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Sunday, 23rd December 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

Mass Intention: Brian Scullion RIP & Patrick Curley RIP

Hymns:

Entrance Hymn: 109
Offertory Hymn: 112
Communion Hymn: 340
Recessional Hymn: 880

Mass Settings:

Kyrie: 480 **Acclamation: 484**
Gloria: None **Great Amen: 486**
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 **£274.45**.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Readers: Col J Ryan; Ms C Collis
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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 24th Dec: *Christmas Eve*
2345hrs – Carols for Choir and Congregation
2400hrs – Midnight Mass
Harry Ward RIP

Tue 25th Dec: ***THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD***
0800hrs – Mass of the Dawn
The Armed Forces
1100hrs – Mass of the Day
Grazyna Siwiec RIP

Wed 26th Dec: *St Stephen, protomartyr*
1200hrs – Holy Mass
Altar Servers

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 30th DECEMBER 2018

Readers: Col P Thomas; Mrs E Haddon
Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs S Cole; Mrs N Francis-Crerar;
Col A Gillham; Mrs C Pritchard
Welcome Team: Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Gillham
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.

ADVENT DRAW

The £5-a-ticket raffle in support of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa will be drawn after Mass today.

PAPAL REFLECTION

During his General Audience with pilgrims in Rome last Wednesday, Pope Francis reflected on the upcoming feast of Christmas, which is filled with 'the surprises of Jesus.' While the world insists on exchanging presents, the Holy Father asked: 'what gifts and surprises would God want?' Further details may be viewed at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/36221

CELEBRATING TOGETHER

Many thanks to those who made music, offered hospitality and contributed to, or supported in any way, our Garrison Churches Carol Service last Sunday to make it such an outstanding evening. Both the Mayor of Rushmoor and the local Member of Parliament for Aldershot attended and have expressed their admiration for the beautiful experience and their gratitude for the warm welcome.

SHARING RICHES

Mary Casey has now collected over £300 from members of our worshipping community in support of the local Food Bank. The money is greatly appreciated and has been put to very good use.

LOCAL NEWS

The latest edition of the Garrison Herald is available at the back of church. Please help with distribution by taking a few copies of this free publication to put through your neighbours' doors.

AUTUMN CLEAN

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and energy to fetch, carry, dust, polish, wash, scrub, tidy and generally make good to prepare the Cathedral for the forthcoming festivities.

UNIVERSAL ENGAGEMENT

The Vatican has issued Pope Francis' Message for the 52nd World Day of Peace, which takes place on 1st January 2019. In his message the Pope reflects on the role of 'good politics at the service of peace.' Those who hold political office, he says, must exercise their office in service to others, basing their work on the foundation of charity and human virtues. At the same time, Pope Francis warns of the vices that can afflict politics, including corruption, xenophobia, racism, lack of concern for the environment, and contempt for exiles. The full text is on the noticeboard or via: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/36211

AND FINALLY ...

... in life, it's important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.

With every blessing
Fr Nick