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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**19th FEBRUARY 2023 – YEAR A**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 3

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Pierre Sean de Villiers

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

**Tue:** 9:30am - Lynn family

**Wed:** 9:30am - Browne family

 7:30pm - Lucia Iando

**Thu:** 9:30am - Kathleen & Tom Walsh

**Fri:** 7:30pm - Joe & Winnefred Pennick

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

**Sun:** 10:00am - Michele Campanaro

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

Rosary: Wednesday 7:10pm

Sunday School: 11:10am to 12noon in the Hall Lounge

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Bertie Trott, Urszula Gasuliewicz, Kenneth Bailey, Delane Aldridge, Leon Mikolajewicz, Peter Swords, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Denis Dickens, James Murphy, Matilda O’Leary, Kasia Gonzalez, Eileen Summerfield, Pauline Stanley, Stephen Buttimer, Magdalene Danes, Rosalba Maher, Andrew Davidson, Charles Hoppen, George Cowley, Richardson, Mirono Komarneski, Ann McNicholas, baby Emily Woodruff, Ellen Thompson, Mark Murphy and Michael Conway.

**People who need our prayers:** Bill H, Patsy, Sophie, Neil & family, Ida and Roberto, Bernie, the Mutiswa family, Terry M, Christopher & Edith, Jason & Naomi and Faye, Merin, Serine, Katherine, Anne, Anna, Austin, Jenny, Nora, Laura and her children and husband, Bill P, Pat, the Collett family, Helena, Kevin B the Schiff & Abels family, June, Julie, baby Cullen, Veronica, Wendy, Jose & family, Archie, Dianne, Gordon, Marlene, Cyprian, Linda, Eva, James, Dan, Gilbert and Lisa.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £506.67. Thank you very much.

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Is this Wednesday, February 22nd, and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. There will be the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes after the Gospel at both Masses.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be prayed at 7pm on Fridays during Lent.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023:** First Holy Communion Sunday school lessons have just started but we still welcome any candidates who will have reached 8 years

old by May this year and are baptised to take part in the programme.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** The annual World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, March 3rd at the Heritage Church, Park Road, Rushden at 2pm. The service this year has been prepared by Christian Women of **Taiwan** with the title ‘**I** **Have Heard About Your Faith’**. Taiwan is a country with many problems and it will be good to share their stories with as many people as possible. As usual, there will be materials on show depicting life in Taiwan as well as Tea/Coffee after the service.

Please come and support this wonderful service, so much effort is put into the arrangements by the local committee of the WDP and it promises to be a wonderful experience. Please feel free to contact Valerie on 01933 319166.

**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. Thank you for your kind donations.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** The Hall is open for existing groups to use. If you wish to book the hall please contact the parish office on 01933 353649 or email parish.stpeterrushden@northamptondiocese.org

**COMMUNION OUTSIDE MASS:** Do you have a relative or neighbour (at home, in a care home or in hospital) who would like to receive Holy Communion? Please contact the Parish Office on 01933 353649, Tuesday - Thursday from 10:30am to 2:30pm.

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

1. Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. *What does your experience tell you?*

2. Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. *What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them?* Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate*. What outcome did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them… at the time, and in the long term?*

3. From other passages in the gospels it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices, and never make a stand against others. *What lessons have you learned in life on when, and how, to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?*

**ADORATION:** Tuesday from 10:15am to 5:30pm.

**PREPARATION FOR MASS:** Please help when preparing for Mass in church by being aware of others who are praying, by keeping noise and distraction to a minimum. Thank you.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** King Solomon was the wisest king to ever rule over Israel and he experimented with excess. ‘I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure’ (Ecc 2:10). Yet, in the end, he was left unsatisfied: ‘When I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun’ (v11). Solomon’s conclusion was that every endeavour of his proved meaningless by itself. It is God’s gift to enjoy one’s life and His gifts but to value those things more than God leaves us still desiring what our hearts really need - Him.