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**16th JULY 2023 – YEAR A**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 2

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

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

**Sun:** 10:00am - Frances Grindon, Marie Barens-Judd

**Tue:** 9:30am - Fr Richard Rowe, Brentford, Fr John Fowler, E. Anglia, Provost Patrick Sammon, Brentwood, Fr Francis Leader, E. Anglia

11:30am - Funeral Prayers for Ricky Jay Vinter

**Wed:** 11:00am - Funeral Mass for Enrico Panarella

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

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Peter Gunn

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

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

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Briget Shorley, Janina Jacubowska, Thomas Hughes, Jean Lilley, Margaret Mandale, Dorothea Aldrich, Margaret Green, Emilia Wilby, Gregory Nutt, Elizabeth Smith, Rita O’Reilly, Kathleen Waddell, Cliff Saddington, Briget McAleer, Trevor Smyth, Ignacy Gudz,

**Please remember in Prayer**

Isobel, Albin, Pauline, Bris, Nick, Bernie, Anna, James, Dan, the Ferguson family, Emir, Claude, Archie, Cyprian, the Collett family, Jeff, Kevin, Sindhu, Susan, the Waterfield, Wardle & Myles families, Elizabeth, Inge, Marlene, Andrew, Angela, Gill, Rosie, Samantha, Joshy & family, Richard Addae Jnr., Marrianne, Susan, Rosie, Gill, Albert, Tina, Sophie, Neil, the Skilton and Vallet families and Fleurette.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £583.98. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Last weekend raised £456.01 for Sea Sunday. Thank you very much.

**ROSARY:** Is taking a short break over the summer and will resume again in September.

**BAPTISM WELCOME RITE:** At the 10am Mass today for Elliott Leo Lucente; his baptism will be next Sunday at the 10am Mass.

**OUR SYMPATHY:** Is extended to the bereaved family of Enrico Panarella who died last week and whose Funeral Mass will be held here this Wednesday at 11am. May he rest in peace.

**OUR SYMPATHY:** Is also extended to the bereaved family of Ricky Jay Vinter who died some weeks ago and whose funeral takes place with prayers in Church on Tuesday at 11:30am.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** Our next meeting is on Tuesday July 18th at 2pm. It will be Afternoon Tea at Concha & David Houghton's home, 20 Batsmans Drive, Rushden, NN10 6EW. Look forward to seeing you all.

**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!

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS UPDATE:** Thank you for all your donations. Cash donations came to £317.81 for the months of May and June. God bless you all.

**WORK AID:** There are a few copies available of the Summer newsletter which highlights the empowering of young people in Africa through vocational training.

**WALSINGHAM MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN:** On Sunday July 23rd. The pilgrimage Mass will be at midday in the Chapel of Reconciliation with music and songs performed by Walsingham Choirs followed by Children's Liturgy with the Crowning of Our Lady's Statue with Flowers. During the afternoon there will be a range of fun children's activities. It is advisable to bring your own picnic due to limited food availability and dietary requirements.

Come and celebrate the feast of St Anne and St Joachim with Bishop David. We will be arranging a coach from the Cathedral (as long as we have enough numbers). The cost is £20 per child and £25 per adult. The coach will be leaving at 8:30am so please make sure you are at the Cathedral car park 8:15am. To book please contact the Cathedral office: 01604 714556 or email [Parish.cathedralhub@northamptondiocese.org.](file:///C:\Joe\Documents\Weekly%20Newsletters\2023\Parish.cathedralhub@northamptondiocese.org)

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

1. Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. *As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?*

2. The parable is also an invitation to us to ask ourselves why it is that there are times when we are unreceptive to a truth presented to us whether in the word of God, or in the words of another. *Perhaps you can recall occasions when it was only long after a conversation that you were able to acknowledge what has been an unwelcome truth. What did you learn from this?*

3. Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another - the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. *When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?*

4. ‘We are wasting our time here’ may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. *Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?*

**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.

**ADORATION:** Tuesday from 1pm to 6pm.