



## ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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*Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019*

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

*Mass Intention: Victoria Couch RIP*

Entrance Hymn: 285

Offertory Hymn: 877

Communion Hymn: 966

Recessional Hymn: 960

Kyrie: New People's Mass Acclamation: New People's Mass

Gloria: New People's Mass Great Amen: New People's Mass

Sanctus: New People's Mass Agnus Dei: New People's Mass

#### 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 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

Last Sunday's plate collection was **£247.36**.

#### MINISTRIES TODAY

Readers: Col J Ryan; Col P Thomas

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs A Gosnell; Mrs E Haddon;  
Mr A Howard; Mrs M Casey

Welcome Team: Mrs M Casey; Col A Gillham

Children's Liturgy: Mrs Y Spreadborough

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Aug: *St Pius X, pope*  
1145hrs – Midday Prayer & Angelus  
1200hrs – Holy Mass  
*Legislators*

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Aug: *St Bartholomew, apostle*  
1200hrs – Holy Baptism: Chloe Nzemesumbe

#### MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019

Readers: Mrs C Pritchard; Mrs N Francis-Crerar

Extraordinary Ministers: Mr E Baldwin; Mrs G Edwards;  
Col A Gillham; Mr C Kamwenje

Welcome Team: Mrs P Beal; Mrs E Haddon

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.

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Two training/instruction periods have been organised for those who currently, together with all who wish to, exercise this corporate ministry. It will be compulsory to attend at least one of the sessions in preparation to be commissioned before Advent. The dates are Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, with Mass at 12 noon followed by time together to look at the meaning, discern the calling-to, and engage with the physical practice of, what the ministry is. Please add your name to the list at the back of church to indicate which day you plan to attend.

#### IN GRATITUDE

Many thanks to all who supported the recent tea party hosted by Jackie White at her home in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. The sum raised was in excess of £500.

#### TEACHING POINT

The early Church Fathers attested to the use of the sign of the cross. Tertullian (d.250) wrote: 'In all our travels and movements, in all our coming in and going out, in putting on our shoes, at the bath, at the table, in lighting our candles, in lying down, in sitting down, whatever employment occupies us, we mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross' (*De corona*, 30). St Cyril of Jerusalem (d.386) in his Catechetical Lectures stated: 'Let us then not be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Be the cross our seal, made with boldness by our fingers on our brow and in everything; over the bread we eat and the cups we drink, in our comings and in our goings out; before our sleep, when we lie down and when we awake; when we are traveling, and when we are at rest' (*Catecheses*, 13). The sign of the cross, in words and in action, reminds us of the two central realities of our faith: who God is (the Trinity) and what God has done for us (the Cross).

#### SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers are arranging a day retreat on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August in London and a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November. Posters for both events are on the noticeboard and further details may be viewed at: [www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk](http://www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk)

#### SPEAKING INVITATION

An evening of discussion with The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Commonwealth Secretary General, will take place in Farm Street, London from 1830hrs on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The evening, hosted by Jesuit Missions, will be entitled 'Saving our common earth: No time to lose'. After Baroness Scotland has spoken there will be a Q&A session followed by refreshments. Booking details may be found at: [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/37672](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/37672)

#### DIVINE PETITION

There is to be a Day of Prayer on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September in Westminster Cathedral with the theme: 'Healing the wounded Body of Christ: Prayer and Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse in the Church'. Details are on the noticeboard.

#### AND FINALLY ...

... if the pieces don't fit into your puzzle, try a different picture.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*