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Sunday, 18th February 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B
Mass Intention: Veronica & Stefan Was RIP

Hymns for today:

Entrance Hymn: 206
Offertory Hymn: 315
Communion Hymn: 720
Recessional Hymn: 964

Mass Settings for today:

Kyrie: M13 **Acclamation:** M37(3)
Gloria: None **Great Amen:** M38
Sanctus: M35 **Agnus Dei:** M11

WELCOME

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 a Children's Liturgy today. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, may be found hanging on the chairs at the back of church to be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace after use. After Mass refreshments are served at the back of the Cathedral.

COLLECTIONS

The plate collection for last Sunday was **£203.89**.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Readers: Col P Thomas; Col J Ryan
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Mrs M Casey; Mrs S Cole; Mrs G Edwards; Mr J Thompson
Welcome Team: Mrs L Morten; Mrs S Cole
Children's Liturgy: Mrs P Ryan

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tue 20th Feb: *Lenten Feria Week 1*
1830hrs – Holy Mass
Teachers and communicators
Wed 21st Feb: *Lenten Feria Week 1*
1145hrs – Midday Prayer & Angelus
1200hrs – Holy Mass
John Beattie RIP
Sat 24th Feb: *Lenten Feria Week 1*
1200hrs – Holy Baptism: Frederick Pawley

MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 2018

Readers: Mrs E Haddon; Mr B McMahon
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Mrs P Beal; Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs G Edwards; Mrs C Pritchard
Welcome Team: Mr D Beal; Mrs E Bakomora
Children's Liturgy: Mrs P Rossiter

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

A group of children from our community are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 10th June. Please consider being a prayer sponsor by adding your name to the list, surrounded by photos of them as babies and as they are now, which is by the font at the entrance to the Cathedral.

TEACHING POINT

Can. 1251 Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Can. 1252 The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance.

LENT COURSE

The first session will take place this Tuesday, 20th February at 1900hrs, preceded by Mass at 1830hrs. Everyone welcome.

PRAYER INVITATION

The Knights of St Columba's monthly rosary will take place at 1930hrs this Wednesday, 21st February in Our Lady Help of Christians, North Camp. All are welcome.

PAPAL INTENTION

The Holy Father has announced this Friday, 23rd February, as the Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan. As it is also the CaFOD Family Lent Fast day, there is an opportunity to dovetail into this annual work too, especially as CaFOD has projects in both DRC and South Sudan. In consequence of which, next Sunday there will be a Special Collection for CaFOD. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The next Alton Day of Renewal will take place this Saturday, 24th February at Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton. Further details on the noticeboard and at: www.altonrenewal.com

ECUMENICAL ACTIVITY

Women's World Day of Prayer will be marked this year on Friday, 2nd March at 1030hrs in our Cathedral. Everyone, regardless of sex or age, is welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards. To find out more see: www.wwdp.org.uk/

AND FINALLY ...

... growth is painful and change is painful, but nothing is as painful as staying stuck somewhere that you don't belong.

With every blessing
Fr Nick