

Lectio Divina

- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - **Pray** - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition
 - **Action** - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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August 27th 2017 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A - Matthew 16 :13-20

In this week's gospel we read of Jesus asking the question "who do people say that the Son of Man is?" He feels the need to clarify where he is - has he established himself? Communicated His message? Been who he is called to be?" Peter his disciple affirms him as 'the Christ', 'the Son of the living God'. Jesus has found someone to whom he can hand over his mission. We hear Jesus confirm Peter as steeped in the Spirit. It is very important that as leaders we see the link between Spirit, Authority and Leadership. "Who do you say that I am". This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us? In your heart of hearts, how would you answer this question?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for special people who made us aware that we have allowed others to keep us bound. Now that we are set free no power on earth can bind us again
Forgive us for the times we have locked ourselves up in small minded rules instead of being ministers of mercy which is what we are called to be.

Help us Lord to share what is deep within us just as the disciples were encouraged to do by Jesus. We know that when we do this it is not merely flesh and blood that is at work in us but you yourself.

