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**18th September 2022 – YEAR C**

**TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 3

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

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

**Sun:** 10:00am - Brigid McGuirk

**Mon:** 9:30am - Office for the Dead (for the Queen)

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

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

**Sun:** 10:00am - Zygmut Brodowicz

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Sadie Trotter, Eva Bermingham, Thomas Houlihan, Kostas Kligoris, Pranas Nekrasas, Enid Tomaszewska, Prospera di Salvo, Josef Kindler, Elena Trott, Benjamin Brenchley, Lorenzo Gallucci, Stefania Wasiewicz, Patrick Cummings, James Callaghan, Bridget Clarke and Ronald Blom.

**People who need our prayers**

Mike, Eva, Barbara, Francis, Lily MacDonald, Carmel, Bill Payne, Eva H, Liz C, Greta, Jules, Eloise, Claudia, Wendy, Bridget, Louise, Irene, David, Elizabeth, Frank and Cyprian.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £320.99. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Last weekend raised £699.25 for the emergency appeal for the floods in Pakistan. Thank you very much indeed.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend is for Home Missions Sunday.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Monday: St Theodore of Cantebury, Bishop

Wednesday: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Saturday: Our Lady of Walsingham

**WELCOME TODAY:** To Monsignor John Broadhurst for leading the Liturgy this weekend. We thank him for coming.

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

**POPE’S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:** *For the abolition of the death penalty.* We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**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:** As part of a journey of pilgrimage through England, Scotland and Wales, the relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes will be visiting Northampton Cathedral from Monday 10th -13th October.

You can visit the Cathedral at any time during the tour, but parishes from our Pastoral Area have been specially invited to the Cathedral between 7pm and 9pm on Wednesday 12th. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Please join us if you can for this wonderful experience, and please consider generously offering places to those without transport.

**THE DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIED LIFE:** Bishop David Oakley warmly invites you to The Diocesan Mass for Married Life at The Cathedral of our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingsthorpe Road, Northampton, NN2 6AG on Saturday October 1st, with gathering from 11:30am followed by Mass at 12 noon.

Bishop David will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage ie 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone please contact us on 07824 386804 or at mass.mfl@northamptondiocese.org. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available in the Cathedral Centre after Mass.

**THE QUEEN:** The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool and Vice President of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, has issued the following statement on the death of Queen Elizabeth II: “I am deeply saddened to hear the news about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I pray for the repose of her soul and for all the members of the Royal Family at this time of sorrow. “On April 21st 1947, in a speech broadcast on the radio from Cape Town, the then Princess Elizabeth dedicated her life to the service of the Commonwealth saying, ‘I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong’. “Today we give thanks for that lifetime of service to our country and for her leadership of the Church of England during her 70 year reign. The celebrations we witnessed earlier this year for her Platinum Jubilee show how much respect and love people had for her. “She will be remembered for her dedication, strength, warmth and her pride in our country. “May this good and faithful servant rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.”

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

1. As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. *In your experience what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?*

2. It was his master’s call to account that galvanised the servant into action. *What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat half-hearted in your efforts?*

3. Who have been the people whose energy, drive and astuteness have been an inspiration to you in how to handle difficult situations?

4. ‘No servant can be the slave of two masters’. *When have you experienced the truth of this statement?*

**10 SECOND SERMONS:**

Don’t be afraid your life will end; be afraid that it will never begin.