

FAMILY PRAYER

WEEK BY WEEK

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 23 August 2020



**"You are Peter;
to you I will give the keys
of the kingdom of heaven
and earth."**

Something to Think About

Do you remember when Peter tried to walk on water to Jesus - his faith let him down! Peter failed often but he kept coming back. It is easy to see ourselves in Peter - doubt, uncertainty, fear and lack of understanding. Peter was fully human, as we are. Yet Peter was the one Jesus chose to lead his community. We do not have to be perfect to be a disciple or a leader! We just need to hang in there and stick with Jesus, to the very end!

The Story

In this week's gospel story, Jesus is fishing for information - what are people saying about him? Who do they think he is? The disciples all have a go at answering but it is Peter who comes up with the answer: 'You are the Messiah' and that was how Jesus knew that Peter was to lead the Church.

The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:15-18

Then Jesus asked them, "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter spoke up,

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus told him:

"Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed!

You didn't discover this on your own.

It was shown to you by my Father in heaven.

So I will call you Peter, which means 'a rock.'

On this rock I will build my Church,
and death itself will not have any power over it."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

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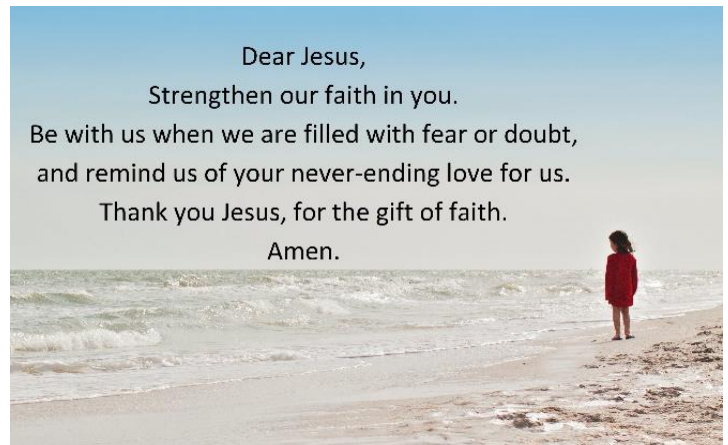
[God's Story: Peter](#)



THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Prayer

Say this prayer together during the week.



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?

Family Activity

You will need one rock for the family or a pebble for each person, and marker pens.

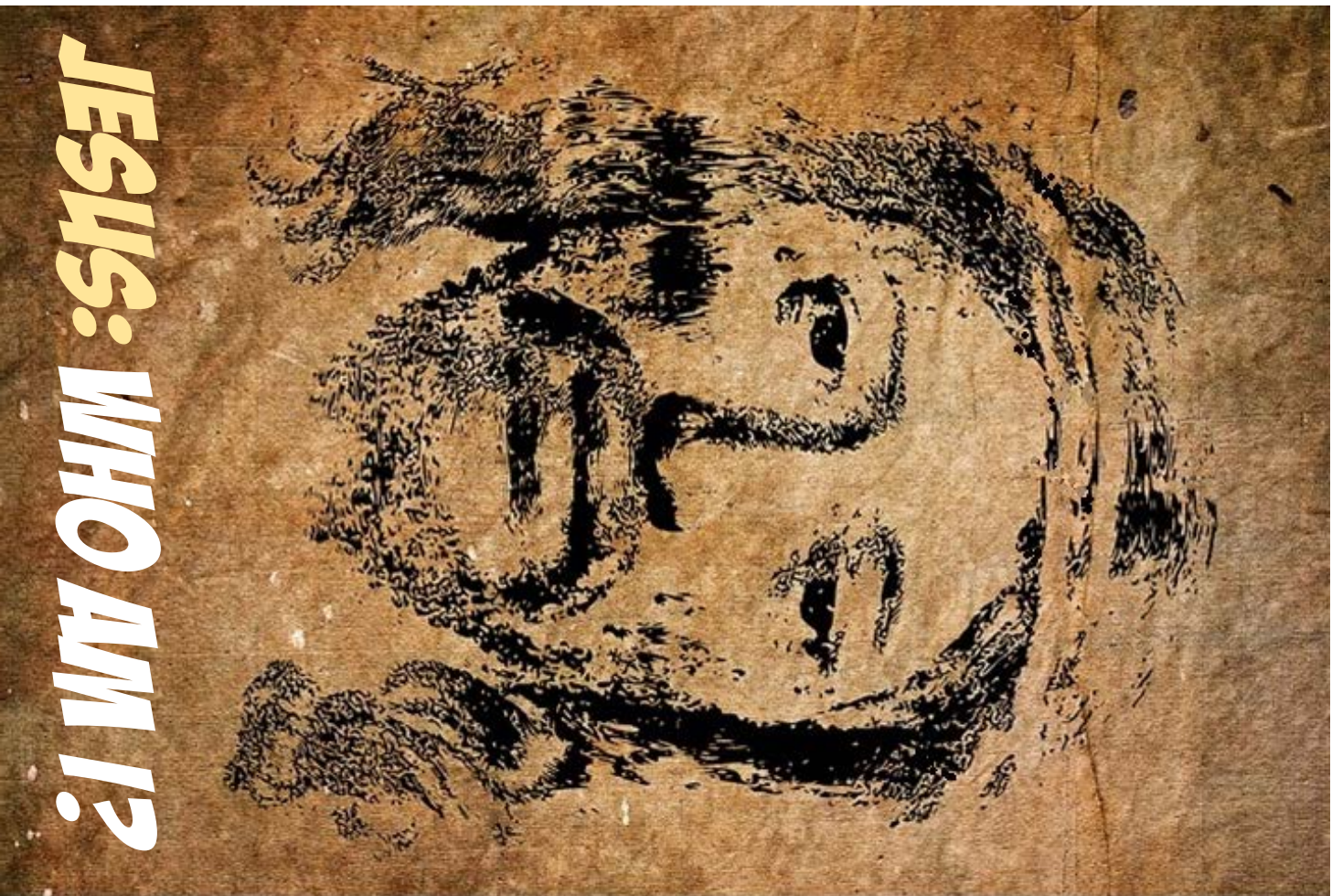
Think about what you would say if Jesus asked you "Who do you say I am?"

Take turns to answer the question, and then write or draw your word or symbol on the rock or one of the pebbles. Keep the rock or pebbles in the centre of the dinner table and remember to pray, thanking Jesus for the gift of your faith.



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JESUS: WHO AM I?

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE WORDS TO DESCRIBE JESUS?

BOLD. GENTLE. STRONG. LOVING. MERCIFUL. HUMBLE. _____

NOW DRAW YOUR OWN PORTRAIT OF JESUS

