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**14th August 2022 – YEAR C**

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

 **No Mass here this weekend**

**Sat:** 6:30 pm - Celebration of the Word & Communion

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

**Sat:** 6:30 pm - KV Varghese

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

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Georgina Drage, Alice Watson, Edward Kinsella, James Hennessy, Simon Swords, Jim Walsh, Paddy Maher, Trevor Wilkins, Joseph Robson, Antonio Colabuono, David Walters, Beryl McDonnell, Margaret Fett, Roseann Kiely and Salvatore Valentino.

**People who need our prayers**

Elizabeth, Cyprian, Madeline, Anna, James Miller, Mike, Anne Mullen, Brian T, Doric, Faye, Paddy M., Kathleen R, Natalie, Skilton & Vallet families, Fleurette, Emilie, Richard & family, Eloise & Claudia & family, Silma, Noel, Anick, Phiz & Jaci and the Calver family.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £539.58. Thank you very much.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Saturday: St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

**POPE’S INTENTION FOR AUGUST:** We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

**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.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is requested for the family and friends of John Calver who died last Sunday and whose funeral prayers will take place here at 2pm on Wednesday, August 24th.

 **ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR:** The apparitions seen by St Bernadette in Lourdes took place over five months, and over the course of time, an intimate relationship of trust, obedience and love developed between Our Lady and Bernadette.

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near home.

The relics will be visiting Northampton Cathedral from 3pm on October 10th until 9am on October 13th. For more information and to register a place, see noticeboard, www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/ and for general enquiries: contact@stbernadette.org.uk.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** A rosary gathering to honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place at 6pm on Monday, August 15th at Christ the Cornerstone church, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES. See poster.

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

1. The commitment of Jesus to his mission is shown in his desire to undergo the baptism that awaits him. *Have there been times when there was something you greatly hoped for, even though you knew there would be a baptism of fire along the way? What was it like for you to undergo such a baptism of fire and then arrive at what you desired?*

2. Jesus recognised that the message he proclaimed would meet with a mixed reception. This did not hold him back from proclaiming the Reign of God. *When have you seen this kind of courage in yourself, or others?*

3. Jesus challenged those listening to him to commit themselves to discipleship, despite opposition from those close to them, even family members. *When have you found that being true to yourself and to your beliefs required such courage? What was it like for you when you were able to follow that courageous road?*

**PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON A LONG LIFE:** God of mercy, you have given your children the gift of long life and they ask for your blessing. Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence. As they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy. As they look to the future, may they persevere in hope that does not fade. To you be praise and glory forever.

**POINT TO PONDER:** Pondering Mary’s unique role in the history of salvation and her perfect union with her Son, the early Church made the case for her Assumption in its faith that she ultimately shared in his glory. She was, after all, present at his incarnation and birth, present with Joseph at the Temple in Jerusalem, present throughout his ‘hidden life’, present at the first miracle at Cana, present at significant moments in his public ministry, present at his crucifixion and placed in the care of John the Beloved Disciple, present at the beginnings of the Church. She could truly say of Jesus, ‘this is my body, this is my blood’.

**WHY NOT…**

* Show appreciation to the small local shops that remained open during the pandemic by continuing to support them?
* At home decorate a statue of Our Lady to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption tomorrow (August 15th) and pray the Rosary?