



## ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY) – YEAR C

Mass Intention: Confirmation Candidates

#### Hymns:

Entrance Hymn: 92  
Offertory Hymn: 102  
Communion Hymn: 898  
Recessional Hymn: 116

#### Mass Settings:

Kyrie: M13                      Acclamation: M40  
Gloria: None                      Great Amen: M43  
Sanctus: M39                      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 **£297.23**.

#### MINISTRIES TODAY

*Celebrant:* Bishop Paul Mason  
*Readers:* Mrs S Cole; Mrs P Ward  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Mr E Baldwin; Mrs P Beal;  
Mrs S Cole; Mr C Kamwenje  
*Welcome Team:* Mr D Beal; Mrs E Bakomora  
*Children's Liturgy:* Mrs Y Spreadborough

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 3*  
1830hrs – Holy Mass  
*Peacemakers and peacekeepers*  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 3*  
1145hrs – Midday Prayer  
1200hrs – Holy Mass  
*Teachers and educators*  
Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 3*  
2000hrs – KSC Rosary and Benediction

#### MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2018

*Readers:* Col J Ryan; Mrs J White  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Haddon;  
Mrs P Rossiter; Mr J Thompson  
*Welcome Team:* Mrs K Booth; Mrs P Brooks  
*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.

#### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION

We welcome the families and friends of Jessica, Harriet, Oliver and Alexander who, after completing their classes of preparation, will renew their Baptismal Promises at Mass today and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Paul.

#### IN GRATITUDE

Many thanks for the travel case, framed photograph and CAFOD gifts given to your parish priest, together with the lovely cake that was made and decorated for last Sunday's celebration. It was all totally unexpected, most generous and a great delight to receive.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Knights of St Columba Christmas Posters are now available at the back of church. Please take one and display it prominently.

#### ADVENT DRAW

Our £5-a-ticket raffle in support of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa is underway. Prizes are now on display.

#### INTERESTING READ

The latest edition of the Garrison Herald has been published and is available at the back of church. If you live in married quarters, or have neighbours who would appreciate being informed about the Military Units in, and discovering some history about, the area, please take a few copies to distribute for free.

#### COMING TOGETHER

This evening at 1800hrs the Garrison Churches Carol Service will take place in the Cathedral, combining the three choirs and congregations in celebration. Refreshments will follow the event.

#### AUTUMN CLEAN

Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you are willing and able to join us this Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December from 1000hrs for the annual session of polishing, sweeping, tidying and setting-up of window decorations in preparation for celebrating the nativity of Christ. All ages welcome; refreshments provided.

#### ADVENT COURSE

The last of three sessions will be at 1900hrs, preceded by Mass at 1830hrs, this Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. All are welcome.

#### FAITHFUL TEACHING

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have issued a Statement on the Settlement Scheme for EU citizens. The full text is on the noticeboard and may also be found at: [www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Home/News/Settlement-Scheme](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Home/News/Settlement-Scheme)

#### AND FINALLY ...

... to get on in life, it's said, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone!

*With every blessing*  
Fr Nick