

Reflection—

The common understanding is that "Son of God" implies his deity—which it does—and that "Son of Man" implies his humanity, which it does too.

He was a son of man, that is, a human being. And he is the Son of God, in that he has always existed as the Eternally Begotten One who comes forth from the Father forever. He always has, and he always will. He is the Second Person of the Trinity with all of the divine nature fully in him.

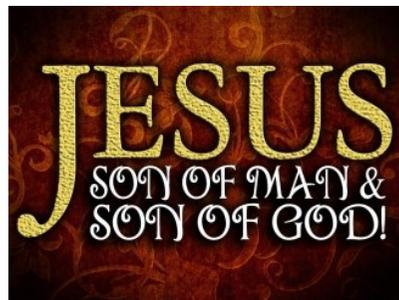
He was born of a virgin. He had a human father who didn't have sex with this virgin until Jesus was conceived. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary. Thus he is human—fully human. The Bible wants to emphasise that he is fully human; so that's the common understanding: he is both divine and he is human—two natures, one person.

The important historical insight is that the term "Son of Man" doesn't merely align him with humanity. It is probably taken from Daniel 7, and if you read that chapter you'll see that the Son of Man is a very exalted figure; not just a human figure but an exalted figure. It was Jesus' favourite self-designation.

Jesus was very subtle in that he was always opening his identity to those with eyes to see, but he wasn't opening it so blatantly that everybody would come and make him king. He had to steer a very narrow course in disclosing his identity, not just openly saying, "I'm the Messiah, I'm the King of the World, come and acknowledge me as King." He didn't talk like that.

He was quiet. He was subtle. He would make claims that were explicit in certain settings and implicit in others, and only when the time was right—mainly when he was on trial for his life, and they said, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the living God?"—did he say, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man coming with great power and glory." So he confessed his open deity right at the point where he knew he would be crucified for it.

So I hope that helps. "Son of Man" has the double meaning of human being and, according to Daniel 7, exalted heavenly one, and Jesus means to communicate both of those.



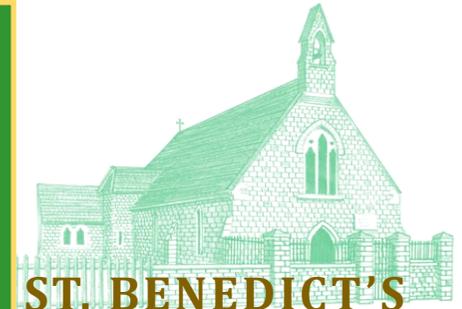
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22nd August

Vigil Mass 4 pm

Sunday 23rd August Mass

at 9.30am Year 2020



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Saturday	22nd	The 21st	Vigil Mass 4pm	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sunday	23rd	of Ordinary Time	Mass 9.30 am	<i>Liam Bannigan health</i>
Monday	24th	St. Bartholomew, Ap.		NO MASS
Tuesday	25th	Feria	Mass 10 am	Private Intention
Wednesday	26th	Feria,	Mass 10 am	<i>All those still shielding.</i>
Thursday	27th	St. Monica, Mass	10 am	<i>All mothers</i>
Friday	28th	St. Augustine Bp, Dr..	Mass 10 am	<i>Thanksgiving for examination results</i>
Saturday	29th	Beheading of John the Baptist	Mass 10 am	<i>Teachers in our Catholic schools</i>
	22nd	Sunday Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass 4 pm	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sunday	30th	Mass 9.30 am		<i>Sean Loma RIP</i>

Next Week : THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 29th August 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm

Sunday 30th August 9.30am

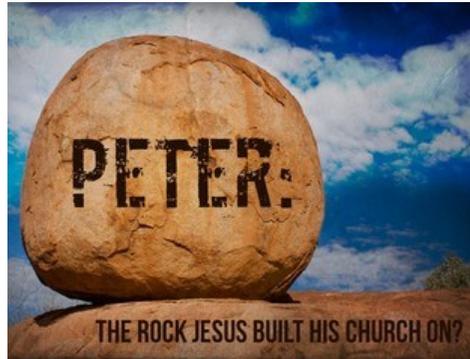


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IF YOU ARE GOING TO COME TO MASS THIS WEEKEND YOU NEED TO INFORM FR. PAUL BY TELEPHONE – 07973239942 OR E MAIL Fr.paul.lomas@rcaob.org.uk

COVID 19 VIRUS IS STILL PREVALENT SO KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER. TOUCH AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.

Peter not only answers the question correctly, but he also receives the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven ...



SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH DURING THE PANDEMIC

The work of the parish goes on and needs financing. We still need your support, even more so as without our weekly congregations and visitors, finances are tighter. Recognising that many parishioners may be struggling financially, there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so. However if you can, it would be much appreciated. Either cash or a cheque handed IN AT Mass or through the presbytery door. You can donate via standing order or a single donation if easier. We are grateful to those who pay by standing order already. Thank you for your support. With only 30-35 coming to mass at weekends we are missing the cash that we usually receive each week. pair work too. We have to fund this work from the parish. We have top pay for the roof repair on the church and the second half of the Church Insurance is due for payment as well.

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES THIS WEEKEND. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THIS POINT. PLEASE :-

1. SANITISE YOUR HANDS WHEN ARRIVING AND LEAVING CHURCH.
2. WEAR FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES.
3. ONLY SIT ON PEWS WHERE DIRECTED TO.
4. MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES. (NO PHYSICAL CONTACT AT EXCHANGE OF PEACE).
5. WHEN RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION, DO SO ON HAND ONLY AND MOVE WHEN DIRECTED TO.
6. THERE ARE NO NEWS SHEETS HANDED OUT, NO HYMN BOOKS TO HOLD, NO SINGING BECAUSE OF SPREAD OF VIRUS.
7. LEAVE CHURCH AFTER MASS WHEN DIRECTED BY STEWARDS.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This was resumed from this weekend. 1st/2nd August 2020 It will be Saturday morning 11.30 to 12 noon each week. Due to the social distancing it will be on the benches in the front presbytery garden. Please telephone to let me know your coming 07973239942.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

Mass each day continues to be shown live on my Facebook page—Paul Roy Lomas. It is also available to use after the Mass has ended in case you can't be on your computer,

Did you know? - Jesus spoke Aramaic, which means that he called Peter "**Cephas**", (which means "Rock" in Aramaic.) The difference, of course, is that Jesus is "The Rock", while Peter is "A Rock". This changing of names follows a very important pattern in scripture - Abram (father) became Abraham (father of many nations).