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**21st April 2024 - YEAR B**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

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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 - Simon Kingsby RIP

**Tue:** 10:00am - Biagio Campanaro RIP

**Wed:** 6:30pm - Gordon Bradshaw RIP

**Thu:** 10:00am - Janet Gibbons RIP

**Fri:** 12 noon - Special Intention

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

**Sun:** 10:00am - Terry Wakefield RIP

Rosary: Wednesday 6:00pm

Holy Hour, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Confession: Friday 11am

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Maria Gudz, Denis Canty, Ksenia Dmytryk, Peter Brooks, Kevin Skerry, Charles Corp, Caroline Moore, Jeremy Knighton, Fitzgerald, Patrick Jordan, Fernley Wyatt, Betty Bromley, Dennis O’Kane, Michelle Buckley, Blonislawa Orlowska, June O’Donnell and Dorothy Smith.

**Please remember in Prayer**

Nick, Alan, John, Joanna & family, Tiwayi, June, Lily, Mary, Arran, Lewis, Jose, Lisa, Rosmi, Tom, Elisha, Eileen, Abigail, Frances, Winnie, Bernadette and the O’Donnell family, Felicieu, Maureen, Ellen, Inge, Igerl family, Schiff and Abels family, the Collett family, Teresa & family, the Rios family, Susan, Samantha, Martin, Dave, Jo, Marcus, Joyals, Neil, Sophie & the Stilton family, Steven, Hajni, Lena, Ann, George, Kevin, Charles Campbell, Peter Gunn, Ana, David and Maricia.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £493.68. Thank you very much.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For this Wednesday only, Rosary will be at 6pm and Mass at 6:30pm.

**THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL:** We pray for the dignity and worth of women to be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY:** We are pleased to announce that the children’s liturgy is available to all children age 5-9 years old at the 10am Mass. We invite the children to come out to the hall/lounge after the entrance hymn and we return them at the Offertory. We will provide this input during school term time only. Thank you to the volunteers who have come forward to deliver this for us.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** is requested for the family and friends of Anthony (Tony) Mc Manus who died on Wednesday. Funeral arrangements are still to be confirmed.

**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!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** When the weather is warmer we are looking for a few volunteers to help with the parish garden. If you are interested please contact Parish Office.

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY - THE GATHERING 3:**

Did you know that the Northampton Diocese has a Women in Ministry group? We have our own web page:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/women-in-ministry/> and we made a key contribution to the recent Diocesan assembly. We have been active for a number of years and want to invite the women of our Diocese to our next

Gathering on June 8th at St Mary's Woburn Sands from 10am until 4pm. This is an opportunity to reflect on women in the Catholic Church, their calling and

vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod and a chance to listen, pray, share, and reflect. See poster on noticeboard. For more information please email [helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org](file:///C%3A%5CRushden%20Catholic%5CJoe%5CDocuments%5CWeekly%20Newsletters%5C2024%5Chelen.burgess%40northamptondiocese.org). All welcome!

**THE LIFE STORY OF CHRIST PLAY:** You are invited to see this open-air play for all ages, especially for young people. It is great to see youngsters taking selfies with the actor playing the part of Jesus. Adults £30 students 3-18 £15 covers the cost of entry and the coach fare to see the greatest story of all time held at the lovely spacious grounds of Wintershall estate Guildford Surrey. The coach will leave at 7am On Friday June 21st from Corn Market Hall Kettering. The coach will have a toilet, air conditioning and space below for folding or fixed garden chairs. All weather clothing is recommended; the weather can be changeable in June. We recommend you bring food and a lightweight folding garden type chair. We will be holding a social at our home on the May 10th so you can meet some of the other people who will be traveling with us. Contact [gjjjjsmith@gmail.com](file:///C%3A%5CRushden%20Catholic%5CJoe%5CDocuments%5CWeekly%20Newsletters%5C2024%5Cgjjjjsmith%40gmail.com) or 07932 643368 for tickets.

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

1. Our relationship with those ‘in charge’ of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care*. Remember the difference this made for you as a child and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.*

2. The good shepherd ‘lays down his life for the sheep’. *When has your care for another led you to ‘lay down your life’ for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When have you known another to do this for you?*

3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. *What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?*

*What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God’s love for you?*