



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.

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: 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 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!

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.

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FEAST OF ST BARTHOLOMEW

Monday 24th August

Mass Celebrated in Collector at St Bartholomew's
Church Saturday 29th 10am
Followed by the blessing of the stones and
morning tea

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ALL SPP MASS CONDUCTED AT OLOF FOR NOW

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 9am OLOF Goulburn
5pm SPP Goulburn
5pm Taralga
Sunday - 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)
9am (Crookwell)
Binda - 10.30am (1st Sunday)
Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)
Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)

CONFESSIONS

SPP: 11.30 -12 (Fri), Sat *4.15pm
OLOF: 9.30am -10am
Taralga: *4.30pm (1st Sat)
Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)
*An hour later from September to April.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

SPP 11am Fridays
Syra Malabar- Mass: 1st Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF
3rd Wednesday 5.30pm OLOF
Guided Adoration Friday: 5.30-6pm OLOF
Bungonia: Rosary 7pm, Thursday
Taralga: Rosary 10am 1st Friday of the Month
WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),
Wednesday, Thursday 7.30 am (OLOF)
Friday- 9.30am (STM) Crookwell
Friday - 12 noon (SPP)
Friday- 10am 3rd Friday of Month (CTK)
Sat - 9am (OLOF)

Mass Offerings: Please send to office or collection plate
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MISSION CALENDAR DATES

AUG 28: Family Adoration OLOF 5.30pm
Aug 26: Ex Students of St Josephs K&GZ 10. for 10.15
AUG 29: St Bartholmew's Collector Mass- 10.00am.
AUG 29: Youth Discussion: SPP Pres After Vigil Mass
SEP 05: MASS TIMES BACK TO 6pm
SEP 04: CTK Adoration 10am
SEP 04: Family adoration OLOF 5.30pm OLOF
SEP 05: Men's Rosary crusade 10 OLOF Forecourt
SEP 05: Women's Morning tea 10am Wesley Centre
SEP 18: Confirmation 6pm OLOF Archbishop Prowse.
SEP 26: St Michaels Archangels Feast Day Mass 11am

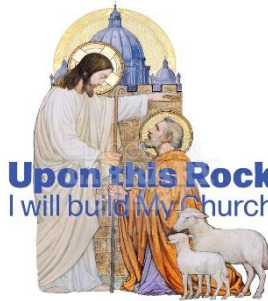
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REFLECTION

In this passage from Isaiah, we are given the description of a good master of the house in the person of Eliakim. Such a person should care for his charges as a father would. He should not become arrogant or misuse his authority, as Shebna has done, but should manage peoples comings and goings in an orderly way. He would become an anchor point, a secure peg for those who came after him.

It is not hard to see that both this passage and our Gospel pivot on the matter of good stewardship. Stewardship of the fledgling church, in Peter's case. Simon Peeter, who Matthew treats more kindly than does Mark in this same episode, recognises in Jesus the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. It is his faith that will be the rock, the secure peg, on which the church will grow.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Confirmation

Program session 1: 19th/20th August
Confirmation-Friday 18th September 6pm SPP
QKR! Applications Close at 6pm on August 27th.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Tuesdays 10am At the SPP Presbytery

 **FAMILY ADORATION**
5.30pm Fridays during term.

ST MICHAEL'S BUNGONIA

Celebrate the Feast of
Sts Gabriel, Michael and Raphael
26th September
11am
Followed by Morning tea

ST BRIGIDS HALL CLOSURE

The St Brigids Hall has been closed for all events. Thank you to those families and communities that have leased the space and enjoyed it's use. All Parish morning teas and events will be enjoyed in the Bishops Dining room or other advertised location.

Thank you to all who participated in the Archdiocesan assembly.



YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP

After Mass
Saturday August 29th
SPP Presbytery

LEGION OF MARY

Information Session
9.30- 10.30am
Saturday 29th Of August
OLOF
All welcome

VIGIL MASS TIMES
CHANGE TO 6PM

For Sts Peter and Pauls and Christ the King, please remember that VIGIL
Mass times change to 6pm.

SPP
Saturday Confession- 5.15pm
Mass 6pm
CTK
1st Saturday of the month-5.30pm
Saturday Mass 6pm

ST BARTHOLMEWS COLLECTOR

Mass
Saturday August 29th
10am
Blessing of the newly marked Graves at the Collector Cemetery
Followed by morning tea in the hall.

St Bartholomew's Collector will celebrate Mass on the 5th Saturday of each month, beginning on October 31st at 11am.

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 85:1-3

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.

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 103:13-15

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.

Article provided by Fr Dominic Byrne

Today's passage from Matthews' Gospel is one that is quite contentious in Christian circles, as for us Catholics, it substantiates that Peter is the Rock that Jesus has chosen, and this then allows for all the Popes to have Apostolic succession, or it does not. Protestants will not accept that Peter has been appointed by Jesus in exactly the same way that we see Eliakim appointed as Prime Minister in today's First Reading, with the keys to open and close the doors to Parliament House, that is, the Church. These two arguments are either preserving Peter's appointment or opposing it. The details of each argument hinge off Greek and Aramaic translations that substantiates that Peter is either the 'Rock' or a 'pebble.' Protestants believe that Jesus meant pebble but then this passage is oddly rendered, "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 ...[a pebble] and on this ...[pebble] 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.'" When protestants reject the appointment of Peter as the true Rock, they insincerely reject the Catholic Church to preserve their own church. "Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven. But first, he commissioned apostles, representatives to carry his message and mission to the world. He promised them God's help (Matthew 28). He gave them to power to forgive sins (John 20:21-23). He promised to ratify in heaven their decisions on earth (Matthew 18:18). To one, Peter, "the rock," he gave unique authority: the keys to the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:18). Before these men died, they appointed successors (Titus 1:5). These also enjoy divine assistance. We call them bishops (1 Timothy 3; 2 Timothy 1:14). In the second century A.D, this community of faith continued to grow. The apostles died, but their successors the bishops were clearly visible, their succession established by public and universally acknowledged fact. Among all the lines of succession, none was more eminent or important than that of Rome (Irenaeus, Against Heresies, III, 23, 2-3). Even her detractors recognized Rome's claim to supremacy, founded as it was on Petrine origins (Tertullian On Modesty, 21)" (David Anders, Calvin2Catholic.com).



Recently Deceased: Tony Habib, Timothy Prestia-Cook, Nancy Irvine, Mrs Gertrude Fletcher, Baby Andrew Griffin, Romana Figueira, Paula Hampson, Josephine Agostini, Don Burridge, Heather Carver, Maria Webb, Marita Leach,

Anniversaries: Suzanne Clarke, Ignasclo & Gerondia Juaniza, Gordon Edwards, Natalie Misfud, Danilo Punzalan, Tom & Sadie Cummins, Cresencia Punzalan, Reg Bower, Daphne Byron, Maurice Laws, Richard Kennedy, Agnus McGann, Sr Marie Jeanne, Agnes & Ernest Woodward, Peter Freebody, John Woodward, Kim Woodward-Hunter, Howard Bye, Daisy Fenton, Donna Hogan, John Carciun, Suzanne & Anthony Bott,

Prayers: Goulburn Parishioners, Fiona Williams, Mrs Jeanette Smith, The Ryan and Dignos Families, Sue Harris, Julie Watts, Griffen Family, Antipus Ojwang, Mrs Maria Small, Sr Aileen Wales, Fred & Diana Noujaim & Family Mary, Joseph Luke & Peter, Clinton Landow, Parnika Anju, Eva Lowe, Mike Ryan, Lisa Polley, John Murrell, John Bowen, Brendan Walsh, Christopher White, Leslie King,