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**2nd JULY 2023 – YEAR A**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Padraig

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

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

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

**Thu:**  9:30am - James Miller

**Fri:** 7:30pm - Alan McDonald

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Terry Murray

**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:** Charlotte & Frances Oatridge, Leslie Lopez, Salvatore Tramacere, Wilfred Newell, Patricia Beeby, Thomas Farrelly, Arthur Cross, Andrew Dorney, Annette Bishop, Elizabeth Whittaker, Margaret Packwood, Elizabeth Tricker, Tom White, Dominic Mulrooney, David Cleaton and John McCarthy.

**Please remember in Prayer**

Angela & family, Terry, Andy & family, Merin, Edwin, Isobel, Albin, Pauline, Bris, Nick, the Skilton and Vallet families, Bernie, Anna, James, Dan, the Ferguson family, Emir, Claude, Archie, Cyprian, the Collett family, Jeff, Kevin, Sindhu, Susan,the Waterfiels, Wardle & Myles families, Elizabeth, Inge and Marlene.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £483.97. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend is for Peter’s Pence.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend is Sea Sunday and there will be a second collection for Stella Maris. Please take a gift aid envelope from the back of Church so you can bring it with you next weekend.

**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!

**COFFEE MORNING:** On Saturday July 8th there will be a coffee morning from 10am to 12noon in the Hall Lounge for Church funds so please support this. There will be a cake sale and raffle. If you can donate a cake/cakes and a prize/prizes for the raffle that will be appreciated; please ring especially cakes before 10am on the day. Thank you.

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

**SEA SUNDAY:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure on board. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is on Sunday July 9th. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY:** To Anne Wardle on the death of her brother James last Sunday in the USA. May his soul rest in peace.

**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 11:**

The programme of Jesus is “a heart which sees”. This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly. Deus Caritas Est: 31b

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

We pray for all the practical arrangements for the Assembly, and for all working so hard towards it, that the Kingdom of God be built in our diocese.

**ASSEMBLY WEBINARS:** On Monday nights at 7:30pm,

are a chance for everyone to get involved in thinking about some of the key themes that came from last year’s Synod listening. Register here:

[https://assembly\_webinars.eventbrite.co.uk](https://assembly_webinars.eventbrite.co.uk/)

July 3rd: Outreach to marginalised groups to hear their recommendations for better engagement: chaired by Fr Kevin O’Driscoll (Catholic Handicapped Children’s Fellowship) and Deacon Jim Hannigan, Director of Caritas Northampton.

**CAR PARKING:** We have received thanks to Mass goers following the request to be considerate when parking their cars. There was a noticeable improvement last weekend. Parking on both sides of Peck Way means emergency vehicles cannot get through and also means children crossing cannot see clearly; it also causes dangerous congestion out onto Higham Hill.

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

1. As a first reading, the demand of Jesus sounds selfish. ‘Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.’ It only makes sense when we realise that Jesus will never be outdone in generosity.

2. Jesus never wanted suffering for anyone but he knew that if we are going to follow in his footsteps, promoting love and respect for every person, we will meet with opposition. Fidelity has its price, but also rewards. *Would you agree?*

3. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. *When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?*

**UCM NEWS:** Latest edition is available at the back of the Church.