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**21st JANUARY 2024 - YEAR B**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

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

**Sun:** 10:00am - Philip O’Reilly RIP; Ada Sacco RIP

**Tue:** 10:00am - Terry Murray

**Wed:** 7:00pm - Roberto Campanaro RIP

**Thu:** 10:00am - Poor Souls in purgatory

**Fri:** 12 noon - Maura West RIP

 7:00pm - Special Intention

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

**Sun:** 10:00am - Antonio Campanaro RIP

Rosary: Wednesday 6:30pm

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

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Edward Silburn, James Roche, Antonia Celtner, Herbert (Bert) Way, Nora Begley, Branislaw Wasiewicz, Gaetano Mastrangelo, Isobel Helsdown, Betty Cuthbert, Wladyslaw Weiss, Krystyna Sidorowska, Anne Timmons, Hugh Gilholme, Teresa Houghton, Peter Burke, Peter Duff, Matilda (Tilly) White and Olindo di Salvo.

**Please remember in Prayer**

Cecilio, Brian, Bridget and the Ward family, Anne & William, Kieron, Sue, Myla, Eric, Margaret, Brig & family, Theresa & family, Peter Gunn, Susan, Craig, Mariam, Andrea Bernabey, Gustavo and the Cáceres family, John Paul, Jacob, Clare, Silvester, Baby Olivia, Sindhu, the Collett family, Gordon, Lucia, Marcus, Amy and Anna.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £478.18. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Last weekend raised £287.72 for the White Flower Appeal. Thank you very much.

**SAD NEWS:** A much valued member of our congregation Janet Gibbons died on Wednesday, January 10th. Her funeral service and requiem Mass will be held here on Friday February 9th at 1:30pm followed by committal at

Nene Valley Crematorium, Wellingborough at 3pm. Our love and prayers and condolences go out to Mike and all the family. May she rest in peace.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is requested for the family and friends of Laurence McGuirk who died last Sunday and whose funeral will take place here on Thursday February 8th at 12:30pm followed by committal at Nene Valley Crematorium, Wellingborough. May he rest in peace.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS:** To all volunteers or anyone interested in volunteering to help with children’s liturgy - we would be pleased if you could stay behind briefly after Mass on Sunday January 28th to receive the relevant forms and information. Many thanks Monica, Caroline and Anja.

**DIOCESAN CALENDAR:** A limited number of diocesan calendars are available in the Repository at the back of Church at £5 per calendar. All proceeds from the sale will go to promoting priestly vocations across our diocese.

**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!

**A HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE**: Will be held at Rushden War Memorial on Friday January 26th at 5pm, organised by Rushden Town Council. See poster.

**INSPIRING WOMEN:** The latest webinar organised by the National Board of Catholic Women is on Saturday March 16th. You are invited to join a webinar organised by the Women in the Church Committee from 11am to 12.45pm when Avril Baigent and Helen Burgess, from our Diocese, will be sharing on the theme of ‘Women and Synodality’.Email nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk to register your interest. See poster on noticeboard.

**HELP YOUR MARRIAGE:** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue … or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on February 8th-11th or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on June 14th-16th, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](retrouvailleukinfo%40gmail.com) or visit <www.retrouvaille.org.uk>. See poster on noticeboard.

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

1. ‘The time is fulfilled’ – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. *Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, ‘the time was fulfilled’.*

2. ‘Repent and believe the good news’. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, but calling for a change of heart, as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. *Can you recall times when ‘good news’ led you to a change of heart?*