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**16th APRIL 2023 – YEAR A**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 1

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Peggy Byrne

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

**Tue:** 10:00am - Special Intention

**Wed:** 7:30pm - Special Intention

**Thur:** 10:00am - Special Intention

**Fri:** 7:30pm - Special Intention

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

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

Rosary: Wednesday 7:10pm

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Eva Cummings, Charles Ward, Antonio Leto, Michael Mangan, J Koziura, Sandra O’Reilly, Maria Pelosi, Agnes Francolini, Charles MacGregor, Maria Gudz, Denis Canty, Ksenia Dmytryk, Peter Brooks Kevin Skerry and Charles Corp.

**Please remember in Prayer**

Jacob, Peter & Paul, Frank, Val, Neal, Yvonne, Kele, Sam Sophie, Lewis the Bailey & Thompson families, Melissa, Josie & family, Josh & family, Eileen, Marie, Andrew, Christophe, Leanne, Timothy, Sandrine & family, Eileen, Jayne, the Collett family, Wendy, Rita, Achu, Daw, James, David, the Donnelly & Peachey families, Erykah, Everlyn, the Allen family, Liz, Merin, Edwin, Isabell, Albin, Katherine, Rowan and Karra.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection was the Easter donation to the clergy. Thank you for your generosity. The Good Friday collection for the Holy Places raised £1041.77.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** There is a comprehensive list of requested items at the back of Church (including tinned foods & household goods). Please keep the donations coming, as stocks are running low and demand is increasing more and more. Thanks to everyone for all the donations, both of goods and money!

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Takes place Saturday 10th June 2023. To book contact Deacon Michael Fleming by email: deaconmichael.fleming@northamptondiocese.org

Or phone: 01604 647750. This weekend please take away a Pilgrimage flyer.

**SAINT THOMAS BECKET RELICS FESTIVAL:** Takes place at Northampton Cathedral from Friday 7th to Sunday 10th July 2023. Next weekend there will be a hand out.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Existing donors, please pick up your new box of envelopes from the back of church. Any new donors (tax payers) are always welcome. You can donate any amount whenever you like and it is all in complete confidence. If you are interested, please call in to the Parish Office.

*Please discard the yellow envelopes and start using the new green ones from this weekend.*

**CHILDRENS’ LITURGY:** Dear parishioners, please let me know if you would be interested to help us deliver the children’s liturgy for ages 5-8 years at the 10am Mass on Sundays during term time. We hope to engage enough people so that each pair will only need to do one Sunday every half term. There will be resources, information and support made available. Kindly ring or text Monica on 07707 034112 for more information.

**OUR SYMPATHY:**  Is extended to Jane Bird (our parish organist) and family on the death of her mother Judith Anne who sadly died on 12th April 2023. May she rest in peace.

**HIGHAM FERRERS AND RUSHDEN:** Invite you to a Tea Dance to celebrate the Kings Coronation in our Parish Hall Wednesday 10th May 2023 2 - 4pm Entry £2.50 2-4pm. Booking essential. Phone Eileen on 074 32318228

**THE ANGELUS IN EASTERTIDE**

*Recited 12 noon and 6pm*

Queen of heaven rejoice, Alleluia!

For he whom you were worthy to bear, Alleluia!

Has risen as he said, Alleluia!

Pray for us to God, Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

For the Lord had truly risen, Alleluia!

O God, you were pleased

to give joy to the world

through the resurrection of your Son,

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

grant, we beseech you,

that through the prayers

of the Virgin Mary, his Mother,

we may come to possess

the joys of life everlasting.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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

1. ‘Peace be with you’ was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?

2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possible a person with whom we can identify. What parts have doubts and questions played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?

3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?