

This Sunday, the 21st in Ordinary Time, the Introit to Holy Mass invites us to trust in the LORD and to pray for mercy in our needs and afflictions, and the Collect reminds us similarly to conform our wills, desires and hearts to God so that our prayer may be heard and answered.

The prophet, Isaiah, challenges us all to be “like a peg in a secure place” as an example of the faith and trust of which the Psalm sings, so that with gratitude, praise and adoration we might have confidence that the LORD will not discard the work, ie us, of His hands. St Paul reminds us too that God is inscrutable and knows better than we do what is good for us.

The reading from the Holy Gospel of St Matthew today records Our Lord’s appointing St Peter as the first Pope, the leader of the Apostles and the rock on which He will build His church (a peg in a secure place), to whom we might turn with our questions. That is our faith, and we might wish to pray on this last of the eight days following the Assumption of Our Lady, “All with Peter to Jesus through Mary”, knowing that Our Lady is the sure way to seek and receive the graces that we truly need.