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Sunday, 15th December 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY) – YEAR A

Mass Intention: Bernard Branagan RIP

Entrance Hymn: 108

Offertory Hymn: 604

Communion Hymn: 643

Recessional Hymn: 768

Kyrie: New People's Mass

Gloria: None

Sanctus: New People's Mass

Acclamation: New People's Mass (A)

Great Amen: 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 **£337.18**.

MINISTRIES FOR TODAY

Readers: Mrs J White; Col J Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs P Beal; Mrs P Brooks;
Mrs A Gosnell; Mrs N Francis-Crerar

Welcome Team: Mrs A Gosnell; Mrs M Ferrie

Children's Liturgy: Mrs P Rossiter

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 17th Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 3*

1830hrs – Holy Mass

John Schofield RIP

Wed 18th Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 3*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer

1200hrs – Holy Mass

Annette French RIP

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 22nd DECEMBER 2019

Readers: Mrs E Haddon; Col P Rossiter

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs O Beattie; Col A Gillham;
Mrs P Rossiter; Mr J Thompson

Welcome Team: Mrs L Morten; Col A 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.

LITURGICAL SERVICE

New Rotas for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers at Mass are being prepared. Please complete your availability in the usual way on the forms at the back of church.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Distribution of hand-made images of God's messengers started last Sunday. Read people's stories about discovering the knitted creatures on Facebook at 'Rushmoor Christmas Angels'.

TEACHING POINT

Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. The day takes its common name from the Latin word Gaudete ('Rejoice'), the first word of the introit of today's Mass. The spirit of the liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas, as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are, on Gaudete Sunday, suspended, as it were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption. On Gaudete Sunday rose-coloured vestments may be worn instead of violet.

LOVING ACTION

Many thanks to all who donated another £160 for the Food Bank. This brings the total to £510 in just two weeks.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

The draw for the raffle in support of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa will take place after Mass today.

COMING TOGETHER

This evening at 1800hrs the Garrison Churches Carol Service will take place in All Saints Church, 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, 17th December from 1000hrs for the annual 'sprucing-up' of the Cathedral.

ADVENT COURSE

The final session will be at 1900hrs, preceded by Mass at 1830hrs, this Tuesday, 17th December. All are welcome.

SPIRITUAL INVITATION

The KSC monthly Rosary will be at Our Lady's Church, Fleet this Thursday, 18th December at 2000hrs. All are welcome.

SEASONAL ADORNMENTS

Next Sunday, 22nd December, there will be a retiring collection for anyone wishing to contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund.

AND FINALLY ...

... learning to ignore things is one of the vital paths to inner peace.

With every blessing
Fr Nick