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Sunday, 26th February 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

1100hrs Mass Intention: Rosina Branagan RIP

Entrance Hymn: 206

Offertory Hymn: 315

Communion Hymn: 972

Recessional Hymn: 964

Kyrie: 488

Gloria: None

Sanctus: 490

Acclamation: 493

Great Amen: 494

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.

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 M Allen; Mr O Beattie

Readers: Mr C Endean; Mrs S Cole

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 27th Feb: *Feria of Lent Week 1 (St Gregory of Narek)*

Tue 28th Feb: *Feria of Lent Week 1*

1830hrs – Holy Mass

For the work of relief agencies

Wed 1st Mar: *St David, Patron of Wales*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Betty Fava RIP

Thu 2nd Mar: *Feria of Lent Week 1*

Fri 3rd Mar: *Feria of Lent Week 1*

World Day of Prayer/CAFOD Lent Fast Day

1400hrs – Stations of the Cross

1430hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion Outside of Mass

Sat 4th Mar: *Feria of Lent Week 1 (St Casimir)*

1430hrs – Divine Mercy Liturgy

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mr T Booth; Mrs L Orme

Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mrs L Mortimer

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs F Qiatabua

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

CHARITABLE SUPPORT

There will be a special collection next Sunday for CAFOD.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 869 5949 1637

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86959491637?pwd=cmwwbkt2MkxYU3AwOWtrZlNqRTJlOQT09> Passcode: 158345

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 861 3411 7345

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86134117345?pwd=Y0k3YXN2TWlrRVZrNS9lcGxU2NTZz09> Passcode: 669183

TEACHING POINT

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold themes of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises. *Ceremonial of Bishops 249*

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

The text of the Holy Father Francis's Message for Lent 2023 may be viewed on the noticeboard and the Bishopric website.

SPIRITUAL OPORTUNITIES

A number of Lent resources, many of them free to download, together with details of courses and suggested reading, are available to be viewed at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/46587

FORTHCOMING COMMEMORATION

World Day of Prayer encourages Christian women to engage in personal prayer and lead communal prayer within their communities. Since 1861 women have established a number of effective boards for foreign and home missions working directly with and for women and children. World Day of Prayer aims to make the lives of women and children easier by offering resources and support. Local services are advertised on the noticeboard and Bishopric website, with further information at: www.wwdp.org.uk

CELEBRATING FAITH

Paper booking forms for the 63rd International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now available at the back of church.

AND FINALLY ...

... character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking.

With every blessing
Fr Nick