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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 2

**MYSTERY OF FAITH:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord…

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

**Sun:** 10:00am - Edward Grindon

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

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - People of St Peter’s living & deceased

**Sun:** 10:00am - KV Varghese

(Please note the above are subject to change.)

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patrick Lackey, Henryka Karabin, Jim McGonnell, Jane Dawson, Diane Prill, Andrew Mooney, Jan Rydelski, Bridget Goldsmith, Iwan Gudz, Avril Murray, Francis Peters, Ted Prusakowski, Thomas McNicholas, Lawrence Timmons and Berrill..

**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 .

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £299.98. Thank you very much.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St Bartholomew, Apostle

Saturday: St Monica

**FUNERAL PRAYERS:** For John Edwin Calver this Wednesday at 2pm. We extend our sympathy to all his bereaved family.

**WELCOME RITE:** For Órla-Rose Fanning will be at 10am next Sunday and her Baptism will be at 10am Sunday September 4th

**TEA/COFFEE/REFRESHMENTS:** After Sunday’s Mass will be in the Parish Hall Lounge.

**Fr Joe:** Fr Joe hopes to be back with us for next weekend and says he is feeling fine.

**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.

**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/](file:///C:\Joe\Documents\Weekly%20Newsletters\2022\www.stbernadette.org.uk\the-tour\) and for general enquiries: [contact@stbernadette.org.uk](file:///C:\Joe\Documents\Weekly%20Newsletters\2022\contact@stbernadette.org.uk).

**THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** A rosary gathering to honour the The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place at 6pm on Monday, August 22nd at Christ the Cornerstone church, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES. See poster.

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

1. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: ‘Will many be saved?’ In his answer Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. That entitlement will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive - either with God or with another human person - the real question is ‘Is my heart in this relationship?’ What does your experience tell you of this?

2. ‘Strive to enter by the narrow door’. Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem, purposeful and determined. His true followers will also be purposeful and determined. That is true in any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. Do you ever find that you have lost your enthusiasm for life and become a bit bored? What can you do to recover some of the enthusiasm you once had?

**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.

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

* What are you passionate about? The environment, politics, your football team…? Jesus was passionate about his mission. He knew it would mean his death but this seems to have made him show an even greater sense of urgency. Am I a lukewarm follower of Jesus or do I somehow share his passion in spreading the Kingdom according to my possibilities?