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**5th November 2023 – YEAR A**

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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

Sat: 6:30pm - Honor Trimble RIP

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

Tue: 10:00am - John Moroney RIP

Wed: 7:00pm - John Miller RIP

Thu: 10:00am - Diane Butterfield RIP

Fri: 12 noon - Maria & Michele Incontrada

7:00pm - Joanne & Mel Packer & family

Sat: 6:30pm - Page RIP

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

Zelinda & Clorindo Muccillo

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

Rosary: Wednesday 6:30pm

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Maria Green, Terence Jackson, Thomas Gallagher, Michele Antonucci, John Connolly, Alice Bond, Mary Jefferson, Donald Robertson, Stanley Green, Sabatino Topa, Christine Rowlatt, Mae Hales, Michael McPartlin, Antonietta Girardi, Amelia (Bunty) Seamarks and Julia Circuit.

**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, Theresa & family, Helen & Jack.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £484.40. Thank you very much.

**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.

**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

**TIME TOGETHER GROUP:** Meets next Saturday, November 11th, for our November Remembrance Service at 2:30pm in the Church, followed by tea & cake in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN PRAYING TOGETHER:**

Come along and join us for Mass on Wednesday November 15th at 2pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 7HY (Nearest tube/train Waterloo or Lambeth North). The theme is ‘Affirming the Church's teaching on Marriage and the Family’ and the celebrant will be Rev Canon Michael Branch, Dean of St George's.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is requested for the family and friends of Mary O’Connor who died recently and whose funeral will take place in Church at 11:30am this 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!

**FOOD BANK UPDATE:** Thank you for all your kind donations. Please note that the boxes for donations will be in a new place soon. They will be on a table to the left of the interior doors to make movement around the porch easier and safer. Cash donations in September and October came to a very generous £261.04. God bless you all.

**TOGETHER IN PRAYER:** Is planned for November 19th at 7pm (for 1 hour). It's at the Wez church (off the High Street). It's great to be able to come together as churches in our two towns. See poster at the back of Church.

**FOR THE POPE:** We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

You may find the Pope Video helpful. <https://youtu.be/XGzKlIP7uJs?si=fKj8WB3Ed9i-yafy>

**ISRAEL AND GAZA:** This week Pope Francis became the only world leader to call directly for an immediate ceasefire and allow humanitarian aid into Gaza. Pope Francis said, "stop, brothers and sisters: war is always a defeat—always, always!" Amid the war between Israel and Hamas, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, consecrated the Holy Land to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sunday October 29th.

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

1. The condemnation of the Scribes and Pharisees by Jesus brings to mind the public discourse about the Church in recent years. This has highlighted the failures of church people to live up to the values of the Gospel. This has had a negative effect on many people and on their religious practice. *How do you find hope in the midst of this negative criticism?*

2. When our actions match our words about gospel values, then our words carry more weight*. Recall people whom you admired for this quality. Perhaps your own experience at times confirms this.*

3. Our passage ends with a paradox. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. For Jesus, the way to greatness and a full life is through service of others. *When have you found the way of service brought unexpected rewards?*