



ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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Sunday, 30th December 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – YEAR C

Mass Intention: Rosemary Doherty RIP

Hymns:

Entrance Hymn: 127
Offertory Hymn: 138
Communion Hymn: 141
Recessional Hymn: 152

Mass Settings:

Kyrie: M21 Acclamation: M52
Gloria: M25 Great Amen: M53
Sanctus: M49 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 was **£344.06** and those for the Christmas Masses was **£630.51**.

MINISTRIES TODAY

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tue 1st Jan: *MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*
1200hrs – Holy Mass

The Armed Forces of the Crown

Wed 2nd Jan: *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen,*
bishops, doctors

1145hrs – Midday Prayer & Angelus

1200hrs – Holy Mass

George Thomas Murphy RIP

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY 2019

Readers: TBA
Extraordinary Ministers: TBA
Welcome Team: Mrs O Beattie; Mrs E Gillham
Children's Liturgy: Mrs Y Spreadborough

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions, especially those on duty away from home as a new year begins.

CATHEDRAL DECORATION

Many favourable comments have been received about how our church looked and felt during the Christmas celebrations, and we are grateful to all who arranged the displays, assisted at the liturgies and made visitors welcome. A retiring collection to help cover the costs of materials used will take place after Mass today.

ADVENT DRAW

Many thanks to all who participated in the raffle to raise money for the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa. The amount realised was in excess of £400 and donations are still coming in.

PAPAL PROCLAMATION

Fraternity was Pope Francis' wish for the world expressed in his Urbi et Orbi address on Christmas Day as he invited everyone to fall on their knees and worship. The full text may be found at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/36243

TEACHING POINT

The Christmas feast proper ends on the final day of its octave, the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, on 1st January. The 'peak' of the Christmas 'season' is the Feast of the Epiphany, 6th January (next Sunday) the end of the 12 Days of Christmas. Tree and other decorations are traditionally kept up at least until this day is over. The official end of the Christmas season in the current liturgical calendar is the Baptism of the Lord (this year falling on 13th January), after which Ordinary Time begins. The nativity scene may be displayed through this day or until the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February, a feast of Jesus and the end of the ancient Forty Days of the Christmas season.

IN MEMORIAM

The much-loved art critic, popular writer, consecrated virgin and hermit, Sister Wendy Beckett, died on St Stephen's Day at the Carmelite Monastery in Quidenham. Details of her life and witness may be found at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/36246

PURCHASING OPPORTUNITY

Ben Casey has donated a number of reproductions of the photograph he took as part of the community gift for your parish priest's birthday. These are available from the Repository at 50p each with all proceeds going to charity.

GENEROUS ACTIONS

Heartfelt thanks to all who sent cards, gave gifts and offered greetings of the season to the clergy and their families. Assuring you all of our prayers and dedicated service for the year ahead.

AND FINALLY ...

... it's said that an optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in and a pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves, while youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve and middle age is when you're forced to!

With every blessing
Fr Nick