the Archdiocese are being invited to share their experiences and hopes for the future of the Church. The Synod focuses on three key themes: **Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, and Formation and Participation**. The aim is to renew the Church's mission and strengthen parish, school and community life throughout Melbourne.

Gabrielle Pannuzzo and I went down to Epping for a half day meeting with others from Parishes in the Northern areas of Melbourne. We chose Missionary Leadership as our main interest and sat in groups to pray, read and contribute our thoughts and ideas. The morning was interesting but left us with both ideas and lots of questions. We both thought it was a morning well spent!

For more information go to <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford
Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore
Wed 9 am, Wallan
(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction
Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore
Divine Mercy Chaplet
15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore
Rosary
after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 22 Aug: QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church
(Confirmation Commitment Mass)

Sun, 23 Aug: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
(Confirmation Commitment Mass)
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
(Confirmation Commitment Mass)

Mon, 24 Aug: ST. BARTHOLOMEW

No Mass
4 pm RCIC Classes Lesson #6, St Patrick's
Presbytery
7 pm St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting , Our
Lady of the Way

Tue, 25 Aug: WEEKDAY, 21ST WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 26 Aug: WEEKDAY, 21ST WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 27 Aug: ST. MONICA

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
12.30pm Funeral of Patrick James Clarke, St
Patrick's Church

Fri, 28 Aug: ST. AUGUSTINE

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4 pm Confirmation Classes Lesson #6,
St Patrick's Presbytery

Sat, 29 Aug: THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
2 pm Wedding of May & Edwin, St Patrick's
Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 30 Aug: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

ARTICLES FOR THE SHAMROCK MAGAZINE:

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the Christmas edition. They are also very keen to find some family photos of Christmas celebrations that they could add to the cover of the Christmas edition which is currently being worked on. Please (with permissions of those in the photos!) send us any photos of family celebrations.

Please email articles to: stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com

Synod Corner: Synodality and trust

Trust grows when people know their voices matter. Synodality helps rebuild trust within the Church and between the Church and society.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, Michelle Ramsay and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>22/23 AUG</u>	<u>29/30 AUG</u>
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	22 Aug	29 Aug
Reader	P. Kelly	B. O'Dwyer
EMHC	P. Fleming	C. O'Dwyer
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	22 Aug	29 Aug
Reader	R. Emmanuel	J. O'Callaghan
EMHC	C. Clancy	TBA
PowerPoint	TBA	TBA
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	23 Aug	30 Aug
Reader	TBA	N. Poulyin
EMHC	T. Cooney	A. Moore
EMHC	J. Sapiano	C. Banon
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	23 Aug	30 Aug
Reader	G. Campbell	K. Archer
EMHC	A. Liddle	C. Mathew
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
FLOWERS:	J. Jain	TBA
HOME EUCHARIST:	H. Clancy	J. Dixon
	TBA	M. Donovan
CLEANERS KILMORE:	L. Beaumont	G. Kim
	& Carry Eid	

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Patrick James Clarke

Anniversaries

Frank & Rubica Rostan, Alice McCarthy, John Dahm, Beverley Caddy, Cieren Clancy, Thomas Hanson, Felix Andrew Brincat, Marie Balmer, Guillermo Udasco Snr, Denis Clancy, Patrick Buchanan, Zane Collier, Philip Borg, Graeme Stephenson, Edward Pierce Daniell, Lorraine Walker, Ronald Heddle, George Pierce Hudson, Sue Tuohey, Janet Mary O'Connor, Brian Edward Scully, Mary Gilbo and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michael Bourne, Arthur Donovan, Faye Vandenberg and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

PARISH RCIA PROGRAM 2026/2027

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Introduction and 1st Session: Wednesday 9th September 2026 from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Kilmore Parish Centre.

Classes are held in the Kilmore Parish Centre from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday evenings from 9th Sep 2026 to 17th Mar 2027 (Holiday break: 10th Dec 2026—2 Feb 2027).

RCIA Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Saturday 27th March at the Easter Vigil Mass, time = TBA

Please contact the parish office if you wish to enroll into our RCIA program for 2026/2027, by calling 5782 1084 or emailing kilmore@cam.org.au