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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 3

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

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

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

**Tue:** 9:30am - Special Intention

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

**Thu:** 9:30am - Special Intention

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Mass - Open Intention

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

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

Rosary: Wednesday 7:10pm

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Caroline Moore, Jeremy Knighton, Fitzgerald, Patrick Jordan, Fernley Wyatt, Betty Bromley, Dennis O’Kane, Michelle Buckley, Blonislawa Orlowska, June O’Donnell, Dorothy Smith, Michael O’Halloran, Kathleen Light, Margaret Catraccia and Andrew Doohan.

**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, Karra and James.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £351.64. Thank you very much.

**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 on Saturday June 10th. 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. This weekend there will be a hand out.

**PAX CHRISTI:** Thanks you for your donation of £241.25.

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.*

**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 April 12th. 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 May 10th from 2-4pm: entry £2.50. Booking essential. Phone Eileen on 074 32318228

**ASSEMBLY INSIGHT:** Preparation for the Assembly begins with our launch weekend. Please pray for our whole diocese to become pilgrims of hope as we respond to the Synod listening.

“The purpose of the Synod... is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to be nourished, inspire trust, bind up wounds... and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.” (Preparatory Document for the Synod)

See poster and take-away cards.

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

We pray for the Holy Spirit to come in power for the renewal of our Diocese through an encounter with the Lord Jesus through the Synod process and Assembly.

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

1. Jesus joined the despondent disciples and listened to them. ‘We had hoped…’…*When you have been upset or disappointed, who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a ‘Jesus person to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?*

2. Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. *When did you have the experience of finding your heart ‘burning within you’ with new hope for the future? Who/what helped you to change after a setback?*

3. The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table - there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet, and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way. *In what way in such relationships have you experienced the presence of God or of Jesus?*

4. After Jesus had gone, the disciples went to bring the good news to others. *When have you met others who told you what happened to them along their road? What effect did this sharing have on you? When have you done this with others? When was such a conversation ‘good news’ for you or others?*

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