



## ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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*Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

*Mass Intention: Aidan and Teresa Hoey (30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)*

#### Hymns:

Entrance Hymn: 983  
Offertory Hymn: 89  
Communion Hymn: 932  
Recessional Hymn: 768

#### Mass Settings:

Kyrie: M21                      Acclamation: M36  
Gloria: None                      Great Amen: M38  
Sanctus: M35                      Agnus Dei: M20

#### 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 will be announced next week.

#### MINISTRIES TODAY

*Celebrant:* Mgr Stephen Alker  
*Readers:* Col P Thomas; Mr B McMahon  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Mr D Beal; Mrs N Francis-Crerar;  
Col A Gillham; Mrs C Pritchard  
*Welcome Team:* Mrs A Gosnell; Mrs G Hyman  
*Children's Liturgy:* Mrs P Ryan

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: *St John Damascene, priest, doctor*  
1830hrs – Holy Mass  
*Persecuted Christians*  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 1*  
1145hrs – Midday Prayer  
1200hrs – Holy Mass  
*Najet Miley RIP*  
1830hrs – Community Carol Service

#### MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

*Readers:* Col P Rossiter; Mrs J White  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Haddon;  
Mr A Howard; Mrs P Rossiter  
*Welcome Team:* Mrs L Morten; Mrs S Cole  
*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, together with all those in elected office charged with the welfare of the people.

#### ADVENT DRAW

The customary £5-a-ticket raffle is once again taking place pre-Christmas to raise funds in support of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa. Only one ticket per person may be purchased with all of the prizes being of a minimum value of £20.

#### POWERFUL PRAYER

Many thanks to all who took the time to join our day of meditation last week in support of the Aid to the Church in Need Red Wednesday event. In front of Westminster Cathedral, emblazoned in red, Sheikh Ibrahim Mogra, Assistant Secretary General of Muslim Council of Great Britain, spoke out against persecution by Muslim extremists. He said: 'I stand here today condemning their evil actions as totally un-Islamic and unacceptable and I stand in solidarity with Christian communities around the world who are persecuted, and especially those who are suffering at the hands of those who are my brethren, my fellow Muslims.' [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/36091](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/36091)

#### PASTORAL ACTION

At this time of year we are asked to think of, and assist, the homeless coping with falling temperatures. We are now making a collection of unwanted blankets and sleeping bags, so please dig out your surplus stock and make a difference to those in need.

#### ADVENT COURSE

The first of three sessions will be at 1900hrs, preceded by Mass at 1830hrs, this Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. All are welcome.

#### COMMUNITY EVENT

This Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, between 1700hrs and 2030hrs, Rushmoor Borough Council, Aldershot Town Football Club and the Military Garrison will be hosting a Christmas Market in the Cathedral/St Andrew's Car Park and sponsoring carol services in the two churches, with admission by free ticket from: [www.bit.ly/carolservices](http://www.bit.ly/carolservices). Details on the noticeboard.

#### HELPFUL ADVICE

The Macmillan Cancer Support mobile unit will be in Aldershot on Union Street on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December from 0900hrs to 1600hrs. No appointment is necessary and specialists will be available to answer questions. Details are on the noticeboard.

#### DIARY DATES

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1100hrs – Holy Mass with Confirmation  
1800hrs – Garrison Churches Carol Service  
Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1000hrs – Cathedral Autumn Clean  
Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2000hrs – KSC Rosary and Benediction

#### AND FINALLY ...

... remember the four steps to achievement: plan purposefully; prepare prayerfully; proceed positively; pursue persistently

*With every blessing*  
Fr Nick