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Sunday, 6th August 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

Mass Intention: Nicholas Peter Gosnell RIP

Entrance Hymn: 683

Offertory Hymn: 762

Communion Hymn: 725

Recessional Hymn: 770

Kyrie: 480

Gloria: 481

Sanctus: 482

Acclamation: 485

Great Amen: Plainchant

Agnus Dei: 487

The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation has been reinstated. Pastoral consideration for the vulnerable and those isolating is imperative and appropriate dispensations remain in place for them.

WELCOME EVERYONE

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.

Children over 4 years old are invited to go to their liturgy with the Catechetical Team following the introduction to the Mass and return at the offertory. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, hanging on the chairs at the back of church may be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass.

Please replace them after use and before leaving the building.

After Mass refreshments are served at the back of church.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mrs A Paintin; Mrs P Brooks

Readers: Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs M Ferrie

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs F Qiatabua

THIS WEEK

The Cathedral is open every working day from 1000hrs - 1600hrs

Mon 7th Aug: *St Sixtus II, pope, and Companions, martyrs*

Tue 8th Aug: *St Dominic, priest*

Wed 9th Aug: *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week II)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Deceased members of the O'Sullivan family

Thu 10th Aug: *St Lawrence, deacon, martyr*

1230hrs – Holy Matrimony

Christopher Mansbridge & Heather Partington

Fri 11th Aug: *St Clare, virgin*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs L McMahon; Mrs M Ferrie

Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mr D Perry

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with all working in the travel and tourism industries at this time, in your personal intercessions.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

After Mass today we shall welcome Lily Sedina Awuku into the family of the Church by water and the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Baptism.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 851 8355 4606

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183554606?pwd=N2toUnJHT0NVVClZUZxd2h5VXMwUT09> Passcode: 495596

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 834 3130 7409

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83431307409?pwd=TC9JdWxhM1FR OFlQdUJGeXhPV0NFdz09> Passcode: 776469

TEACHING POINT

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue. This devotion received new emphasis from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honour of the Sacred Heart. On 31st October 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart.

FORTHCOMING COMMEMORATION

Of Europe's six patron saints, one was added by Pope St Paul VI (Saint Benedict), and the other five co-patrons were added by Pope St John Paul II (Saint Bridget of Sweden, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) and Saints Cyril & Methodius). Each of these six of these patrons has an incredible story of how they responded to God's call in their life, a call which had a significant impact on the Church. A free app entitled 'Online with Saints' offers a virtual encounter with hundreds of saints from all around the world and may be found at: www.onlinewithsaints.com

SOCIAL INVITATION

St Andrew's Church community will host a coffee morning next Saturday, 12th August from 1030hrs in aid of McMillan Cancer Research, to which anyone and everyone is warmly invited.

AND FINALLY ...

... it's amazing that the amount of news that happens in the world every day always just exactly fits the newspaper.

With every blessing
Fr Nick