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Sunday, 29th December 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – YEAR A

Mass Intention: Thanksgiving for God's grace in time of trial

Entrance Hymn: 141

Offertory Hymn: 145

Kyrie: 480a

Acclamation: 485

Communion Hymn: 138

Gloria: 481

Great Amen: 486

Recessional Hymn: 151

Sanctus: 482

Agnus Dei: 487

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 **£270.42** and that for flowers was **£56.84**. The various Christmas collections totalled **£723.66**.

MINISTRIES FOR TODAY

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wed 1st Jan: *MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer & Angelus

1200hrs – Holy Mass

Ina Whitehorn RIP

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 5th JANUARY 2020

Readers: Mrs J White; Col J Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs M Casey; Mrs S Cole;
Mrs E Haddon; Mrs P Ward

Welcome Team: Mrs A Paintin; Mrs P Brooks

Children's Liturgy: TBN

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, made music and served at the liturgies, and everyone who made visitors welcome.

INCARNATIONAL REFLECTIONS

Cardinal Vincent Nichols's homily, given during the celebration of Midnight Mass in Westminster Cathedral, may be found on the noticeboard and at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/38568

ACKNOWLEDGING KINDNESS

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.

AMOR AETERNUS

Photographer and software consultant Bryden Isbister has made a beautiful new drone film of Arundel Cathedral. The stunning birds-eye views of the soaring gothic arches and beautiful stained glass windows of the Cathedral are accompanied by a new piece of music by composer Denis Wood. The film may be watched at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=meRvNRAJ3nk

PAPAL PROCLAMATION

Belief in the power of the Light of Christ to overcome the darkness in human hearts was Pope Francis' message for the world expressed in his Urbi et Orbi address on Christmas Day from the Vatican. Further details may be viewed at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/38597

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 (transferred to 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 12th 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The next First Holy Communion Course will start with a parents'/guardians' session on Wednesday, 15th January at 1900hrs. Registration forms are available at the back of church.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

On Wednesday, 15th January at 1830hrs in Farm Street Church Hall there will be presentations, videos, food, wine and music to promote the latest Ignatian Camino. To request a brochure and to book, contact: DominicRobinson@rcdow.org.uk

AND FINALLY ...

... New Year reminder: you're not too old and it's not too late!

With every blessing
Fr Nick