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**7th April 2024 - YEAR B**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**LOW SUNDAY / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Eileen Moore RIP

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

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

**Tue:** 10:00am - Lucia Indolo RIP

**Wed:** 7:00pm - Special Intention

**Thu:** 10:00am - Mary Thomas RIP

**Fri:** 12 noon - Special Intention

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Zelinda Muccillo RIP

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

Rosary: Wednesday 6:30pm

Holy Hour, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Confession: Friday 11am

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Rose Ahern, Reginald Jacobs, Nestor Komarnycky, Mary Denton, Doris Flawn, Anthony Randell, Margaret Batchelor, Maureen Morphett, Margaret Fischer, Patrick Connell, Edie Broadbent, John Downes, Mario Fratangelo, Connor Evans, Geoge Osborne, Doris Hopwood, Jane & Eric Turner, Brigid Crean, Margaret Caracchia, Jennifer Wheeler, Judith Ashford, Zelinda Muccillo, Elizabeth Irwin and Paula Freeman.

**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, and Peter Gunn.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection was the Easter donation to the clergy. Thank you for your generosity.

**WELCOME:** To Fr Stanislaw who will be saying Mass for us whilst Fr Dariusz is away.

**THE DIVINE MERCY SERVICE:** Will be held this Sunday April 7th at 3pm in Church.

**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 will be available to all children age 5-9 years old at the 10am Mass on Sunday April 14th. 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.

**TIME TOGETHER GROUP:** Meets next Saturday, (April 13th, at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall, when Mark Winfield will tell us about the Calvert Trust, which provides accessible adventure holidays for people with disabilities. All are welcome.

**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!

**PARKING:** We have received complaints about parking in front of the church and bus stop. Please consider where you park when attending Mass.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Existing donors, please pick up your new box of envelopes from the back of church. Any new donors (tax payers) are always welcome. You can donate any amount whenever you like and it is all in complete confidence. Please call in to the Parish Office if you are interested.

**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.

**ROSARY GATHERING:** To celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be held on Monday April 8th at 6pm outside Christ the Cornerstone church, Milton Keynes. See poster on noticeboard.

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

1. ‘Peace be with you’ was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. *Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?*

2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. *What part have doubts and questions played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?*

3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. *Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?*

4. ‘Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed’. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?