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Sunday, 27th November 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

1100hrs Mass Intention: Anthony Brooks RIP

Entrance Hymn: 983

Offertory Hymn: 468

Communion Hymn: 851

Recessional Hymn: 92

Kyrie: M13

Gloria: None

Sanctus: M15

Acclamation: M16

Great Amen: Plainchant

Agnus Dei: M20

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

Please observe sensible precautions when entering and leaving the church by sanitising your hands. Face coverings are no longer mandatory, but may be worn as a matter of personal choice.

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. After Mass refreshments are served at the back of church.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mr T Booth; Mrs L Orme

Readers: Mrs C Pritchard; Col P Rossiter

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

THIS WEEK

The Cathedral will open each weekday from **1000hrs to 1600hrs**

Mon 28th Nov: *Feria of Advent, Week 1, Year I*

Tue 29th Nov: *Feria of Advent, Week 1, Year I*

1830hrs – Holy Mass

Ann Hobbs RIP

Wed 30th Nov: *St Andrew, apostle*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

The Cursillo Movement

Thu 1st Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 1, Year I*

Fri 2nd Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 1, Year I*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion Outside of Mass

Sat 3rd Dec: *St Francis Xavier, priest*

1430hrs – Chaplet of Divine Mercy

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs P Ward; Mrs P Rossiter

Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mr C Edean

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs F Qiatabua

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Our next First Holy Communion Course will commence in January 2023. Registration Forms are available for collection from, and return to, any member of the catechetical team.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Invitation Zoom details – ID: 871 8940 6574

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87189406574?pwd=bTVlYjJlR1RvYlNFdE1xb2Urc3poUT09> Passcode: 258983

Wednesday's Mass Invitation Zoom details – ID: 858 1120 9505

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85811209505?pwd=bGpZT1A1b3ZlZGk2WXBvWFFlR2tmdz09> Passcode: 477863

LITURGICAL ACTIONS

The lights of the candles on the Advent Wreath break through the darkness, reminding us of the Light of Christ that we anticipate during this holy season, with all of the elements carrying powerful symbolism. The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life, and the shaping of them into a circle reinforces the meaning of it being a sign of life eternal in Christ. The four candles used mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The purple candles are reminders that this should be a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare us for the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit to announce a day of rejoicing for Christ is coming near. A fifth white candle in the centre of the Wreath represents Christ himself, and is lit as a remembrance of the manifestation of the Light of the World.

CELEBRATING FAITH

We shall welcome Ada Julia Bradley into the family of the Church through water and the Holy Spirit today after Mass.

PURCHASING POWER

The Repository is once more open for business with a full range of Advent and Christmas items available. Next Sunday, 4th December will be an opportunity to 'bag a bargain' with our annual 50% off all stock (less Christmas) for one day only sale.

ADVENT MATTERS

The first Advent Course session is at 1900hrs, preceded by Mass at 1830hrs, this Tuesday, 29th November. Bishop Paul's Advent letter is available on the website, with copies at the back of church.

SPIRITUAL INVITATION

A prayer devotion (on the first Saturday of each month) to the Divine Mercy will start this week at 1430hrs. All are welcome.

AND FINALLY ...

... nobody can have everything; where on earth would they put it?

With every blessing
Fr Nick