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**3rd September 2023 – YEAR A**

**TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 3

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

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

Sun: 10:00am - Rob Marchment

Tue: 9:30am - Fr William Newton (Brentwood), Fr Paul Hardy (Northampton)

Wed: 7:30pm - Special Intention

Thurs: 9:30am - Special Intention

Fri 7:30pm - Special Intention

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat: 6:30pm - Biago Campanaro

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:** E. Rodgalvis, Christopher Lee, Robert Marchment, Stanislaus Wysocki, Arthur Booth, Adam Gomulczak, James (Larry) Fleming, Michael Kehoe, Patrick Doheny, Frederick Souza, William Banner, Anthony Humphreys, George Fitzgerald and Sylvia Franklin.

**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 £407.58. Thank you very much.

**Coffee Morning:** is next Saturday morning 9th September at the usual time.

**Time Together Group**meets next Saturday, 9 September, at 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall, when our speaker will be Melanie Coleman.  All are welcome.

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

1. Short-term loss is sometimes necessary for long-term gain, as a student studying, or an athlete training, can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards?

2. Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. His friend, Peter, would have none of it. Sometimes friends have a mistaken idea of what is for our good. What lessons have you learned about handling bad advice from a good friend?

3. Jesus knew that because his good news message was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die. In spite of this, he trusted that the power of God would overcome evil. Have you seen a good news message survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?

**The Altar**

Centre of Attention - Twentieth Century liturgical reforms addressed the role of the assembly, and that prompted drastic changes to sanctuary design and in particular the altar. Vatican II never openly stipulated that the priest should face the people, the primary concern was the active participation of the people. They should see and understand the action of the Mass, and that required a free-standing altar once again, with the priest facing the people. Sacrosanctum Concillium said, ‘ The rite of the Mass is to be revised in such a way that the intrinsic nature and purpose of its several parts, also the connection between them, may be more clearly manifested, and that devout and active participation by the faithful may be more easily achieved. ‘And the General instruction of the Roman Missal followed this with more details. ‘The altar should be build separate from the wall, in such a way that it is possible to walk around it easily and that Mass can be celebrated at it facing the people, which is desirable wherever possible.’

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