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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**(LOW SUNDAY)**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**27th April 2025 - YEAR C**

**PREFACE:** Easter 2

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 3

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

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Ron & Connie Boodram RIP

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

**Tue:** 10:00am - Foundation Mass

**Wed:**  7:00pm - Foundation Mass

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

**Fri:** 12 noon - Special Intention

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Fedele Girardi RIP

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

Rosary: Wednesday 6:30pm

**No** Holy Hour, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Confession this week

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Michael O’Halloran, Kathleen Light, Margaret Catraccia, Andrew Doohan, John O’Donnell, Rosario Colantoni, Margaret Culver, Maddalena Incontrada, Amy Page, Jack Dickens, Ethel Cass, Patrick Maguire, Philomena Groome, Joseph Lennon, Elizabeth Downes and Biagio Campanaro.

**Please Remember in Prayer:** Pauline Gunning, Jake, President Duerte, Win, Clare, Pat, Paul, Jim & family, Marie-José, Joost, Nick, Alan, Ray, Ireneo, Gabriel, Francine, Amanda, Nora and Jenny, Peter John, Alejandre & Neneta Sanogal, the Collett family, the Boothby family and Gary, Eva, Emma, Linda, Jessica, the Richards family, Betty Close, Marléne, Bruce, Sophie, Neil, Fiona, Jemma, the Cudone family, Pat Cole, Abi and Saju.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection was the Easter donation to the clergy. Thank you for your generosity and thank you very much for all the Easter cards.

**THE DIVINE MERCY SERVICE:** Will be held this Sunday April 27th at 3pm in Church with Confession from 2pm beforehand.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY:** Is available to all children aged 5-11 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.

**POPE FRANCIS:** As we unite as the Catholic community across our diocese in prayer for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father, Francis, each of us will have a unique memory of his impact on us personally or on our world. If you would like to leave a digital message on our diocesan book of condolence, please visit: <https://northamptondiocese.org/book-of-condolence/>

**THE CHILDREN’S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:** Will meet on Saturday May 3rd at 10:30am in Church.

**COFFEE MORNING:** On Saturday May 3rd from 10am to 12 noon there will be a Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall for Church funds so please support this. There will be a raffle. If you can give a prize or prizes for the raffle that will be much appreciated. Please bring raffle items on the day, thank you.

**YOUR SYMPATHY:** Is requested for the family and friends of Sue O'Neill who died on April 13th and whose funeral will take place in Church at 1pm on Thursday May 8th followed by burial at Rushden Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT:**Saturday May 10th at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall. Teams of 4 to 6**.**Bring a team or come on your own and we will find you one! Prizes to be won! Tea coffee and possibly cakes! Also a raffle!

**SVP PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:**Is on Sunday July 6th, leaving Church about 8:45am and returning around 7pm. If you would like to join us, please take one of the envelopes at the back of the Church and bring it back with your contact details and the cost of £25 per person (£15 per child) inside: the envelope can be put in the collection bag or through the Presbytery door. The closing date for returning the envelope is Sunday May 18th.

**UCM NEWS:** Spring issue is now available at the back of Church.

**CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING:** You are all invited to the Coffee Morning at the Salvation Army Café on Saturday May 17th from 10am to 12 noon. See poster on noticeboard.

**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!

**VACANCY:** The Church has a vacancy for a handyman/woman to help with the maintenance of the Church and Presbytery utilities plus Health & Safety. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Training will be available.

**SUMMER CELEBRATION OF ST JUDE:** In Faversham, Kent, Saturday May 31st. See poster on noticeboard.

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

1. Today’s Gospel presents us with the one disciple who is named: Thomas. In his hesitation and his efforts to understand, this disciple, albeit somewhat stubborn, is a bit like us and we find him likeable. Without knowing it, he gives us a great gift: he brings us closer to God, because God does not hide from those who seek him. Jesus shows Thomas his glorious wounds; he makes him touch with his hand the infinite tenderness of God, the vivid signs of how much he suffered out of love for humanity.

2. What does Jesus ask of us? He desires hearts that are truly consecrated, hearts that draw life from his forgiveness in order to pour it out with compassion on our brothers and sisters. Jesus wants hearts that are open and tender towards the weak, never hearts that are hardened.