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Sunday, 22nd January 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

1100hrs Mass Intention: Mary Fallon RIP

Entrance Hymn: 475

Offertory Hymn: 605

Communion Hymn: 877

Recessional Hymn: 881

Kyrie: M21

Gloria: M25

Sanctus: M39

Acclamation: M41

Great Amen: Plainchant

Agnus Dei: M11

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.

The children will 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. After Mass refreshments are served at the back of church.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Gillham

Readers: Mr B McMahon; Mrs L Mortimer

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs F Qiatabua

THIS WEEK

The Cathedral will open each working day from **1000hrs - 1600hrs**

Mon 23rd Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 3, Year I*

Tue 24th Jan: *St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor*

Wed 25th Jan: *The Conversion of St Paul*
1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week III)
1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Alison Gosnell RIP

Thu 26th Jan: *St Timothy & St Titus, bishops*

Fri 27th Jan: *St Angela Merici, virgin*
1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1545hrs – Holy Communion Outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs A Paintin; Mrs P Brooks

Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mrs O Beattie

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, together with their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions.

CHARITABLE GIVING

The raffle draw will take place after Mass. Proceeds will be going to support the work of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa.

CELEBRATING LIFE

The oldest person in the world, Sister André Randon, has died at the age of 118 years. Her details are on the noticeboard, the Bishopric website and at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/46349

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 863 9458 4409

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86394584409?pwd=T09HTTE4aHhMeHVXbjlr2oxNzBnUT09> Passcode: 103142

Wednesday's Mass Invitation Zoom details – ID: 839 4198 6217

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83941986217?pwd=U1ltMnZOa0N6UURuZXd0SnlpU0JaUT09> Passcode: 074864

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

On the feast of St Jerome 2019 Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God to be marked each year on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. In proposing the idea he wrote: 'a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people'. The timing of the day means that it often coincides with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and also commemorations for Holocaust Memorial Day. The Holy Father noted: 'This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity'. He also addresses the concern that individual days of prayer can seem to highlight something which should be part of the normal life of the Church: 'A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.'

FAITHFUL PARTICIPATION

The House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee has launched an inquiry into assisted suicide and is inviting individual members of the public and interested organisations to comment, and also to suggest what actions might be helpful for the debate. All parishes have been asked by the bishops to participate in this enquiry. The Bishops' Conference statements are available at: www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/life-issues/assisted-dying/ and access to the inquiry is via: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/M66AML/

AND FINALLY ...

... the eye sees only what the mind is prepared to comprehend.

With every blessing
Fr Nick