



## ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

*1100hrs Mass Intention: The People and the Mission of The Royal Air Force*

Entrance Hymn: Booklet

Offertory Hymn: Booklet

Communion Hymn: Booklet

Recessional Hymn: Booklet

Kyrie: Booklet

Gloria: None

Sanctus: Booklet

Acclamation: Booklet

Great Amen: Booklet

Agnus Dei: Booklet

*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 A Paintin; Mrs P Brooks

Readers: RAF

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

#### THIS WEEK

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

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Mar: *Feria of Lent Week 5*

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: *Feria of Lent Week 5*

1830hrs – Holy Mass

**Caroline Hunter-Rowe RIP**

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Mar: **CHRISM MASS** (Zoom available)

1200hrs – Holy Mass with Renewal of Priestly Promises and the Blessing of Oils

**The Bishopric**

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Mar: *Feria of Lent Week 5*

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar: *Feria of Lent Week 5*

1400hrs – Stations of the Cross

1430hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion Outside of Mass

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Apr: *Feria of Lent 5*

1400hrs – Holy Mass

1430hrs – Divine Mercy Liturgy

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs L McMahon; Mrs M Ferrie

Readers: Col P Rossiter; Mrs L Mortimer

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

#### PAPAL COMMUNICATION

In his prayer intention for March 2023, Pope Francis prays for victims of abuse, and says the Church must serve as a model of safeguarding and must offer safe spaces for victims. The full text is available on the noticeboard and Bishopric website, while the video may be viewed via: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwxyFuR7j8U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwxyFuR7j8U)

#### LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 819 9163 6525

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81991636525?pwd=MWpMS1UyWWlaQUIWK2liTXcrOGRpQT09> Passcode: 264419

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 872 2182 9984

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87221829984?pwd=L29rZ2ZtNTNZcTZSQkVQZmszUUtHdz09> Passcode: 248336

#### TODAY'S CELEBRATION

The Royal Air Force and the Women's Royal Air Force were founded on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1918 by merging the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. After the war, the RAF was greatly reduced in size and during the inter-war years was used for policing operations in the British Empire. The RAF underwent rapid expansion prior to and during WWII. In the war it was responsible for the aerial defence of Great Britain, the strategic bombing campaign against Germany and tactical support to the British Army around the world. More at: [www.raf.mod.uk](http://www.raf.mod.uk)

#### 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.

#### PURCHASING POWER

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

#### CHARITABLE ENGAGEMENT

Prizes for our £5-a-ticket raffle are on display and tickets are on sale. The draw take place next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

#### SACRED TRIDUUM

In preparation for Holy Week there are lists at the back of church for volunteers to sign up for the traditional Foot Washing and to Watch with the Lord at the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday.

#### AND FINALLY ...

... both optimists and pessimists contribute to society: the optimist invents the aeroplane, while the pessimist invents the parachute.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*