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**2nd January 2022**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - YEAR C**

**PREFACE:**  Number 3 Nativity of The Lord

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 1

**MYSTERY OF FAITH:** When we eat this bread …

**Sat:** 10:00am - Eleanor Murray

**Sun:** 10:00am - The People of St Peter’s living & deceased

**Tue:** 9:30am - Ciders Bridget McDonagh

**Wed:** 7:30pm - Pru Hill

**Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Thu:** 9:30am - The People of St Peter’s living & deceased

**Fri:** 7:30pm - Paddy, Walter & Michael Tyrell

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Anna Foulks

**Sun:** 10:00am - The People of St Peter’s living & deceased

 Rosary Wednesday 7:10pm

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Rose Butler, Irene Ridley, Sara Tomkins, Frank Cross, Cyryl Samsonink, Mary Letts, Michael Hogan, Anne Saddington, Hugh Murray, Angela Claford, Peter Cotter, Bridget (Bridie) Nolan, Teodor Pieczko, Encanacion Moreno, Alfred Spencer, James Rodden, William Russell and William (Billy) Mitchell.

**REMEMBERING IN PRAYER**

Mike, Anna, Alex, Fr Phillip, Marie, Claire & family, Christine Kimpton, Teresa Horsler, Roberto, Linda, Mark & Maria and family and Olive.

If you have a particular intention that you would like us to pray for, please contact the Parish Office and it will be included here.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £635.28. Thank you very much.

**CLERGY CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** May I thank you all most sincerely for your generous donations to the collection at Christmas and on behalf of Deacon Peter and myself, our grateful thanks for the many cards and gifts.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** The feast is celebrated on January 6th, this Thursday, and is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022:** The programme will commence on January 9th 2022. If a member of your family will be eight years old by June/July next year, can you please contact the Parish Office with the name and age of the person wishing to join the programme.

**GIVING:** Thank you to all those that have made donations by BACS, we really do appreciate it as well as donations through the donation station.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

New guidance from the diocese has now been given to all parishes concerning the Omicron Variant. In view of this guidance, Fr Joe and Deacon Peter ask you to wear face coverings again, as this is now mandatory when coming to Mass and in all our church buildings unless you have a legal exemption from doing so.

**A BIG THANK YOU:** To everyone who has donated to the Food bank throughout 2021, helping local people in need. In addition, the 'Love at Christmas' donations were a great success and much appreciated. May God bless you all and may we have a good 2022. Happy New Year!

**TIME TOGETHER GROUP:** Meets on Saturday January 8th at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall, when we will have a speaker from *Deafconnect* to tell us about the Hard of Hearing Service and Tinnitus Support Group. All are welcome.

**A BIG THANK YOU (2):** To all who helped make Christmas 2021 special in church for all of us; for the team who helped with the PowerPoint slides, church cleaners, money counters, flower arranging teams, the two Cribs and Christmas tree arrangers and the altar server teams who served so well. A big thank you to you all.

**FREE:** The Catholic Post, your new national Catholic newspaper. Also free is the Winter 2021 Calx Mariae magazine - Rebuilding our Christian Civilisation.

**LIVING FAITH:** Daily scripture reflection magazine for January to March 2022 now in Church, priced £1.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Your card may be in the box in church; please check and collect.

**Moveable Feasts of the Year - 2022**

 Baptism of the Lord………………...January 9th

 Ash Wednesday………………….....March 2nd

 Easter Triduum……………….….….April 14th - 16th

 Easter Sunday………………………April 17th

 Ascension of the Lord…………......May 26th

 Pentecost……………………………June 5th

 Trinity Sunday…………… ……….. June 12th

 Corpus Christi……………………... June 19th

 Sacred Heart of Jesus……………. June 24th

 Christ the King………………….…..November 20th

**Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel**

1. This prologue to John’s Gospel is a piece of poetry. Like all poetry one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let the words and images speak to you.

2. The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. *How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life?*

3. The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: ‘to all who received him…he gave power to become children of God’. *How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life?*

4. In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as ‘Jesus people’ in the world today we also are called to be witnesses to the light. *Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness?*

Wishing you God’s blessings For a Happy New Year Fr Joe and Deacon Peter