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Welcome to Fr Tony Reader-Moore for coming this weekend to lead praying the Parish Masses, with our grateful thanks.

**27th August 2023 – YEAR A**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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**MYSTERY OF FAITH:** We proclaim your death, O Lord...

Sat: 6:30pm -Special Intention

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

Tue: 11:30am funeral prayers Agnes Marion Breen

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

Sun: 10:00am - Rob Marchment

**CHILDREN’S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:** Will meet on Saturday 2nd September at 10am in church. All are welcome.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Matthew Lacey, Gerald Burke, Ellen Duffy, Patrick (Jim) Cashin, Mary King, Marian Indyk, Louisa Magee, David Magee, George Orr, John Bromley, Lucy Scott and Irene Wojcik.

**Please remember in Prayer**

Nigel, Rosie, Waterfield, Myles & Wardle families, Eileen & Terry, Inge Family, Collett family, Jeff, Kevin, Sindhu, Susan, Gill & Rosie, Samantha, Richard Addae Jnr., Sophie & Neil the Skilton and Vallet families, Fleurette, Tony A, Albert & Tina, Angela, Lily McD, Jacob, Veronica T., John W., Trevor, Claudia & Eloise friends & family and Sandrine & family,

**OFFERTORY**: Last week’s collection amounted to £405.31.

**Our Sympathy:** Is extended to the Collet family on the death of Harry Collett. May he rest in peace.

**Pilgrimage to York**: During the weekend of the 21st-22nd October 2023, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and will visit the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary’s Abbey.

This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history. For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>

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

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.

2. ‘Who do you say that I am?’ This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, do you answer this question?

3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.

**The Altar**

Remembering Martyrs - Celebrating Eucharist at the tombs of martyrs on their anniversaries and on feast days was an important part of Early Christian worship. These stone tombs served as altars and influenced the practice of using stone altars in churches.

When public worship moved from the home to public places, the tradition of honoring martyrs continued. Rather than move the remains of a saint, if possible, the altar of a church would be placed directly over their resting place.

This often required the sanctuary to be raised and was known as a confession as the martyrs had confessed and died for their faith, Examples can still be seen in some Rome churches such as San Lorenzo and St Peter’s. Sometimes the top of the grave was level with the floor of the church. Either way, it was important to leave the remains of a saint intact and unmoved.