



St Kieran - Osborne Park Parish

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
23rd August 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

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

Ps 137:1–3, 6, 8

Response: 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:

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

Matthew 16 :18

Alléluia, alléluia !

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alléluia !

GOSPEL:

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.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
SATURDAY	
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)
SUNDAY	
8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2 nd Sunday)
TUESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
WEDNESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
THURSDAY	
7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass
FRIDAY	
8:00am	Mass
BAPTISM	
1 ST & 3 RD Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
CONFESSION	
Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment	
WEDDINGS & FUNERALS	
By appointment	
PARISH CONTACTS	
Parish Priest	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti
	Fr. Oscar Aguilera
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Mass intentions		
Sat	6:30pm	
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	
	9.00am	Jose Eugenio Ferreira Maria Di Prinzio (3 years) Francesco & Antonia Spiccia (Anniv.) Remo Miotti (1yr Anni)
	10:15am	
	11:15am	
Readers		
Sat	6:30pm	Rob & Barbara Locke
	7:30pm	
Sun	8.00am	John Murray & Gabriel
	9:00am	Elizabeth Denkha & Ahinsa Vijethunga
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass (2 nd Sunday of the month)
Servers/Acolyte		
Sat	6:30pm	Lucia, Feliz, Moses, Enzo, Alicia & Nicholas <i>Brad</i>
	7:30pm	<i>Seminarians</i>
	8.00am	Gabriel, Jacob & Jonathon <i>Eugene & Alex</i>
Sun	9:00am	Grace, Abigail, Ahinsa & Phoebe <i>Brendon & Pedro</i>
	10:15am	<i>Giovanni</i>
Children's Liturgy		
Sun	9.00am	Barbara & Isabel
Hospital		
By appointment		

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you!

(Matthew 16:13–20), where Jesus asks His disciples,

"Who do you say that I am?"

There are questions which ask for information, and there are questions which ask for a decision. Christ's question to Peter belongs to the second kind: **"Who do you say that I am?"** He is not conducting a survey. He is not interested in the popular opinion of the crowd. He is asking Peter—and us—to stop hiding behind the answers of other people and speak from the truth of our own hearts.

It is remarkably easy to have a borrowed faith. We inherit the words, attend the services, repeat the prayers, and perhaps assume that because we have always believed something, we truly believe it. But Christianity cannot remain a family heirloom. At some point, Christ must become not merely the God our parents taught us about, but **the Lord whom we ourselves have chosen to follow.**

Peter's answer is therefore more than a theological statement: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He has moved from knowing something about Jesus to recognising who Jesus is. And once Peter sees Christ clearly, something extraordinary happens: Christ tells Peter who he is. Simon becomes Peter, the Rock. Here is the great paradox of the Christian life: **we discover ourselves only after we have discovered Christ.** Our age tells us to invent ourselves, construct our identity, and measure our worth by achievement, possessions, appearance, influence, or success. Yet these things are poor foundations. They can disappear as quickly as they came.

Christ offers something deeper. He does not merely give us a list of rules; He gives us a place in His story. When we put Him at the centre, our ordinary lives begin to look different. Our family becomes a vocation rather than an inconvenience. Our work becomes an opportunity for service. Our money becomes something entrusted to us rather than something that possesses us. Even suffering can become a place where trust is learned.

The question, then, is unavoidable: **Who is Jesus to me?** Not who is He to my parents, my Church, or my culture—**BUT TO ME.**

For if He is truly the Christ, then He cannot remain at the edge of our lives. He must become the centre. And strangely enough, when we finally give ourselves to Him, we do not lose ourselves. We begin, perhaps for the first time, to become the person God intended us to be.

COMMUNION AT HOME

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Eugene Tresham on **0420 936 988** to arrange.

MUSICIANS

If you are interested in playing during mass, please contact Millie Stockbauer on **0487 701 526**



LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

PRIMA LETTURA

Isaia 22,19-23

Così dice il Signore a Sebna, maggiordomo del palazzo: "Ti toglierò la carica, ti rovescerò dal tuo posto. In quel giorno avverrà che io chiamerò il mio servo Eliakim, figlio di Chelkia; lo rivestirò con la tua tunica, lo cingerò della tua cintura e metterò il tuo potere nelle sue mani. Sarà un padre per gli abitanti di Gerusalemme e per il casato di Giuda. Gli porrò sulla spalla la chiave della casa di Davide: se egli apre, nessuno chiuderà; se egli chiude, nessuno potrà aprire. Lo conficcherò come un piolo in luogo solido e sarà un trono di gloria per la casa di suo padre".

Parola del Signore **A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Dal Salmo 137

Signore, il tuo amore è per sempre. Ti rendo grazie, Signore, con tutto il cuore:

Signore, il tuo amore è per sempre. Ti rendo grazie, Signore, con tutto il cuore: hai ascoltato le parole della mia bocca. Non agli dèi, ma a te voglio cantare, mi prostro verso il tuo tempio santo. **R.**

Rendo grazie al tuo nome per il tuo amore e la tua fedeltà: hai reso la tua promessa più grande del tuo nome. Nel giorno in cui ti ho invocato, mi hai risposto, hai accresciuto in me la forza. **R.**

Perché eccelso è il Signore, ma guarda verso l'umile; il superbo invece lo riconosce da lontano. Signore, il tuo amore è per sempre: non abbandonare l'opera delle tue mani. **R.**

SECONDA LETTURA

Romani 11,33-36

O profondità della ricchezza, della sapienza e della conoscenza di Dio! Quanto insondabili sono i suoi giudizi e inaccessibili le sue vie! Infatti, chi mai ha conosciuto il pensiero del Signore? O chi mai è stato suo consigliere?

O chi gli ha dato qualcosa per primo tanto da riceverne il contraccambio? Poiché da lui, per mezzo di lui e per lui sono tutte le cose. A lui la gloria nei secoli. Amen.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

CANTO AL VANGELO

Mt 16,18

Alleluia, Alleluia

Tu sei Pietro, e su questa pietra edificherò la mia Chiesa e le potenze degli inferi non prevarranno contro di essa.

Alleluia!

VANGELO

Matteo 16,13-20

In quel tempo, Gesù, giunto nella regione di Cesarea di Filippo, domandò ai suoi discepoli: «La gente, chi dice che sia il Figlio dell'uomo?». Risposero: «Alcuni dicono Giovanni il Battista, altri Elia, altri Geremia o qualcuno dei profeti». Disse loro: «Ma voi, chi dite che io sia?». Rispose Simon Pietro: «Tu sei il Cristo, il Figlio del Dio vivente». E Gesù gli disse: «Beato sei tu, Simone, figlio di Giona, perché né carne né sangue te lo hanno rivelato, ma il Padre mio che è nei cieli. E io a te dico: tu sei Pietro e su questa pietra edificherò la mia Chiesa e le potenze degli inferi non prevarranno su di essa. A te darò le chiavi del regno dei cieli: tutto ciò che legherai sulla terra sarà legato nei cieli, e tutto ciò che scioglierai sulla terra sarà sciolto nei cieli». Allora ordinò ai discepoli di non dire ad alcuno che egli era il Cristo.

Parola del Signore

A: Lode a Te, o Cristo.