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**29th October 2023 – YEAR A**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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

Sat: 6:30pm - Fedele Girardi RIP

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

Tue: 10:00am - Funeral Mass for Patricia Stringer RIP

Wed: **Feast Of All Saints**

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

7:00pm - Kevin Sharpe RIP

Thu: 10:00am - Michele & Antonio Campanaro

Fri: 12 noon - People of St Peter’s living & deceased

7:00pm - Biagio Campanaro

Sat: 6:30pm - Honor Trimble RIP

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

Confession: Friday 11am-12noon and 6:30pm-7pm

Rosary: Wednesday 6:30pm

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Michael Dunphy, Michael Chrzanowski, Wiktor Ciunel, Edda Giammarco, Anne Landers, Patrick Laverty, Walter Evans, Mario Pelosi, Kevin Sharpe, Ron Page, Keith Woods-Milsom,Charles Cunningham, Edgar Nightingale, John McNamara, Norah Kehoe and Jan Tomaszewski.

**Please remember in Prayer**

Albert & Tina, Angela, Lily McD, Jacob, Veronica T., Trevor, Lucy, Jane, Soumya, Louise, Shaun, Sam & family, Jason, Jozef, Claudia & Eloise friends & family and Sandrine & family, the Collett family, the Skilton and Vallet families, Fleurette, Annie, Steven, Hajni, Lena, Neil, Tony A, the Schiff family, Wenitro, Virgilio, Juliana, Cecilio, Myla, Eric, Margaret, Brig & family and Theresa & family.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £367.93. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Last weekend raised £410.08 for World Mission Day Thank you very much.

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:** Is celebrated on Wednesday November 1st this week and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at 10am and 7pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:** Preparation will be starting at the **end of November 2023**. If a member of your family is in year 3 and will be eight years old by June/July next year, can you please contact Father Dariusz and/or the Parish Office with their name and a contact number as soon as possible.

**CHILDREN’S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:** Will meet on Saturday November 4th at 10am in church. All are welcome.

**COFFEE MORNING:** On Saturday November 4th there will be a coffee morning from 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall for Church funds so please support this. There will be a cake sale and raffle. If you can donate a cake or cakes and a prize or prizes for the raffle that will be much appreciated. Please bring cakes before 10am on the day, thank you.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:** Envelopes are provided at the back of church to give names of loved ones whom you wish to be remembered at all November Masses. Include your offering in the envelope and put it in the collection basket

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is requested for the family and friends of Pat Stringer who died recently and whose funeral will take place in Church at 10am on Tuesday October 31st. May she rest in peace.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is also requested for the family and friends of Mary O’Connor who died last Saturday and whose funeral will take place in Church at 11:30am on Thursday November 9th. May she rest in peace.

**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!

**GLOBAL CHURCH STATISTICS:**

Last Saturday the Vatican released the global Catholic statistics for World Mission Sunday. The headlines are:

* Number of Catholics is rising (an overall increase of 16.24 million to 1.375 billion)
* Number of priests is falling (to around 407,872, a drop of 2,347 priests)
* Number of Bishops decreasing to 5340
* Number of Deacons increases to 49,176
* Number of religious decreases with 10,588 fewer nuns
* Diocesan priests in the world decreased by 911, while religious priests decreased by 1,400
* The global percentage of Catholics decreased slightly to 17.67%.

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

1. You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which the important ones were. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did s/he say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?

2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?

3. In the unusual circumstances of recent years social life was disrupted by Covid. We had to find unusual and creative ways of showing love to our neighbours. What ways of reaching out to others did you find were most appreciated?