



## ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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*Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

*Mass Intention: Neil Harris RIP, Richard Harris RIP & Josephine Harris RIP*

Entrance Hymn: 112

Offertory Hymn: 113

Kyrie: 488

Acclamation: 492

Communion Hymn: 114

Gloria: None

Great Amen: 494

Recessional Hymn: 116

Sanctus: 490

Agnus Dei: 495

#### 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 **£310.83**. As advertised, there will be a retiring collection today for Christmas flowers.

#### MINISTRIES FOR TODAY

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

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: *Christmas Eve*  
2345hrs – Carols for Choir and Congregation  
2400hrs – Midnight Mass  
*Harry Ward RIP*

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

0800hrs – Mass of the Dawn

*Stephen Grealis RIP*

1100hrs – Mass of the Day

*The Armed Forces*

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: *St Stephen, protomartyr*

1200hrs – Holy Mass

*Altar Servers*

#### MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Readers: Mrs B Brunning; Col N Fitzsimons

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

Welcome Team: Mrs P Beal; Mrs E Haddon

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.

#### INCARNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

The Knights of St Columba Christmas Posters are now available at the back of church. Please take one and display it prominently.

#### ADVENT DRAW

Profound gratitude to all who participated in the raffle to raise money for the work of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa. The amount realised was an incredible £700.

#### CELEBRATING TOGETHER

Many thanks to those who made music and supported the event that was the annual Garrison Churches Carol Service last Sunday.

#### 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.

#### CHARITABLE WITNESS

For the eighth year running, Aid to the Church in Need, one of the charities we regularly support, is providing Christmas parcels for displaced children in Syria, including warm clothes, shoes, toys, devotional items and other essentials. In addition, ACN is working with the elderly and disabled Christians in Aleppo, providing food, soap and other washing items, medicine, clothes and shoes. For more information go to: [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/38531](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/38531)

#### UNIVERSAL ENGAGEMENT

Pope Francis' message 53<sup>rd</sup> World Peace Day, due to take place on 1st January 2020, is entitled: 'Peace as a journey of hope: dialogue, reconciliation and ecological conversion.' The Pope begins by saying that hope puts us on the path to peace, while 'mistrust and fear weaken relationships and increase the risk of violence.' He urges us to be artisans of peace, open to dialogue in a spirit of reconciliation, on a journey of ecological conversion that leads to a 'new way of looking at life.' His invitation is to overcome fears that are at the roots of conflict, to promote a culture of encounter, to give life to universal fraternity, as we tread a Christian path sustained by the sacrament of Reconciliation, which 'requires us to set aside every act of violence in thought, word and deed, whether against our neighbours or against God's creation.' The full text is on the noticeboard and on the Vatican website via: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

#### AND FINALLY ...

... one smile can begin a friendship, one hand can lift a soul, one star can guide a ship at sea, one word can frame the goal, one vote can change a nation, one candle can wipe out darkness, one laugh can conquer gloom, one touch can show you care, one voice can wake up everybody, one life can make the difference.  
Be that one.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*