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**21st MAY 2023 – YEAR A**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 1

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

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

**Sun:** 10:00am - Maddalena Incontrada

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

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

**Thu:** 9:30am - Janet O’Leary

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Special Intention

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

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

Sunday School: From 11:10am to 12 noon

Rosary: Wednesday 7:10pm

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Friery, Elizabeth Coyle, Catherine Dickens, Caroline Fielden, Stephen Dymtzk, Ian Barclay, George White, Charlotte Greaves, Stefan Ryszkowycz, Walter Broadbent, James Roberts, Brendon Reilly, Cecilia Hulatt, Catherine Kennedy, Zygmunt Koller, Kathleen Croser, Thomas Fuller, Damian Murphy, Mary Williams and Thomas Vickers.

**Please remember in Prayer**

Sam, Lewis, Nathan, Kele, Ivan & family and the Myles, Bird, Waterfield, Brown and Wardle families, Bianca & family, Susan, Anne, Mary, Catherine, Ann, the Collett family, Claude, John, June, Margaret, Angela & family.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £525.82. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend is for Catholic use of the Media.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023:** Will be during the 10am Mass ton Sunday 18th June 2023. Please pray for all taking part in this important sacrament.

**THE FEAST OF PENTECOST:** Is next Sunday; prepare in prayer for it:

Let us Pray: Holy Spirit you are the Spirit of Truth. I ask for forgiveness for the times that I have grieved you by choosing to live in a selfish way. Please come and purify my heart in the fire of your divine love. Amen.

**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!

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

**FOODBANK UPDATE:** Thank you for all your kind donations in March and April. Cash donations came to £117.77.

**CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES SALE:** In the Parish Hall next Saturday, May 27th from 11am until 3pm. New and nearly new clothes and accessories being sold by Rotary in aid of Encompass, with all proceeds going to help the homeless, food banks and those with addictions. Further information from Carol on 01933 313456.

**SVP PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** The Pilgrimage

this year will be held on Sunday July 2nd, leaving Church at 9am and returning around 7pm. If you would like to join us, we have placed some envelopes at the back of the Church for you to provide your contact details and the payment of £15 per person. Please put the sealed envelope either in the Sunday collection basket or through the Presbytery door. If you need additional information, ring the SVP mobile 07749 433000.

**CARITAS NORTHAMPTON:** Are currently working with a number of local families with young children who are in real need at this time. If anyone has anything they no longer need which they could kindly donate please call us on 01604 434362 to arrange collection. These items would be going to families who really need support and would be gratefully received. The items needed are: Baby cots (x2), double bed and mattresses (x2), wardrobe, chest of drawers, table and chairs, vacuum cleaner.

**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.

**DIOCESAN MEETING:** Takes place on July 15th and we need at least two or more representatives from our parish to attend. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for more details.

**ASSEMBLY INSIGHT - WEEK 4:**

This week our delegates begin their preparation for the Assembly. Please pray for them and our whole diocese that we may all be open to the Holy Spirit.

"But the laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God… They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. They are called there by God that they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven. In this way they may make Christ known to others." Lumen Gentium 31

Sign up for our Pentecost Novena to receive 9 daily mini-video reflections <http://eepurl.com/irhUeY>.

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

We pray that the work of preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in July will be guided by the Holy Spirit – may we all be blessed with gifts of wisdom and courage in whatever way we take part.

**DID YOU KNOW:** That Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that “Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.” For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/latest-campaigns>