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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C**

**20th February 2022**

**PREFACE:**  Number 2

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 2

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - The People of St Peter’s

 living & deceased

**Sun:** 10:00am - Robert Hardie

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

**Wed:** 7:30pm - Ciders Bridget McDonagh

**Thu:** 9:30am - Jane Bishop

**Fri:** 7:30pm - Waldie

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Michele Campanaro

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

 living & deceased

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:** Peter Swords, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Denis Dickens, James Murphy, Matilda O’Leary, Kasia Gonzalez, Eileen Summerfield, Pauline Stanley, Stephen Buttimer, Magdalene Danes, Andrew Davidson, Charles Hoppen, George Cowley, Richardson, Mirono Komarneski, Ann McNicholas, baby Emily Woodruff, Ellen Thompson, Mark Murphy, Michael Conway, George Smith, Kathleen Baker, Alice Geoghegan and Evelyn Harding.

**REMEMBERING IN PRAYER**

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

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 £352.76. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Last weekend raised £206.73 for Racial Justice Sunday. 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

**PARISH FEAST DAY:** Of St Peter Apostle is this Tuesday with Mass at 9:30am and the Gloria will be prayed.

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** Are back again at Our Lady’s Altar and still at 20p each.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

New guidance from the diocese has now been given to all parishes concerning Covid-19. Whilst it is now no longer mandatory to wear face coverings, Fr Joe and Deacon Peter request that you continue to wear them when coming to Mass and in all our church buildings unless you have a legal exemption from doing so.

**UCM NEWS:** The newspaper for Spring 2022 has just arrived and is available in church.

**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.

**CONFIRMATION 2022:** As a candidate for the sacrament and in Year 7 or over, please fill in the slipand put it in the Confirmation box.

**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.

**TOGETHER IN PRAYER ZOOM MEETING:** Apologies: the TiP meeting is **this** Sunday at 8pm (40 minutes).

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73944214157?pwd=bW5JRlJaM3dINkhxNnNnVWtySUNIdz09>

Meeting ID: 739 4421 4157 Passcode: 418681

**LAUNCHING THE SYNODAL PATHWAY**

 Strange words. First ‘synod’, then ‘synodal’ and its sister ‘synodality’. They’re new words for most of us. ‘Synod’ is an assembly or gathering of people in the context of Church. When the gathering is ‘synodal’ - or when ‘synodality’ is taking place - those who have gathered listen to each other, discuss with each other, discern together what God wants the assembly to do. Effectively it is a new way of being Church.

 It’s the way that the Second Vatican Council had intended ‘a people’s Church’ to be - with people, priests and bishops, listening, discussing and deciding together.

 Pope Francis is convinced that the time has come to implement this way of being Church: “The path of synodality’, he says, ‘is the path that God expects from his Church in the third millennium.’

 We are facing into unknown territory. We don’t know what the future holds or what the Church will look like. What we do know is that God remains unchanged. He is always the same - past, present and future. What we do know is that God will be with us. As Jesus reassured his disciples: “I will be you always, yes, to the end of time” (Matthew 28:20).

 Pope Francis tells us that our journey together will require that we change not just our way of thinking, instead we change our structures in order to live out God’s call for the Church - that (in the words of the Second Vatican Council), we should read ‘the signs of the times’.

**FROM THE DIOCESE**

Pray with the Holy Father

During the month of February Pope Francis encourages us to pray for religious and consecrated women. As we pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, especially those in our own diocese, we thank God for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.