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Sunday, 17th March 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

1100hrs Mass Intention: John Josphe Tynan RIP

Entrance Hymn: 827

Offertory Hymn: 212

Kyrie: 480

Acclamation: 484

Communion Hymn: 967

Gloria: None

Great Amen: Plainchant

Recessional Hymn: 768

Sanctus: 482

Agnus Dei: 487

The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation has been reinstated. Pastoral consideration for the vulnerable and those isolating is imperative and appropriate dispensations remain in place for them.

WELCOME EVERYONE

For our celebration today you will require a Mass Sheet, a hymn book and a copy of any Mass Settings that we are using, all of which are available from the Welcome Team.

Children over four years old are invited to go to their liturgy with the Catechetical Team following the introduction to the Mass and return at the offertory. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, hanging on the chairs at the back of church may be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace them after use and before leaving the building.

After Mass refreshments are served at the back of church.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mr T Booth;

Readers: Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs O Beattie

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

THIS WEEK

The Cathedral is open every working day from **1000hrs - 1600hrs**

Mon 18th March: *Feria of Lent, Week 5, Year II*

Tue 19th March: **ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BVM**

1200hrs – Holy Mass

Aileen Roberts RIP

Wed 20th March: *Feria of Lent, Week 5, Year II*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)

1200hrs – Holy Mass

Mary Williams RIP

Thu 21st March: *Feria of Lent, Week 5, Year II*

Fri 22nd March: *Feria of Lent, Week 5, Year II*

1400hrs – Stations of the Cross

1430hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs P Ward; Mrs P Rossiter

Readers: Mr C Edean; Ms E Ohemeng

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with the peoples of Ireland and all who celebrate St Patrick's Day today, in your personal intercessions.

PURCHASING POWER

As advertised, the annual Lent 50% one day only Sale on all Repository (less the Easter) items will take place today after Mass.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 818 3529 7985

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81835297985?pwd=Rjduc0E5VDAwdko5WnNPRXczSFFjUT09> Passcode: 448949

TEACHING POINT

The Church uses veils on crosses and statues during the final two weeks of the season of Lent to draw attention to the fact that something very beautiful is hidden from view, but not permanently. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder that we live in a 'veiled' world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted, and we are finally able to see the true beauty of everything.

CLARIFYING COMMUNICATION

Following Pope Francis' interview on the war in Ukraine with Radio Télévision Suisse, Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin discussed the issue with an Italian newspaper. The full text of the interview may be read via: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/49321

SPIRITUAL UPLIFT

Many thanks to all who attended the Marian Fathers Divine Mercy Retreat Day last Saturday. Our gratitude to Dcn Tony & Mina for taking the time and effort to arrange the experience for us.

EXPLORING REASONS

The Diocese of Brentwood has published a document entitled: 'Believing, not Belonging', the result of a research project into why so many Catholics no longer come to Church. It may read via the link: www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/CEE-Believing-Not-Belonging-Final-Report_2023.pdf

FAIR WARNING

St Andrew's Church Community will be hosting an Easter themed Coffee Morning next Saturday, 23rd March between 1030hrs and 1200hrs. Funds raised will go to The Woodlarks Centre, details of which may be viewed at: www.thewoodlarkscentre.org

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Booking is now open for the Pilgrimage from 23rd to 27th May and a special Cathedral community link is available upon request.

AND FINALLY ...

... sadly to many the term 'drink responsibly' means 'don't spill it'!

With every blessing

Fr Nick