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Sunday, 20th August 2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Mass Intention: Ian Grant RIP

Entrance Hymn: 456

Offertory Hymn: 601

Communion Hymn: 846

Recessional Hymn: 794

Kyrie: M13

Gloria: M14

Sanctus: M15

Acclamation: M18

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

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 E Allen; Mrs B Synyer

Readers: Mr B McMahon; Mrs C Pritchard

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 21st Aug: *St Pius X, pope*

Tue 22nd Aug: *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Wed 23rd Aug: *St Rose of Lima, virgin*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week IV)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Derek Francis RIP

Thu 24th Aug: *St Bartholomew, apostle*

Fri 25th Aug: *St Louis*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs M Allen; Mrs O Beattie

Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mr C Edean

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with all working to relieve the suffering of those affected by floods and fire, in your personal intercessions.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

It is planned to hold courses for both teenagers wishing to explore the possibility of Confirmation and adults who seek to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoon/evening and sign-up sheets for those interested are available at the back of the Cathedral.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 881 9894 7435

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88198947435?pwd=ZEh6dIVzemJCdFhyYUFTWEF4cFpvQT09> Passcode: 180700

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 836 7142 0136

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83671420136?pwd=OjIwRHlpO2FPaXVySE5rOHY0LzgzUT09> Passcode: 290307

PAPAL PROCLAMATION

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August is Evangelisation. The words of his video entitled 'Church on the Way' are available on the noticeboard and Bishopric website and the broadcast may be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROhU2POS_o8

FAITHFUL JOURNEYING

There is a mission to rebuild a culture of walking pilgrimage that has been somewhat lost in England and Wales, not least because pilgrimage was actually banned by Act of Parliament in 1538 by Thomas Cromwell. Shrines were lost as were cathedrals, together with the religious infrastructure along the way. The Pilgrim Ways is a digital resource providing walking routes to key pilgrimage sites in each Catholic diocese: www.pilgrimways.org.uk

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Dr Holly Ordway will be speaking on 'Beauty and Sorrow: Tolkien's Journey of Faith' at St Mary's Church, Hampstead on Sunday, 10th September 2023 from 1600hrs – 1700hrs. A livestream link is available at: www.churchservices.tv/hampstead

IN ANTICIPATION

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has released a statement presenting the Message for the next World Day of Peace to be held on 1st January 2024. The theme will be: 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace.' The Vatican press release notes the "remarkable advances made in the field of artificial intelligence" and how they "are having a rapidly increasing impact on human activity, personal and social life, politics and the economy." In this context, Pope Francis will call "for an open dialogue on the meaning of these new technologies, endowed with disruptive possibilities and ambivalent effects."

AND FINALLY ...

... never shake hands with those people who believe that cheap toilet paper is totally acceptable.

*With every blessing
Fr Nick*