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Sunday, 8th December 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

Mass Intention: Ortensia Andreanelli RIP

Entrance Hymn: 109

Offertory Hymn: 94

Communion Hymn: 720

Salve Regina: 367 Recessional Hymn: 86

Kyrie: M13

Acclamation: M37(2)

Gloria: None

Great Amen: M38

Sanctus: M35

Agnus Dei: M20

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 **£295.76**.

MINISTRIES FOR TODAY

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 9th Dec: *The Immaculate Conception of the BVM*
1200hrs – Holy Mass
Carl Lehman RIP

Tues 10th Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 1*
1030hrs – Grenadier Guards Carol Service
1830hrs – Holy Mass
Christopher Linturn RIP

Wed 11th Dec: *St Damasus I, pope*
1030hrs – 4 Rifles Carol Service
1145hrs – Midday Prayer
1200hrs – Holy Mass
Daniel Jordan RIP

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER 2019

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions.

LITURGICAL ACTIVITY

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.

LOVING ACTION

Many thanks to all who responded so generously to the appeal for the Food Bank last week, donating £350 for the purchase of goods.

HONOURED IMAGE

This morning we welcome HE The Argentine Ambassador, together with the Argentine Defence Attaché, at Mass to witness and celebrate the instalment of the statue of Our Lady of Luján given in exchange for the one held in the Cathedral since 1982.

APPROPRIATE PLANNING

Bishop Paul's Advent Letter (full text on the noticeboard) makes these suggestions as to how we might prepare better for Christmas:

1. Go to Confession. Nothing obscures our vision more than sin. I know people like me always say that, but do it.
2. Have a crib in your home (don't put Baby Jesus in too soon!)
3. Pray (with your children) before the crib. Perhaps the Rosary.
4. Make a daily point of doing something selflessly for someone.
5. Attend a weekday Mass in addition to Sunday.
6. Find a way of letting friends or colleagues know you are a practising Catholic (they often have no idea).
7. Send Christmas cards with a religious scene & avoid snowmen!
8. Find quiet time to read & pray the Nativity story in the Gospels.
9. Make this Christmas a joyful celebration of the birth of Our Saviour. Clear away the pollution surrounding you so you can see our Saviour and invite Him into your heart.

CHARITABLE SUPPORT

Our £5-a-ticket raffle in support of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa is underway, with the draw taking place next Sunday.

ADVENT COURSE

The second of three sessions will be at 1900hrs, preceded by Mass at 1830hrs, this Tuesday, 10th December. All are welcome.

COMING TOGETHER

The Garrison Churches Carol Service will take place in All Saints next Sunday, 15th December at 1800hrs. Everyone is welcome.

SEASONAL PREPARATION

Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you are willing and able to join us on Tuesday, 17th December from 1000hrs for the annual Autumn Clean of the Cathedral.

AND FINALLY ...

... all will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end.

With every blessing
Fr Nick