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Sunday, 18th August 2024

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

1100hrs Mass Intention: Gerald Falvey RIP

Entrance Hymn: 628

Offertory Hymn: 607

Communion Hymn: 639

Recessional Hymn: 456

Kyrie: M21

Gloria: M25

Sanctus: M39

Acclamation: M42

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.

There will be no Children's Liturgy today. Worksheets are available at the welcome table and 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 P Ward; Mrs P Rossiter

Readers: Mrs J White; Mrs C Pritchard

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 19th Aug: *St John Eudes, priest*

Tue 20th Aug: *St Bernard, abbot, doctor*

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

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week IV)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Maurice McSharry RIP

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

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

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Gillham

Readers: Mr M Floyd; Mrs M Ferrie

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

COMMUNITY EVENT

PlayFest! is being advertised as an amazing action-packed day of fun, hands-on play, and games for all ages. There will be, apparently, many free activities to look forward to in Aldershot town centre next Saturday, 24th August from 1000hrs to 1600hrs. For more information go to: www.rushmoor.gov.uk/playfest

ADVANCE NOTICE

A Table Top Sale & Drinks in support of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa will take place after Mass on Sunday, 1st September.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 813 3937 1977

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81339371977?pwd=q3LQWXPjty6e1119fxVB1IDXJbDyzN.1> Passcode: 833101

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 858 1512 6188

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85815126188?pwd=5v992Ce2WB7YyJ3beajcBShLrc96aJ.1> Passcode: 204911

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

A new bursary has been launched for the highly sought-after MA in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care at the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, a place of learning which is dedicated to providing a rich, rigorous theological education rooted in the Catholic tradition. This bursary offers a 50% fee reduction for the two-year MA program, reflecting a commitment to making pastoral formation more accessible to both lay and religious individuals. Further details are available via: www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/apply/

FAITHFUL WITNESS

In Russia an outspoken Christian preacher is facing trial for posting a question on social media, and in occupied Ukraine a Christian woman could be jailed for up to ten years for remarks made in a prayer meeting. For details of these cases, as well as the work of Release International, see: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50408

PAPAL COMMUNICATION

Pope Francis has written a letter to candidates for the priesthood, but also to all Christians, stressing the importance of reading novels and poems “as part of one's path to personal maturity.” In it the Holy Father writes: “A good book opens the mind, stimulates the heart, and prepares us for life”. The full text is available on the noticeboard and the Bishopric website.

FORTHCOMING COMMEMORATION

From Sunday, 1st September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to Friday, 4th October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi), Christians around the world will celebrate the Season of Creation. The theme this year is: ‘To hope and act with Creation’ with the Holy Father highlighting the need for ecological conversion, urging humanity to shift from exploiting nature to nurturing it. Further details and links via: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50379

AND FINALLY ...

... it's a fact of life to be contemplated that a headline reading ‘psychic wins lottery’ has never been seen.

*With every blessing
Fr Nick*