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**11th DECEMBER 2022 – YEAR A**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**GAUDETE SUNDAY**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 2

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Holy Souls

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

**Tue:** 9:30am - Pat Dowling

**Wed:** 7:30pm - Lalljie, Bouttelisier, Esprit, Puyppe and Deloose families

**Thu:** 9:30am - Janet O’Leary

**Fri:** 7:30pm - Thomas Gerrard Murray

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

**Sun:** 10:00am - Eleanor Murray

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

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Gordon Seamarks, Kathleen Drozd, Albin Matusik, Patrick Ryan, George Croxon, Helena Liwak, Jerry Shine, Lucio Ferritto, Marjorie Homer, Mommersteeg, Patrick Dowling, Alfred Parker, Lena Saunders, E. Savickis, Teodor Mikolajewicz, Marii Mikolajewicz, Catherine Richardson, Henry Page, John Vickers, William Barr, Edgar Hazell, Robert Coton, Margaret Hyland, Catherine Whetten, Ethan St. John-Dickenson, Henryka Kusek.

**People who need our prayers**

Bill H, Patsy, Sophie, Neil & family, Ida and Roberto, Bernie, the Mutiswa family, Terry M and, Christopher & Edith, Jason & Naomi and Faye, Merin, Serine, Katherine, James, Dan, Anne, Anna, Austin, Jenny, Nora, Laura and her children and husband, Eva, Bill P, the Collett family, Wendy, Helena and Kevin B.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £519.29. Thank you.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Monday: Our Lady of Guadaloupe

Tuesday: St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Wednesday: St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

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

**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.

**FOODBANK NEWS:** Cash donations for September and October were a superb £166.91. Thank you for all your kind donations.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** Will be on Tuesday December 20th at 10:15am. All offers of help welcomed.

**'SINGING FOR FUN':** Present a Christmas Concert in the Hall on Friday December 16th at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm): £3.00 at the door to include refreshments. There will also be a raffle of 4 luxury hampers. Come along and join in with the Carols and Christmas Songs and support a very worthy cause. All proceeds to go to Rushden Food Bank.

**MANY THANKS:** To those who helped set up and tidy up for last Thursday’s video presentation in the Parish Hall.

**THE RETREAT:** Scheduled for this weekend in Northampton will now take place next year.

**ADVENT ONLINE RETREAT:** Third instalment is this Thursday December 15th from 7.30pm to 8:30pm or watch any time afterwards. Catch up with previous weeks and register for the link for this week at: [https://pastoralministryoffice.org/walking\_by\_starlight-2/.](https://pastoralministryoffice.org/walking_by_starlight-2/)

**AGE 18-35**: On December 17th, NYMO are hosting an extended Young Adults Brunch, with Adoration, Faith Formation, Food, Fellowship, Mass, and two amazing guest speakers, Joanna Bogle, and from the US, Meg Hunter-Kilmer. (Be sure to bring a Bible with you!) We invite you to join us for this free event, from 10am to start the day with Adoration, at Our Lady Help of Christians, Luton. For full details on location and times, please see <http://nymo.org/brunch>.

**CALX MARIAE:** The latest edition is available at the back of church.

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

1. In response to the question of John, Jesus let his actions speak for him. Some people show by the way they live what it means to be a follower of Jesus. *Who has given you such an example? Perhaps there have been times when you have done the same for others*.

2. John made a journey of faith from an incomplete knowledge of Jesus to a deeper understanding of who he was*. Recall similar steps in your journey of faith.*

3. Faith is not primarily about answering abstract theological questions but about living the gospel. *What in your life has helped you to get the sense of perspective?*

4. John marked the end of an era, Jesus the beginning of a new one. *In our lives how do we honour the past and yet be free to move on into the future?*

**ADORATION:** Tuesday from 10am to 6pm.

**CHRISTMAS 2022 at ST PETER’S**

Saturday December 24th Christmas Vigil Mass at 6:30pm

12:00am Midnight Mass

Sunday December 25th Christmas Day Mass at 10am

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Why does the Christmas crèche arouse such wonder and move us so deeply? First because it shows God’s tender love; the Creator of the universe lowered himself to take up our littleness. The gift of life, in all its mystery, becomes all the more wondrous as we realise that the Son of Mary is the source and sustenance of all life. Jesus, the Father has given us a brother who comes to seek us out whenever we are confused or lost, a loyal friend ever at our side. He gave us his Son who forgives us and frees us from our sins.

*Pope Francis*