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**5th JANUARY 2025**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR C**

**PREFACE:**  Epiphany of the Lord

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 2

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Irena & Eustachiusz RIP

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

**Tue:** 7:00pm - Aaron Fox RIP

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

**Thu:** 10:00am - Olive Perry RIP

**Fri:** 12 noon - Janet Gibbons (Anniversary Mass)

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Norma Barker 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:** Mary Letts, Michael Hogan, Anne Saddington, Hugh Murray, Angela Clifford, Peter Cotter, Bridget (Bridie) Nolan, 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, Janet Gibbons, Emily Robinson, Marian Croser, Alphons Ciunell, Elizabeth Furlong, Arthur Kendall, John Whittaker.

**Please Remember in Prayer**

Alan, Geoff, Clare, Anthony, Michael, Wayne & family, Clare, Diana, Jan, the Collett family, the Boothby family, Josh & family, Hellen & family, Alice, Frances, Takudgwa, Jacquie & Tapina, Kathy, John, Sally, Patsy Kenneth Bailey, Bob, Emma, Eva, Christina, Saju, Anna, Teresa & family, Eva & John, Nick & Alan, Eileen, Margery, Inge, Cyprian, Sue, Chris, Steve, Kathryn, Steven, Lena, Hajni, the Cudone family, Helena & family, Ann, Susan Allen, Eileen Bishop, Antony Savio, Matthew & family, Praveen & family Shilpa, Tyson, Rovina and Florence.

**OFFERTORY:** The collection for the weekend of December 22nd/23rd amounted to £532.59 and for last weekend £452.84. Thank you very much.

**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.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is requested for the family and friends of Joyce Line who has died and whose funeral will take place here on Wednesday January 8th at 10am. May she rest in peace.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is also requested for the family and friends of Bronnia Kubacki who died recently and whose funeral service will take place here on Monday January 20th at 1pm. May she rest in peace.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is requested for the family and friends of Catherine Clark who died recently and whose funeral service will take place here on Tuesday January 21st at 12noon. May she rest in peace.

**TIME TOGETHER - CHANGE OF DATE:** Due to circumstances beyond our control, the next Time Together meeting will be on Saturday, January 18th, and not on Saturday, January 11th. Next weekend's newsletter will have the details.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** The local charity, Encompass, sends New Year's greetings and grateful thanks to all at St Peter's for the donations of both goods and money during the last year (2024). The food and other household goods are very much appreciated, along with the generous donations amounting to £833.33; please keep them coming in 2025 as the signs are that demand is increasing on a weekly basis. Thank you to you all.

**DONATION STATION**: Thank you for your patience; the donation station is up and running again.

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

**LIVING FAITH:** Daily scripture reflection magazine for January to March 2025 is now in Church, priced £1.50.

**PARISH DATABASE WITH CASPAR:** Thank you to those that have already signed up to Caspar. If you would like to be included in the new St Peter’s parish database you can do this by using the QR code or typing [www.caspar.church/me?ID=56077](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56077) into an internet browser. If you are not confident to use the internet the parish office can help between Tuesdays to Thursdays 10am - 2pm.

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

1. This prologue to John’s Gospel is a piece of poetry. Like all poetry one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let the words and images speak to you.

2. The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. *How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life?*

3. The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: ‘to all who received him … he gave power to become children of God’. *How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life?*

4. In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as ‘Jesus people’ in the world today we also are called to be witnesses to the light. *Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness?*