

## Lectio Divina

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| ➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> , out loud and slowly<br>the Gospel                      | ➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving - Repentance -<br>Petition         |
| ➤ <b>Meditate</b> on reading as being spoken to<br>you, an experience in your life | ➤ <b>Action</b> - Attitude (Call to change / to<br>act / to do) |
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June 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 Feast of Saints Peter & Paul - Year A - Matthew 16: 13 - 19

This week we celebrate the two founders of the Christian Church, Peter and Paul, in some ways not the ideal disciples. Jesus saw something in Peter that no one else did, even though he often misunderstood Jesus and was troubled by waves of doubt throughout his discipleship. The moment he proclaims Jesus as the Messiah he establishes himself as the rock on which Jesus founded his church. The courage and perseverance displayed by Peter and Paul did not come from within themselves but from God.

Even though these are troubled times for the Church we have the Words of Jesus "that the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it" which should be an encouragement for us all. Do we pay enough attention to the words spoke by Jesus in the gospels to each one of us?

### Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the people who have been rocks in our lives. They have helped us not to give up when we really felt it was not worth keeping our faith.

Forgive us for the times that we were not always true to the message of Christ, just as Peter stood frightened and isolated denying Jesus three times.

Help us to realise that while the Church is Divine, it is also human. We are Christian but not perfect. Let us like St. Paul fight a good fight and keep the faith.

