



## ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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*Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

*Mass Intention: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

Entrance Hymn: 102

Offertory Hymn: 851

Communion Hymn: 627

Recessional Hymn: 92

Kyrie: M21

Gloria: None

Sanctus: M49

Acclamation: M50

Great Amen: M53

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 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 **£268.28**.

#### MINISTRIES FOR TODAY

Readers: Mr B McMahon; Col J Ryan  
Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs P Brooks; Mr C Kamwenje;  
Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs O Beattie  
Welcome Team: Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Gillham  
Children's Liturgy: Mrs Y Spreadborough

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: *St Francis Xavier, priest*  
1830hrs – Holy Mass  
*The work and witness of the Society of Jesus*  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: *St John Damascene, priest, doctor*  
1145hrs – Midday Prayer  
1200hrs – Holy Mass  
*Robin Tinsley (birthday)*  
1800hrs – Garrison Community Carol Service

#### MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Readers: Mrs S Cole; Col N Fitzsimons  
Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs M Casey; Col A Gillham;  
Mrs P Rossiter; Mr J Thompson  
Welcome Team: Mrs O Beattie; Mrs P Ryan  
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, together with all whom we shall commission as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass this morning.

#### PASTORAL ACTION

At this time of year, as is our custom, we seek to assist our brothers and sisters who are homeless and coping with falling temperatures, as well as those families without the means to feed themselves. To this end, any unwanted blankets and sleeping bags, and monetary donations for the Food Bank, will be most welcome.

#### 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. At an event at the FCO, Rehman Chishti, the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief, underlined political support for those suffering for their faith. Also speaking were Neville Kyrke-Smith, National Director, ACN (UK), and Frank Marooki, a teenage Iraqi Christian subjected to persecution. There followed a candlelit Cross procession with hundreds of people from Parliament Square to Westminster Cathedral for a service in which Edwin Shuker, Vice-President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who had to leave Baghdad when he was a child due to religious bigotry, expressed the necessity for freedom of religion for all minority groups. More details at: [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/38409](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/38409)

#### ADVENT DRAW

The customary £5-a-ticket raffle will once again take place to raise funds in support of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa. Starting next Sunday, only one ticket per person may be purchased with all of the prizes being of a minimum value of £20.

#### ADVENT COURSE

The first of three sessions will be at 1900hrs, preceded by Mass at 1830hrs, this Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. All are welcome.

#### COMMUNITY EVENT

This Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Christmas Market from 1700hrs in the Cathedral/St Andrew's Car Park with carol services in both churches at 1800hrs. Details on the noticeboard.

#### HONOURED IMAGE

HE The Ambassador of Argentina, together with the Argentine Defence Attaché, will be at Mass next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, when Bishop Paul will install the statue of Our Lady of Lujan given in exchange for the one held in the Cathedral since 1982.

#### AUTUMN CLEAN

Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you are willing and able to join us on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December from 1000hrs for our annual session of polishing, sweeping, tidying and setting-up of window decorations in preparation for the forthcoming Christmas celebrations. All ages welcome.

#### AND FINALLY ...

... always remember that the best things in life aren't things at all.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*