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**17th SEPTEMBER 2023 – YEAR A**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY**

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

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

Sun: 10:00am - Brigid McGuirk

Tue: 9:30am - Ehir Ferguson

Wed: 7:30pm - Fr Patrick Bailey

Thurs: 9:30am - Mary McNamara

Fri 7:30pm - Mary Nelson

Sat: 6:30pm - Elizabeth Anne Richards

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:** Michael O’Rourke, Catherine Baldwyn, Giuseppe Frezza, Maureen Wrighton, Grace Rowthorn, Leslie Freeman, Kenneth Shaw, Maria (Rosie) Stoker, Annie Stuart, William Keenan, Mary Branningan, Fr Brian Leatherland, Walenty Bakalanz and Kevin White.

**Please remember in Prayer**

Nigel, Rosie, Waterfield, Myles & Wardle families, Eileen & Family, 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., Trevor, Claudia & Eloise friends & family and Sandrine & family.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £341.62. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend Evangelii Gaudium Sunday in England and Wales. Bishop David has announced that this will supersede Home Mission Sunday. Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

**WELCOME RITE:** This Sunday during the 10am Mass for Charles Alexander Michael Smith. His baptism will be next Saturday at the 6:30pm Mass.

**FR JOE’S RETIREMENT:** His last day in the parish will be September 26th 2023. The whole parish thanks Fr Joe for all he has done and wishes him all the very best for his retirement in Ireland.

**LIVING FAITH:** Daily scripture reflection magazine for October to December 2023 now in Church, priced £1.50.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM – PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR IN FAITH AND PRAYER:**

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “Evangelii Gaudium” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis’ calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

• Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.

• Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer, in 2024.

For mor information see:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

**OUR SYMPATHY:** The death has occurred of Terence (Terry) Murray who died last week and whose Funeral Mass will be held here on Tuesday September 26th at 10am. May he rest in peace. We extend our sympathy to Eileen his bereaved wife and to his children and his sisters.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is requested for the family of baby Elora Rose Tom whose funeral is at 11am on Thursday September 21st followed by burial in Rushden Cemetary.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**. Next meeting will be at Seasons Garden Centre for lunch on Tuesday September 19th. The capitation fee this year is £16: would you please let Kathy have this as soon as possible. **The Rosary Rally** is on Saturday October 14th at Olney starting with Mass at 10am.

**FOOD BANK NEWS**. Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the Food bank. It is very much appreciated. Cash donations in July and August came to £89.70.

**TOGETHER IN PRAYER (TIP):** Is from 7-8pm next Sunday, September 24th at Highfield Community Baptist church. The theme is “Gathering for praise intercession and especially the Illuminate Mission”. All are welcome.

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

1. Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the value of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. *What was this like for you?*

*How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?*

2. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. *What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?*

3. Pope Frances chose as his motto ‘miserando atque eligendo’ (seen with compassion and chosen) to express his belief that Jesus viewed his past mistakes with compassion and called him nonetheless. *At the moment can you see Jesus calling you, no matter what your past has been like?*

4. Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? *Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.*

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