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**16th January 2022**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C**

**PEACE SUNDAY**

**PREFACE:**  Number 1

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 2

**MYSTERY OF FAITH:** Save us, Saviour of the world …

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Harries family

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

 living & deceased

**Tue:** 10:00am - Celebration of the Word & Communion

**Thu:** 9:30am - Celebration of the Word & Communion

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Holy Souls

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

 living & deceased

Sunday School: 11:15-12 noon in the Parish Hall Lounge

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Eldred, Ugo Gianni, Vincent Cleary, Caroline Cowie, Stefan Pudelko, Karease Frankiewicz, Catherine Scopes, William Taylor, Stanislaw Jacubowski, Romana Rudzinska, David Edwards, Ursula Pereira, Edmund Harvey, Anthony Killeen, Giuseppe Mansi, Bridget Spring, Timothy Hickey, Edward Silburn, James Roche, Antonia Celtner, Herbert (Bert) Way, Nora Begley, Branislaw Wasiewicz and Gaetano Mastrangelo.

**REMEMBERING IN PRAYER**

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

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 £445.20. Thank you very much.

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2022:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend.

SPUC is currently campaigning to protect unborn Pro-Life speech. Pro-life witness is restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies.

Please be generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**  You may be wondering how you can support the Church during this difficult time. If you wish to contribute financially, please consider making either a one-off donation or setting up a regular payment. This can be done using the following details:

Account name:  R.C.D.N. St Peter’s Rushden

Bank name:  NatWest; Sort Code: 60-06-11

Account Number:  91052432

**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.

**VISITING CLERGY:** Our grateful thanks to Fr Pius Amoko for officiating at this weekend’s Vigil Mass and to Fr Robert Preece for officiating at the Sunday morning Mass.

**OUR CONDOLENCES:** To Brian and the Perry family on the death of Olive who died last Sunday morning. May Olive rest in peace. Her funeral Mass will be in church on Tuesday February 1st at 10am followed by burial in Higham Cemetery at 11:30am.

**POPE FRANCIS:** Is asking us to learn together how God is calling us to be. Message from Sue O’Neil. Apologies: Prior notice of the Parish Synod meeting on January 15th wasn't possible other than at Mass and via electronic means or word of mouth as I only decided to do this after the print deadline. The purpose of this meeting was to give an overview of: i) the Synodal Process at local level and what it means and ii) the topics. If anyone wishes to be informed about this please e-mail me your details requesting this to [oneill18@sky.com](oneill18%40sky.com%20) and I'll send you some information. Sue

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** There is a comprehensive list of requested items at the back of church for example tinned meat & fish, peas and carrots, jam, coffee, shampoo please see list. **No other items** please are at present required. Thank you for your kind donations.

**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - Our Liturgy Of The Word**

A series of online Zoom sessions exploring the Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year, each to be held from 7:30-8:30pm.

Tuesday January 18th - An introduction to Luke

Wednesday February 23rd - Preparing for Lent

Wednesday April 6th - Preparing for the Triduum

Wednesday April 20th - Celebrating Eastertide

Register in advance to secure a place by email: admin@nores.org.uk or phone: 01582 723312 (ext. 1). Once your booking is received you will be sent details of how to join the Zoom sessions. See poster.

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

1. The story is a story of abundance, the abundance of the blessings God gives us. *How have you been aware of the abundance of God’s blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment have been very real to you.*

2. The hour of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God would be fully revealed, yet even so something of the glory of God was revealed in the sign that took place. For us also the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along the way. *Recall some of the signs that have revealed to you something of the glory of God, e.g., nature, art, friendship, etc.*

3. Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is to trust in him. *When have you trusted in the word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was rewarded even when you had been initially disappointed?*