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**23rd January 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C**

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**PREFACE:**  Number 3

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 3

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

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

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

living & deceased

**Tue:** 10:00am - Mary Nelson

**Wed:** 7:30pm - Jane Bishop

**Thu:** 9:30am - Mary Thomas

**Fri:** 7:30pm - Antonio Campanaro

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Ciders Bridget McDonagh

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

living & deceased

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11am - 11:30am

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

Rosary: Wednesday at 7:10pm

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Isobel Helsdown, Betty Cuthbert, Wladyslaw Weiss, Krystyna Sidorowska, Anne Timmons, Hugh Gilholme, Teresa Houghton, Peter Burke, Peter Duff, Matilda (Tilly) White, Olindo di Salvo, Margaret Croser, Martin Beirne, Elio Griammarco, Antonio Campanaro, Patrick Mangan, Mykola Skalycz, George Gravestock, Teresa (Tess) Beveridge, Veronica Haddon, Dorothy Gay and Robinson Jeyaratnam.

**REMEMBERING IN PRAYER**

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

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 £342.65. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** For the White Flower Appeal raised £256.43. Thank you very much.

**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.

**OUR CONDOLENCES:** To Brian and the Perry family on the death of Olive who died on January 16th. 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.

**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.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** The Hall is open for existing groups to use. If you wish to book the hall please contact the parish office on 01933 353649 or email [parish.stpeterrushden@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stpeterrushden@northamptondiocese.org)

**THE VOICE OF ST PETER’S PEOPLE:** Please see attached sheet. The first get together is next Saturday. Details are on the sheet. Please pray for its success.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** On September 30th 2019, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter in which he instituted ‘The Sunday of the Word of God’ to be held on the third Sunday of Ordinary time each year. To celebrate this occasion, Bishop David will preside at a Service of the Word in the Cathedral at 3pm this Sunday. The service will be live streamed for those who cannot attend.

**A SPIRITUAL REFLECTION:** What preparation might we need to make for Jesus coming to us today? In the first place, we open ourselves in expectation. The bigest obstacle might be our lack of believing and hoping that He would speak to us in His Word. Lord, help my unbelief!

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

1. The scene in the synagogue marks the launch of the public ministry of Jesus in Luke. Jesus was filled with the Spirit. He came bursting with a message to communicate*. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?*

2. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind or captives. *Who are these today? In what ways have you been, or are you, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God’s favour to you?*

3. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. It is being fulfilled even as we hear it now*. If this does not resonate with you right now, when has the gospel given you an experience of liberation?*

4. This is the Sunday of the Word of God, the word that gives life. The written word of God is not always easy to understand. *What has helped you to be more at home with the Bible so that you could find there encouragement, hope, inspiration, meaning and purpose in life?*