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Sunday, 3rd December 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

1100hrs Mass Intention: Bernard Branagan RIP

Entrance Hymn: 102

Offertory Hymn: 851

Communion Hymn: 932

Recessional Hymn: 101

Kyrie: M13

Gloria: None

Sanctus: M35

Acclamation: M36

Great Amen: M38

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 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 Allen; Mrs O Beattie

Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mr C Endean

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 4th Dec: St John Damascene, priest, doctor
1200hrs – Requiem Mass: **Carol Martin RIP**

Tue 5th Dec: Feria of Advent, Week 1, Year II

Wed 6th Dec: St Nicholas, bishop
1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)
1200hrs – Holy Mass

Molly & John O'Sullivan RIP

Thu 7th Dec: St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

Fri 8th Dec: **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

1200hrs – Holy Mass
1400hrs – Holy Rosary for peace
1430hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass
Sat 3rd Dec: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
1300hrs – Holy Baptism: **Karla Anne Herbert**
1500hrs – Holy Rosary during which the
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated
1600hrs – Holy Mass

**The Catholic Military Association of Our Lady
of Victories**

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mr T Booth; Mrs L Orme

Readers: Mr D Parry; Mrs P Powell

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 879 0755 9358

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87907559358?pwd=RUxEVTNWR2MvT1d1cEhaU1ptTXZLQT09> Passcode: 596629

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

LITURGICAL SYMBOLISM

The lights of the candles on the Advent Wreath break through the darkness, reminding us of the Light of Christ that we anticipate during this holy season, with all of the elements carrying powerful symbolism. The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life, and the shaping of them into a circle reinforces the meaning of it being a sign of life eternal in Christ. The four candles used mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The purple candles are reminders that this should be a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare us for the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit to announce a day of rejoicing for Christ is coming near. A fifth white candle in the centre of the Wreath represents Christ himself, and is lit as a remembrance of the manifestation of the Light of the World.

TEACHING POINT

The Jesse Tree tradition is rooted in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king, and Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse's family tree. Each symbol, which our children will tell us about at the offertory, represents a story from this family tree and a step toward the birth of Jesus

IN GRATITUDE

Many thanks to all who donated prizes, bought and sold tickets, and assisted Mary Casey in our pre-Advent raffle which was drawn last Sunday. A total of £160 was generated for our good causes.

ECUMENICAL GATHERING

Next Sunday at 1800hrs in St Andrew's Church our Three Garrison Church's Carol Service will take place. All are welcome.

AND FINALLY ...

... not all storms come to disrupt life; some come to clear the path.

*With every blessing
Fr Nick*