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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**4th May 2025 - YEAR C**

**PREFACE:** Easter 3

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:** Number 1

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

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

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

**Tue:** 10:00am - Monique Vomhoutte RIP

**Wed:**  7:00pm - Ada Sacco RIP

**Thu:** 10:00am - Kathleen Twist RIP

**Fri:** 12 noon - Special Intention

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Philomena Varghese RIP

**Sun:** 10:00am - People of St Peter’s living and 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:** Joan Catalano, Chris Bartlett, Lina Smith, James Fursey, Andrew McMorrow, Janet O’Leary, Noel Beirne, Robert Moffit, Dennis Magee, John Stringer, Mary Buckman, John Hogan, Fedele Girardi, Gordon Verity, John Whittaker, Antonina Carpenter, Gerard Kelly, William (Paddy) Spring and Margaret Stevens.

**Please Remember in Prayer:** Nick, Alan, Ray, Ireneo, Gabriel, Francine, Amanda, Nora and Jenny, Peter, John, Alejandre & Neneta Sanogal, the Collett family, the Boothby family and Gary, Jessica, the Richards family, Betty Close, Marléne, Bruce, Sophie, Neil, Fiona, Jemma, the Cudone family, Pat Cole, Abi, Saju, Merin, Isobel, Soly, Vithu, Eileen Bishop, Amber, Emma, Eva, Olivia, Linda, Kathryn, Chris Carey, Jenny, Ann, Edda, Elio, Lits and Rose Ward.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £597.83. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend is for the Priests’ Training Fund.

**NO FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY:** This week just the normal Rosary before evening Mass on Wednesday.

**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.

**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. The funeral Mass will be livestreamed.

**TIME TOGETHER GROUP:** Meets next Saturday, May 10th at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall, when Philip Hanzlik will entertain us with his Variety Show. All are welcome.

**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.

**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. ‘It is the Lord!’ The beloved disciple recognises the friendly and helpful man at the lakeside. As of yet it had not dawned on Simon Peter or the others who it is. ‘It is the Lord!’ Yes, words of recognition, but much more: seeing with eyes of faith. His recognition spurs on the others to recognise the risen Jesus with eyes of faith.

2. Aren’t there moments in times of need when help seems to come from an unexpected source and we sense the presence of the Lord? The unexpected catch of fish was such a moment for the disciples. Pray for light to recognise such a moment in the recent past.

3. ‘Come and have breakfast.’ A homely invitation! Jesus knew the hunger of these men after a night’s fishing. He knows our needs too. Tell the risen Jesus of yours right now. Wait quietly to receive Jesus, to linger in his presence as he looks at you with a smile of affection.