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**21st Sunday
Year A
22nd/ 23rd
August 2020**

In a nutshell

The people have seen many miracles, and wonder 'Who is this man?'

Jesus asks his disciples the same question. Peter replies, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

Responding to this God-given revelation, Jesus recognises Peter's faith as the rock on which the Church will be built.

God's grace will sustain him to the end, despite his own frailty.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder
From him, through him, and in him are all things
You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus makes his own profession about Peter, "You are Peter/ and upon this rock I will build my church." As Catholics, we treasure this verse as the biblical foundation of the ministry of the pope who leads from the chair of St. Peter. Within our church, the role of the pope is a unifying force that draws us into communion with each other.

Despite Jesus' elevation of Peter, he is not a perfect disciple. In only a few more verses, after he protests Jesus' prediction of this passion and earth, Jesus will issue a startling rebuke: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me." Never in the gospels has Jesus' proverb that the exalted shall be humbled (Matt23:12) taken effect so quickly! Despite denying Jesus three times during his passion, Peter is forgiven and restored by the risen Lord and continues to lead the early church until his martyrdom in Rome. In many ways the story of Peter should bring us hope. We also are not perfect disciples. We, too, will stumble and fall at times, and yet if we remain faithful, Jesus can use our lives to build up and strengthen his church.

Our history as a church is made up of saints and sinners. At certain times in history the people of God have suffered greatly under the leadership of corrupt ministers. In today's gospel Jesus make a promise we can cling to even today, saying of the church, "The gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Because the church is made up of humans, its is sinful and always in need of purification and renewals. Because it is the spouse of Christ, it is beloved and redeemed, and shall not be overcome by evil.

(Sunday 7am Mass)

Entrance antiphon:

Listen Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you.
I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

Response to the psalm:

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

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!

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)	Saturday Vigil	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
August	John Betros	August	Michael Zador & others
Sept	Chelsea Albert		
October	Sr Jan O'Neil		
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
August:	George & Nicholas Attard	August	Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
August 23rd:	John Rouen Adele Cornale	August:	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
		Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
			Paula O'Connor.
Church Cleaners		Sacristy & Altar	
Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
Money Counters—Parish Office		Altar Flowers	
August 23rd:	Group 4	Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
August 30th:	Group 1		
September 5th:	Group 2		
September 12th:	Group 3		

Mass Offerings: *Your prayers are requested for the following:*

Recently Deceased: **Greg Fitzpatrick, Muriel Eves, John Rossiter, June Davis.**

Anniversary: **Sergio Ovelar, John Laurence Cunningham, Richard Healey**

Other Deceased: **Scott Family, Anthony Gerald Cunningham,** John Vonwiller, Essie Knight, Negus & Ferguson Families, Joan O'Keefe, Dale Black.

Sick: June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Jakob Pohlmann, Paula Hudson, Bernice Ralston, Elizabeth Khoury, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Marian Moreno, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Alex Campbell, Maximilian Naum.

Family Discussion

Which people have helped you to be a disciple of Jesus? Who are some of the leaders in our Church today. In your parish? In the world?

What do you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community? What we can learn from Peter and his faith in Jesus?

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i>
Marriages	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562. (For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

This Sunday: We welcome our children for Children's Liturgy at 9.30am Family Mass.

COVID-19 Update

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Please continue to sanitise your hands, sign in (bring your own pen if you wish), and social distance in the pews and outside afterwards.

Fr Phil

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Dear Jesus,
Strengthen our faith in you.
Be with us when we are filled with fear or doubt,
and remind us of your never-ending love for us.
Thank you Jesus, for the gift of faith.
Amen.



Sacramental Dates

- Saturday 12th & 19th, and Sunday 13th September — **First Communion Masses. (4)**
 - Friday 23rd October (7pm) & Saturday 24th (2pm) - **Sacrament of Confirmation.**
- Please see our website for registration details. (Saturday is now full!)
- Please call / email Joanne Smyth for any further information:
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St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.