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**7th August 2022 – YEAR C**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 2

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Fedele Girardi

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

**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 - Edward Grindon

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

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Stephen (Pat) Patrick, Michael Procyk, Jose Estepa, William Simmonds, Rosalia Gomolezak, Bridie Ryan, Michele Montone, Ryan Lynch, Lena Bridge, Jack Cunningham, Alfons Gesikowski, Mary Moore, Rita Cox, Jennifer Allen, Sheila Peters, Alexandrina McManus, Mary Alieksiewicz, Anne Arnold and Tony Byles.

**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 £471.12. Thank you very much.

**THE BAPTISM:** Of Thea Thornton will be at the 10am Mass today.

**WELCOME RITE:** For Kailum Jones will be at 10am this Sunday and his Baptism will be at 12noon on Sunday August 14th.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Wednesday: St Lawrence - Deacon and martyr

Saturday: Our Lady on Saturday

**WELCOME AND THANKS:** To Canon Michael Harrison who is saying both Masses this weekend.

**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to Peter and Pat Henry who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last Friday, August 5th. They were married at St Peter’s on August 5th 1972. There will be a blessing for them at the end of this Sunday’s Mass.

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

**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).

**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 opening verses of this gospel invite us to ask ourselves what do we see as our purpose in life? What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance, or do we have other priorities? *What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?*

2. At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit’. *When have you found that being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed, e.g., when a child or friend gave a hint that they would like to talk, and a very meaningful conversation ensued?*

3. Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long that will last. So, Jesus calls us on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we can drift aimlessly through a day, and on other occasions use a day purposefully. *What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?*

**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.