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Sunday, 24th December 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

1100hrs Mass Intention: Donald McDonald RIP, Neil McDonald RIP, Anna Kirkpatrick RIP

Entrance Hymn: 112

Offertory Hymn: 350 Kyrie: New People's Mass Acclamation: New People's Mass (B)

Communion Hymn: 113 Gloria: None Great Amen: New People's Mass

Recessional Hymn: 366 Sanctus: New People's Mass Agnus Dei: New People's Mass

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 four 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 M Casey; Mrs E Gillham

Readers: Mrs C Pritchard; Mrs N Francis-Crerar

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs F Qiatabua

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 25th Dec: **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

1100hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Harry Ward RIP

Tue 26th Dec: *St Stephen, protomartyr*

1200hrs – Holy Mass

Altar Servers

Wed 27th Dec: *St John the Evangelist, apostle*

1200hrs – Holy Mass

Robin Tynsley (Anniversary of Birth)

Thu 28th Dec: *The Holy Innocents*

1200hrs – Holy Mass

Dcn Robert Levett RIP

Fri 29th Dec: *Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas*

1400hrs – Holy Rosary for peace

1430hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs A Paintin; Mrs P Brooks

Readers: Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs S Cole

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with aid agencies and peace negotiators who are attempting to bring about a resolution to the destruction and loss of life in the middle east, in your personal intercessions.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Morning Mass Zoom details – ID: 889 9061 4984

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88990614984?pwd=RFhXMDYybjFuaU9yd3RUSIR2L0JrQT09> Passcode: 038250

Sunday's Midnight Mass Zoom details – ID: 848 0622 2822

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84806222822?pwd=V2tSdnZnO3g3dy9wSnZwRU15NDIaZz09> Passcode: 337754

Monday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 826 6529 0482

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82665290482?pwd=bzJGOWlmYWlpTjJuRU5PZnRNMHlOQT09> Passcode: 169685

TODAY'S TIMETABLE

Midnight Mass this evening will commence with Carols at 2345hrs with the liturgy beginning at 2400hrs. Bishop Paul will be the Principal Celebrant and refreshments will be available afterwards.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Joseph's Church in Aldershot will be 'open for business' again from today. A copy of the parish newsletter is on the noticeboard.

WINNING OPPORTUNITY

Tickets are on sale (at £5 each), and prizes on view, for our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn after Mass today. Proceeds from the event will go towards charities that we regularly support.

EPISCOPAL PLEADING

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem has issued a statement regarding two Christian women sheltering in the Church of the Holy Family compound who were murdered by Israeli Defence Force snipers last the weekend. In addition, a huge explosion and fire caused by IDF rockets at the convent run by Mother Teresa's Sisters which cares for 54 disabled people, has been reported. The text of the communication is on the noticeboard and the Bishopric website, and we are all urged to continue to pray for peace.

EXPLORING FAITH

'Into the Truth' is a new podcast series from the Catholic Truth Society scheduled to be broadcast every Thursday. The first, which is focussed on uncovering the truth about the mysterious Star of Bethlehem and its significance in the Christmas story, is out now: www.ctsbooks.org/into-the-truth/the-star-of-bethlehem-podcast/

AND FINALLY ...

... it's funny how nobody notices what you do until you don't do it
With every blessing for a holy & happy Christmas

Fr Nick