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**10th December 2023 – YEAR B**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

Sat: 6:30pm – Terry Murray RIP

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

Tue: 10:00am – Edward Galletti RIP

Wed: 7:00pm – Patrick Dowling RIP

Thu: 10:00am – Charles Boyce intention

Fri: 12 noon – Harwood RIP

7:00pm – Special Intention

Sat: 6:30pm – Page 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:** Pierre Sean de Villiers, Gordon Seamarks, Kathleen Drozd, Albin Matusik, Patrick Ryan, George Croxon, Helena Liwak, Jerry Shine, Lucio Ferritto, Marjorie Homer, Mommersteeg, Patrick Dowling, Alfred Parker, Lena Saunders, E. Savickis, Teodor Mikolajewicz, Marii Mikolajewicz, Catherine Richardson, Henry Page, John Vickers, William Barr, Edgar Hazell, Robert Coton, Margaret Hyland and Catherine Whetten.

**Please remember in Prayer**

The Skilton and Vallet families, Fleurette, Annie, Sophie, Neil, Steven, Hajni, Lena, Tony A, Fleurette, the Schiff family, Wenitro, Virgilio, Juliana, Cecilio, Brian, Bridget and the Ward family, Anne & Marcus, William, Kieron, Sue, Myla, Eric, Margaret, Brig & family, Brig, Theresa & family, Peter Gunn, Helen & Jack, Marcus, Susan, Craig, Mariam, John Paul, Jacob, Clare and Silvester.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £426.24. Thank you very much.

**APPEAL UPDATE:** Thank you very much for your overwhelmingly generous response to our appeal. We have purchased a new Ambo which is now in place. A new monstrance plus some further improvements to the internal appearance of the Church, including the return the Blessed Sacrament and Tabernacle to the centre behind the altar, will be forthcoming over the next few months.

**CAROL SERVICE:** Our Christmas Carol Service begins at 4pm on Sunday December 17th followed by festive refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. Please do come along and support this event to begin your celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**LOVE CHRISTMAS:** We are supporting the Love Christmas campaign again this year. There are bags for you to take as you go from Mass, please take one and fill it, or fill your own; please no second hand gifts. In providing simple Christmas Gifts in 'Bags of Kindness' to children, families, and the elderly living in poverty or alone, as well as young carers and children from broken homes or in care this Christmas, we will be putting a smile on the faces of those in need as we did last year. All donations will go to those in need locally.

**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!

**FR RICHARD MORONEY:** Following the sad news of the death of Fr Richard, please note that his funeral arrangements are as follows:

Holy Family Catholic Church, 24 Freshwater Close, Marsh Farm, Luton, LU3 3TA

Reception: Monday December 18th at 5pm

Requiem: Tues December 19th at 11am followed by the

Committal at Luton Crematorium at 12:30pm.

If you intend to attend please notify:

[parish.holyfamilyandstjohn@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.holyfamilyandstjohn@northamptondiocese.org)

**ADVENT RETREAT:** Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent are delighted to be offering an online Advent retreat again this year. The theme is "Let the Wilderness Bloom! An Advent journey with John the Baptist": it is currently available online on Mondays from at 7:30pm and can be found at: [https://pastoralministryoffice.org/bloom/](https://pastoralministryoffice.org/bloom/%20). These webinars will be live on Monday evenings or can be watched at any time afterwards. They will also be available as a podcast series.

**THE PLAY AT WINTERSHALL:** The Life of Christ Wintershall play will take place on Friday June 21st 2024 in the spacious grounds of Wintershall estate, Guildford, Surrey. A coach will leave at 7am from Corn Market Hall, Kettering and will have a toilet, air conditioning and space below for folding or fixed garden chairs. All weather clothing is recommended as the weather can be variable in June. It is also suggested that you bring food and a lightweight folding garden type chair. Tickets are £30, Students £15 and are available from Graham and Rose Smith at [gjjjjsmith@gmail.com](mailto:gjjjjsmith@gmail.com) or 07932 643368.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND:** Present a wonderful Christmas concert featuring the well-known London Welsh Male Voice Choir with renowned soloists Margaret Keys and Anthony Stuart Lloyd and compere Mal Pope. The aim is to raise funds for the challenges in the Holy Land which have become much greater in recent weeks, not only in Gaza but across Israel and the West Bank. Friends of the Holy Land have been supporting those sheltering in Gaza by sending funds in for the purchase of basic essentials. The key details for the concert are:

When: Thursday December 14th

Where: Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington

Time: Palestinian-themed buffet from 6pm (£50) or concert-only ticket to start at 7:30pm (£30)

Buy your tickets through Eventbrite: Search ‘FHL Christmas Concert’ or for more details:

<https://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/Event/christmas-concert-2023>.