



To the Heights

Year C 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SPOTLIGHT!

The Diaconate Ordination of Stuart McGovern in the Cathedral on Divine Mercy Sunday! Stuart will be ordained to priesthood in November, please God!



HEAR: Sunday Gospel

John 21:1-19

If you don't have a Bible handy, click the image here to access the Mass readings for this Sunday!

DR BRANT PITRE

WATCH:

Peter, Do You Love Me?

Dr. Brant Pitre



PRAYER INTENTION!

Please pray for Deacon Stuart McGovern, ordained to the Diaconate for our diocese on 27th April 2025!



PRAY

Lord, You see me: all that I am, all that I've done, and all that I'm capable of becoming. You call me to greatness in Your name. Show me how to trust in Your plan for my life, to not allow my weaknesses or insecurities to hold me back, but to give my all to You, each day. Amen

WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

If you ever hesitate before spending time alone with Jesus, because you might be afraid He'll see the real you, don't worry! He already knows your heart and loves you without measure! Set aside a specific time to spend in prayer each day this week - set a reminder on your phone! Commit those few minutes to Jesus every day, and let his gaze draw you close to Him again!

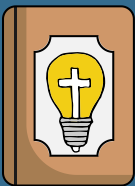
TUNE!

I love You Lord / Passion (Hillsong)



GROW

Watch Fr Mike explain how the next Pope will be elected and how a conclave works!



REFLECT

- Where did Jesus appear to the disciples in this Gospel passage?
- Why do you think Simon Peter decided to go fishing?
- What caused John ("the disciple Jesus loved") to recognise Jesus?
- Who reached Jesus first?
- What did Jesus have prepared for them?
- Why do you think Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him? (Think back to the arrest of Jesus)
- Who do you think the sheep / lambs are that Jesus is asking Simon Peter to shepherd?

GAMECHANGERS!



Learn more about Bl Edmund Ignatius Rice in our Gamechanger Resource

5th May

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!



HIS WORD & MY LIFE!

JOHN 21:7-79



Have you ever been really nervous about meeting someone because you know you have let them down, or you're not sure if they're angry with you about something? The knot in the pit of your stomach grows tighter, your palms get sweatier, you'd love a reason to duck out and avoid the encounter altogether.

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Then we have to go and transmit that grace to others too, just like Peter did when Jesus restored Him.

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- breakfast
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FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW

Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!



"Do you love Me?"



[Click here for some relaxing instrumental music](#)
SPONTANEOUS WORSHIP | TWO HOURS OF WORSHIP PIANO

Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

RESPOND!



What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.



JOHN 21:1-19

PETER RESTORED

CHECK OUT WHAT CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SAYS ABOUT THE PRIMACY OF PETER CCC 881



YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH. MT 16:18

Did you know that in the New Testament Peter is mentioned 155 times and the rest of apostles combined are only mentioned 130 times. Peter is almost always listed first!

HAVE YOU EVER LET A FRIEND DOWN, OR BEEN THE ONE WHO WAS LET DOWN? WERE YOU ABLE TO MAKE AMENDS?

LIST FOUR THINGS YOU KNOW ABOUT ST PETER

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM CATHOLIC PRODUCTIONS, "PETER, DO YOU LOVE ME?" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



Who or what did Peter deny after Jesus was arrested?

"And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, ..."before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times. And he went out, and wept bitterly" (Matthew 26:75).

How will the triple denial of Peter be restored in this Gospel?

What question did Jesus ask Peter three times?

What could Jesus have meant by asking Peter, "do you love me **more than these?**" What did Peter proclaim to Jesus before the Passion?

On a deeper level, what is Jesus calling Peter to by this question?

Jesus is not just restoring Peter, but assigning him a particular office. What is it?

What **three** responses does Jesus give to Peter's affirmations of love?

What does the greek verb **poimano** translate as? _____

What does Jesus reveal about Himself in John Chapter 10?

How can Jesus and Peter both be the Shepherd of the flock?



PETER RESTORED

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The three questions Jesus asks correspond to the three _____ of Peter.

The three exhortations establish Peter as _____.

What does Peter's role as Chief Shepherd mean? What does Christ-like leadership look like?



Check these references which show Peter's Primacy among the apostles

- Matt. 14:28-29
- Matt. 16:18
- Matt. 19:27
- Luke 22:31-32
- Matt. 16:16
- Matt. 16:19
- Mark 16:7
- John 20:4-6
- Matt. 16:17
- Matt. 18:21
- Luke 5:3

Why do you think St Peter is patron saint of netmakers, shipbuilders, and fishermen and locksmiths?



READ: JOHN 21:1-11

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MISSION!

IF YOU EVER HESITATE BEFORE SPENDING TIME ALONE WITH JESUS, BECAUSE YOU MIGHT BE AFRAID HE'LL SEE THE REAL YOU, DON'T WORRY! HE ALREADY KNOWS YOUR HEART AND LOVES YOU WITHOUT MEASURE! SET ASIDE A SPECIFIC TIME TO SPEND IN PRAYER EACH DAY THIS WEEK - SET A REMINDER ON YOUR PHONE! COMMIT THOSE FEW MINUTES TO JESUS EVERY DAY, AND LET HIS GAZE DRAW YOU CLOSE TO HIM AGAIN!



PRAYER TIME!

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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON PETER'S JOURNEY OF FAITH

- Hillsong: I love You Lord / Passion
- Kristene di Marco: It is well
- Big Daddy Weave: Audience of One
- Victory Worship: New Beginnings
- Meredith Andrews: You invite me in
- Hillsong: From the Inside Out
- Lincoln Brewster: Surrender
- Nashville Life Music: Shepherd



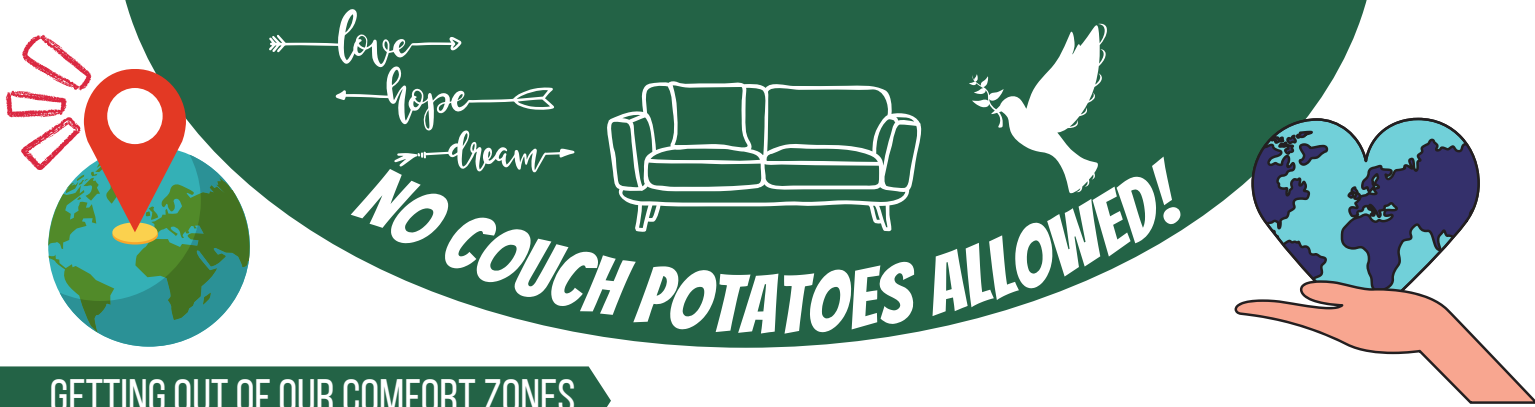
St Peter, First Pope Catholic Online



Why Catholics have a pope? Fr Mike Schmitz



The Rock of St Peter Real Life Catholic



GETTING OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONES

What kind of message do you think young people most need to hear today? What are their hearts looking for?

POPE FRANCIS: WYD 2016 MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE



Pope Francis spoke first about the fear we can feel of being paralysed: "thinking that ... there is no longer any room to grow, to dream, to create, to gaze at new horizons - in a word to live..."



"But in life there is another, even more dangerous, kind of paralysis... I like to describe it as the paralysis that comes from confusing happiness with a sofa. In other words, to think that in order to be happy all we need is a good sofa. A sofa that makes us feel comfortable, calm, safe. A sofa like one of those we have nowadays with a built-in massage unit to put us to sleep. A sofa that promises us hours of comfort so we can escape to the world of videogames and spend all kinds of time in front of a computer screen.

A sofa that keeps us safe from any kind of pain and fear. A sofa that allows us to stay home without needing to work at, or worry about, anything... That is probably the most harmful and insidious form of paralysis, since little by little, without even realizing it, we start to nod off, to grow drowsy and dull while others - perhaps more alert than we are, but not necessarily better - decide our future for us....

Dear young people, we didn't come into this world to "vegetate", to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark. It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark. But when we opt for ease and convenience, for confusing happiness with consumption, then we end up paying a high price indeed: we lose our freedom.

This is itself a great form of paralysis, whenever we start thinking that happiness is the same as comfort and convenience, that being happy means going through life asleep or on tranquillizers, that the only way to be happy is to live in a haze. Certainly, drugs are bad, but there are plenty of other socially acceptable drugs, that can end up enslaving us just the same. One way or the other, they rob us of our greatest treasure: our freedom....

Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths. To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy, the joy that is born of God's love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy. To take the path of the "craziness" of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbours who feel abandoned. To take the path of our God, who encourages us to be politicians, thinkers, social activists. The God who asks us to devise an economy inspired by solidarity. In all the settings in which you find yourselves, God's love invites you bring the Good News, making of your own lives a gift to him and to others...



God expects something from you. God wants something from you. God hopes in you. God comes to break down all our fences. He comes to open the doors of our lives, our dreams, our ways of seeing things. God comes to break open everything that keeps you closed in. He is encouraging you to dream. He wants to make you see that, with you, the world can be different. For the fact is, unless you offer the best of yourselves, the world will never be different.

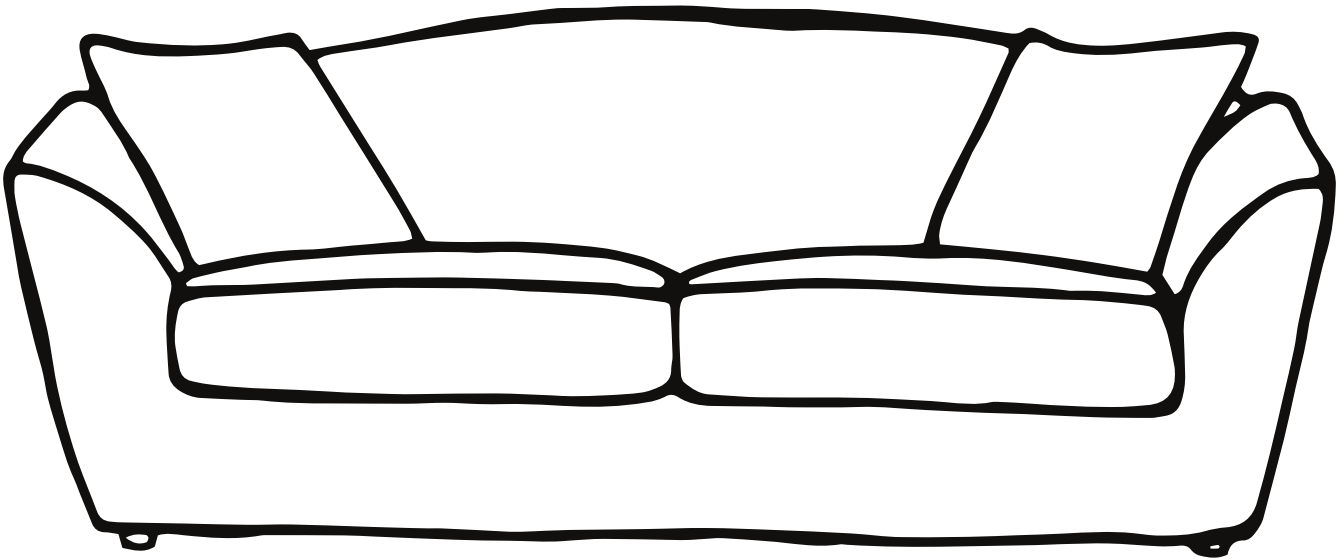
The times we live in do not call for young "couch potatoes" but for young people with shoes, or better, boots laced. It only takes players on the first string, and it has no room for bench-warmers. Today's world demands that you be a protagonist of history because life is always beautiful when we choose to live it fully, when we choose to leave a mark... He wants to turn your hands, my hands, our hands, into signs of reconciliation, of communion, of creation. He wants your hands to continue building the world of today. And he wants to build that world with you....



Read the full speech at <https://www.icatholic.ie/prayer-vigil-world-youth-day-2016/>

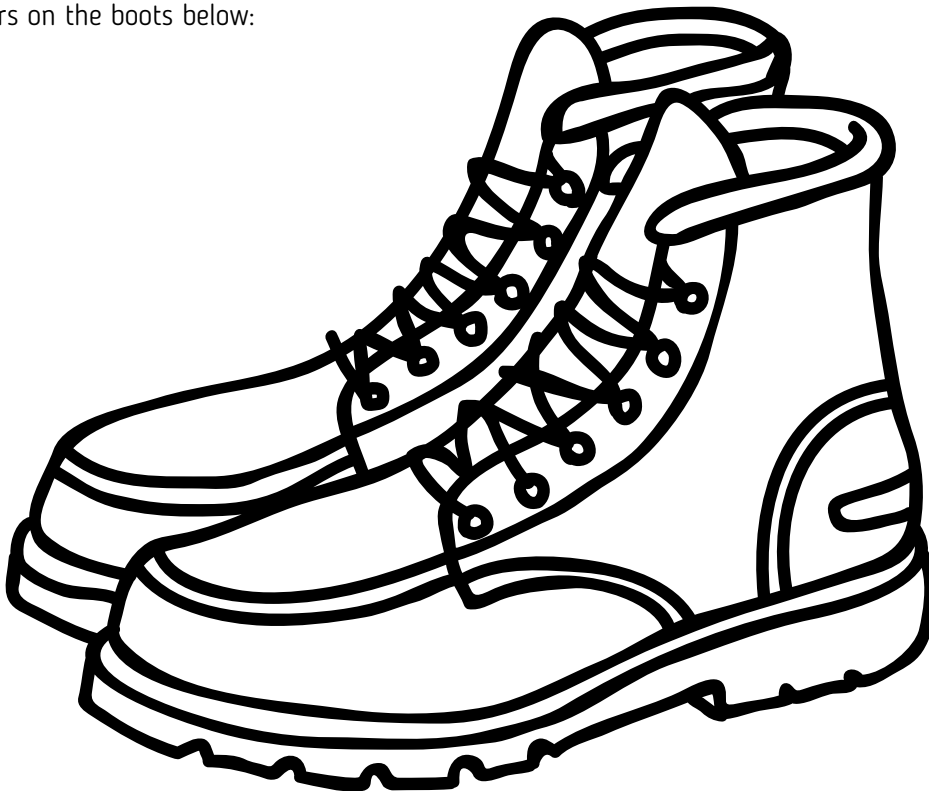
WHAT IS MY "SOFA-HAPPINESS"? WHAT DISTRACTS ME FROM SPENDING MY TIME WELL AND FOR OTHERS?

Write your answers on the sofa below:



WHAT COULD MY WALKING SHOES BE? HOW CAN I LACE UP MY BOOTS TO LEAVE A MARK IN THE WORLD?

Write your answers on the boots below:



"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And that which I can do, by the grace of God, I will do."
— Dwight L. Moody —



TUNES TO INSPIRE YOU...

SET THE WORLD ON FIRE: BRITT NICOLE

LIFESONG: CASTING CROWNS

THE MOTIONS: MATTHEW WEST

AWAKENING: CHRIS TOMLIN

- ASCEND YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE) -

