

# HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS MONDAY MISSION

## **THIS WEEK'S WORD:**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-19**

Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"  
"Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet."

"What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?"  
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

"Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven. And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."



## **REFLECT**

In the same way that Jesus asked his friends, "Who do you say I am?", Jesus is asking us today, "Who am I to you?". It was Peter who recognised Jesus as the Son of God, the fulfilment of everything God had promised for generations. What do we believe?

As we celebrate the feast of Ss Peter and Paul we think about their leadership. Neither man was perfect, but both are amazing role models. Seeing his faith, Jesus knows Peter is a man who could be trusted and makes him the leader of his first followers. Having been a violent oppressor of Christianity, after his conversion Paul takes Jesus' message far and wide. Peter represents the stability of the Church while Paul's role was more prophetic. They didn't always see things eye to eye but worked together to create the first Christian community.

Both Peter and Paul were pilgrims of hope. No matter what happened to them, they kept going and kept believing. As Pilgrims of Hope, we can also work together to make a positive difference in our world by sharing Jesus' love in a practical way with the people we meet.

## **LET US PRAY**

Jesus, our light, in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our call to love our neighbours and to set free those who suffer. Help us to treat everyone with dignity; to be fair, forgiving and kind. Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Amen

## **MISSION**

How are we Pilgrims of Hope? This Holy Year is a time to grow in our faith and prayer life. The more we pray, the closer we will get to God. We spend time with our friends, just hanging out and being together, so that's what we're going to do with God!

This week, your mission is to pray more. Find one extra time each day to pray, spending a few quiet moments sitting with God. Every day, tell God something that is on your mind. Does God have anything to say to you?