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**4th DECEMBER 2022 – YEAR A**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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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

**Mon:** 7:00pm - At 20 Batsmans Drive

**Tue:** 9:30am - Debbie & son John

**Wed:** 11:00am - Funeral Mass for Keith Milsom

**Thu:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

 9:30am - William & Bridget Brennan

 7:30pm - People of St Peter’s living & deceased

**Fri:** 7:30pm - Joszef Esprit & Monique Vanhoutte, Greta Decalvwe & departed family members

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

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

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

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Charlotte Craft, Joseph Finnerty, Mary Brown, Margaret Vickers, Albert Turicchi, Emily Berrill, Hilda Baker, William FitzGerald, Gerardina Abbott, Ignacy Siroka, Maurice Edwards, Michael Howard, Mary Sharman, Waclaw Gasiulewicz, Lucio Carrea, Lilian Brenchley and Margaret Mullen.

**People who need our prayers**

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

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £499.11. Thank you.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Monday: St Birinus, Bishop

Tuesday: St Nicholas, Bishop

Wednesday: St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

Saturday: Our Lady of Loreto

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

**LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN:** If you wish to participate in the Caritas Love Christmas Campaign by making up bags of kindness for Christmas - See poster at back of church. Items only to be received in Church from the beginning of Advent.

**CHILDREN’S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:** Will meet on Saturday December 10th at 10am in church. All are welcome.

**UCM HOUSE MASS:** At 20 Batsmans Drive, Rushden, NN10 6EW at 7pm on Monday December 5th. Everyone is welcome.

**YOUR PRAYERS:** Are requested for the family and friends of Keith Milsom who died recently and whose Funeral Mass will be held in Church this Wednesday December 7th at 11am. May he rest in peace.

**TIME TOGETHER GROUP:** Meets next Saturday (December 10th) at 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall, when we welcome Singing for Fun for some pre-Christmas songs for all. Everyone welcome!

**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.

**'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.

**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>.

**ADVENT RETREAT:** Saturday December 10th at St Gregory's Church, 22 Park Avenue North, Northampton, NN3 2HS. Retreat starts with Mass at 9am and concludes at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Retreat: The New and Perpetual Pentecost, the coming era of peace. A new springtime for the Church. Derek Williams, catholic lay evangelist, will give a retreat on the gift of living in the Divine Will, a new dawn for the Church.

All are welcome.

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

1. John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. *Who have been the people who have borne witness to us of the good news of the gospel that God loves us - a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.? To whom have we borne that witness?*

2. John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of opposition. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. *Can you recall times when you have been content to be yourself, without pretending to be more than you are? What was it like to have that freedom, even in the face of criticism from others?*

3. John was ‘the voice of one crying out in the wilderness’ - announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God’s grace may come to them at any moment. *Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness?*

**ADORATION:** Tuesday from 10:15am to 6pm.