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Sunday, 10th December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (BIBLE SUNDAY) – YEAR B

1100hrs Mass Intention: Alison Gosnell RIP

Entrance Hymn: 92

Offertory Hymn: 109

Communion Hymn: 94

Recessional Hymn: 86

Kyrie: M13

Gloria: None

Sanctus: M15

Acclamation: M17

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 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: Mr T Booth; Mrs L Orme

Readers: Mr D Parry; Mrs P Powell

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 11th Dec: *St Damasus, pope*

Tue 12th Dec: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

1100hrs – Irish Guards Carol Service

Wed 13th Dec: *St Lucy, virgin, martyr*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week II)

1200hrs – Holy Mass

Barbara de Freitas RIP

Thu 14th Dec: *St John of the Cross, priest, doctor*

Fri 15th Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 2, Year II*

1400hrs – Holy Rosary for peace

1430hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs P Ward; Mrs P Rossiter

Readers: Mr P Ndungu; Mrs S Cole

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with those who exercise ministries as missionaries as well as the work of the Naval Military and Air Force Bible Society, in your personal intercessions.

ECUMENICAL GATHERING

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

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 837 6146 8653

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83761468653?pwd=Vy9lMGJXU3NIUFN0YkdhRGhtcUhcUT09> Passcode: 035515

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

Bible Sunday Collect from the Book of Common Prayer:

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

For the Catholic Community, Advent is a time when the Church 're-reads and re-lives the great events in salvation history in the "today" of her liturgy'. [CCC 1095]

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Next Sunday, 17th December Bishop Paul will be the celebrant at Mass when he joins us to Receive into Full Communion with the Catholic Church Allison, Malcolm and Ulrich, and to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on them together with Angela, Imogen, Jacob, Michael and Troy, all of whom have been receiving Instruction in the Faith for the past few months.

WINNING OPPORTUNITY

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

SEASONAL INVITATION

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst will be coming to the Cathedral next Sunday, 17th December and at 1530hrs will be conducting their Carol Service. All are welcome.

PASTORAL ENGAGEMENT

Marriage Care have announced the launch of a Certificate in Relationship Counselling training. The course will train and equip volunteers to safely and effectively counsel couples. Applications should be made by 20th December: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc/

AND FINALLY ...

... some things are better left unsaid but, unfortunately, far too few people realise this fact only after they've said them.

With every blessing
Fr Nick