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Sunday, 15th April 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B
Mass Intention: Anna Ryden RIP

Hymns:

Entrance Hymn:	**287**	***Mass Settings:***			
Offertory Hymn:	**769**	**Kyrie:**	**480**	**Acclamation:**	**484**
Communion Hymn:	**627**	**Gloria:**	**481**	**Great Amen:**	**486**
Recessional Hymn:	**719**	**Sanctus:**	**482**	**Agnus Dei:**	**487**

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 **£197.02.**

MINISTRIES TODAY

Readers:	Mrs J White; Maj N Fitzsimmons
Extraordinary Minister	Mr D Beal; Mrs S Cole; Mrs G Edwards; Mr J Thompson
Welcome Team:	Mrs K Booth; Mrs P Brooks
Children's Liturgy:	Mrs P Rossiter

SERVICES THIS WEEK
Wed 18th Apr: *Easter Weekday Week 3*
1145hrs – Midday Prayer & Regina Coeli
1200hrs – Holy Mass
Micheline, Ron and David Olley RIP

MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, 22nd APRIL 2018

Readers:	Mrs G Edwards; Col J Ryan
Extraordinary Minister	Mr E Baldwin; Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs E Haddon; Mr A Howard
Welcome Team:	Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Gillham
Children's Liturgy:	Mrs P Ryan

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

SPONSORED EATING
Very many thanks to all who supported, by their presence and donations, the recent Breakfast in aid of the Mercy Ships. In particular, special gratitude to Mary Casey who organised it all, and David, Paula, Alex and Emma Beal who were the kitchen and waiting staff, cooks and washer-uppers for the event. All efforts are much appreciated and the sum of £430.00 was raised. Details of the charity may be found at: www.mercyships.org

LENT RAFFLE
The last few prizes are awaiting collection at the back of church.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY
Following a date change, the next Alton Day of Renewal will be next Saturday, 21st April from 1100hrs-1600hrs in Alton School, Anstey Lane. GU34 2NG. The day is free to attend and the theme will be 'Setting the Downtrodden Free'. Further details may be found at: www.altonrenewal.com

PAPAL INTERCESSIONS
The Holy Father has invited us to witness to the Resurrection in several ways, including his Intention for the month of April: 'that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths'. Find more details of the Pope's Personal Prayer Network with links to video and audio streams at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/34681

PEACE PROCESS
Church leaders issued a joint statement on the 20th anniversary of Good Friday/Belfast Agreement last week. The full statement may be read at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/34672

FAITHFUL WITNESS
The Holy Father Pope Francis has released the Apostolic Exhortation 'Gaudete et Exsultate' on the call to holiness in today's world. There is an emphasis on the document being practical and useful in modern times and it is not intended to be an academic or doctrinal text per se. As its accompanying summary document states, its goal is 'to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time.' The Exhortation may be read or download, together with the official summary and a simple Q&A document from the Holy See at: http://catholicnews.org.uk/exhortation-gaudete-et-exsultate

GIVING HOPE
On Saturday, 12th May at 1000hrs in Winchester Cathedral the Mariposa Trust is holding one of its Saying Goodbye services. Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by a family members or friends loss, as well as those grieving the fact that they haven't had children, are most welcome. Details on the noticeboard and at: www.sayinggoodbye.org

AND FINALLY …
… in the confusing and sometimes frightening circumstances of everyday life around the globe, it's natural to wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are having us on, or by imbeciles who really believe and mean it.

With every blessing
Fr Nick