



## ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Mass Intention: Patricia Hawkins RIP

Entrance Hymn: 731

Offertory Hymn: 788

Kyrie: 488

Acclamation: 492

Communion Hymn: 736

Gloria: 489

Great Amen: 494

Recessional Hymn: 880

Sanctus: 490

Agnus Dei: 495

*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 4 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: Mrs A Paintin; Mrs P Brooks

Readers: Mr P Ndungu; Mrs S Cole

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

### THIS WEEK

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

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 25, Year I*

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: *St Cosmas & St Damian, martyrs*  
1930hrs – Knights of St Columba Rosary

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: *St Vincent de Paul, priest*  
1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)  
**The Knights & Dames of St Gregory**

Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Sept: *St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, martyrs*

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept: *St Michael, St Gabriel, St Raphael, archangels*  
1200hrs – Funeral Mass (Zoom available)  
**Caroline Thornley RIP**  
1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs L McMahon; Mrs M Ferrie

Readers: Mrs B Brunning; Mrs C Pritchard

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs F Qiatabua

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

### PAPAL ORDERS

This Wednesday the Cathedral will host the Portsmouth Diocesan Knights & Dames of St Gregory for their annual gathering and Midday Prayer will not be celebrated publicly. The Principal Celebrant of the Mass will be Bishop Paul and everyone is welcome.

### LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 842 7970 8076

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84279708076?pwd=WjVzNk9qNnB4WFUvd0tPSVFCWnVGQT09> Passcode: 582639

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 825 6386 5013

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82563865013?pwd=YzhWSC90Wm1BRTEyYm1OUmhFQjUwdz09> Passcode: 060436

Friday's Funeral Mass Zoom details – ID: 853 5946 1103

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85359461103?pwd=dmVyOVk0VVS9RlYnBPbXVIN2QzUW03UT09> Passcode: 485995

### TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The Vatican has a dedicated section for Migrants and Refugees. It's directed personally by the Holy Father and aims to help the Church, and others, to accompany those forced to flee and make sure they are not shut out or left behind. The theme of Pope Francis' message for today is: 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay', and the text is available on the noticeboard and the Bishopric website.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Mary Casey is currently running a Table Top Sale at the back of church to raise funds for our charitable giving account.

### PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Sacred Scriptures have revealed the proper names of only three Angels, all of whom belong to the Choir of the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael. Ancient apocryphal literature contains several other names of Archangels, but the Church doesn't permit names of Angels not found in the canonical books of the Bible. Further information at: [www.ucatholic.com/saints/the-archangels](http://www.ucatholic.com/saints/the-archangels)

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Next week the Registration Forms for our First Holy Communion Programme will be available from any member of the catechetical team. The closing date for applications is Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### AND FINALLY ...

... perfection isn't attainable, but if we chase perfection we can maybe catch excellence.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*