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**7TH JANUARY 2024 – YEAR B**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - William and Margaret Hyland RIP

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

**Tue:** 10:00am - Mary Nelson RIP

**Wed:** 7:00pm - Cross RIP

**Thu:** 10:00am - Waldie RIP

**Fri:** 12 noon - Special Intention

 7:00pm - J. Carter RIP

**Sat:** 6:30pm – Gordon Bradshaw RIP

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

Rosary: Wednesday 6:30pm

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

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Teodor Pieczko, Encanacion Moreno, Alfred Spencer, James Rodden, William Russell, William (Billy) Mitchell, Andre Skrzypnik, Nellie Garbett, William (Bill) Spring, Catherine Perry, Thomas Beirne, Francyszyk Wlodarczyk, Genevieve Niedziolko, Alfred (Alf) Harrison, Paul Taylor, Edwin Paul, Emily Robinson, Marian Croser, Alphons Ciunell, Elizabeth Furlong, Arthur Kendall, John Whittaker, Ellen Brockless, Emelia Indyk, William Beirne, Kathleen Betts, Emil Hejna, Krystyna Sidorowska, Susan Williams, Antony Winch, Tom Belso, Gerald Turiccki, Ellen Garley, Nicholas Wilkins and Marie Kindler.

**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 £412.36. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend is for the White Flower Appeal when the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal. SPUC’s vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year’s appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. Eighty-six percent of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

**TIME TOGETHER GROUP:** Meets in the Parish Hall at 2:30pm next Saturday, January 13th, when we will review 2023. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** The Church Christmas decorations will be taken down on Tuesday January 9th after 10am Mass. Offers of help are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Your card may be in the box in church; please check and collect.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is requested for the family and friends of Charles Boyce who died recently and whose funeral will take place here on Monday January 15th at 12:30pm. May he rest in peace.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is also requested for the family and friends of Gordon Bradshaw who has died and whose funeral will take place here on Wednesday January 17th at 12:30pm. May he rest in peace.

**VACANCY:** We are currently recruiting for a cleaner to manage and carry out the cleaning duties within the Church Hall here at St Peter’s, Rushden. The role will be for 3 hours per week. If you are interested in applying for this position, please email: [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](file:///C%3A%5CRushden%20Catholic%5CJoe%5CDocuments%5CWeekly%20Newsletters%5C2023%5Chr.admin%40northamptondiocese.org) to request an application form and a copy of the Job Profile.

**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 UPDATE:** Thank you for all your kind donations in November and December. Cash donations amounted to £184.76. Happy New Year to everyone!

**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!

**LIVING FAITH:** Daily scripture reflection magazine for January to March 2024 is now in Church, priced £1.50.

**LUX YOUTH WEEKEND:** From Friday February 9th to Sunday 11th there is a great opportunity for young people to gather for their own residential youth weekend, called LUX: Dive. Those of us who engage with young people in school years 7 to 13 have the opportunity to encourage the young people we know to get involved and come along. Whether we are Confirmation catechists, parents or have another role, we can support young people on their faith journey simply by passing on an invitation to this event which is specifically designed and offered for them. For more information and booking please see <www.nymo.org/lux-dive> and poster on noticeboard.

**Moveable Feasts of the Year - 2024**

 Baptism of the Lord………………...January 7th

 Ash Wednesday………………….....February 14th

 Easter Triduum……………….….….March 29th-31st

 Easter Sunday……………………... March 31st

 Ascension of the Lord………….......May 9th

 Pentecost……………………………May 19th

 Trinity Sunday…………… ……….. May 26th

 Corpus Christi……………………... May 30th

 Sacred Heart of Jesus……………. June 7th

 Christ the King………………….…..November 24th