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Sunday, 17th August 2025

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

1100hrs Mass Intention: *Giovani Roggero & Luigi Tiana RIP*

Preface of Sunday V Eucharistic Prayer II

Entrance Hymn: 875

Offertory Hymn: 708

Communion Hymn: 966

Recessional Hymn: 960

Kyrie: 480

Gloria: 481

Sanctus: 482

Acclamation: 483

Great Amen: Plainchant

Agnus Dei: 487

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.

There is no Children's Liturgy today. The vestry and sacristy, through the Lady Chapel and accessed by the door on the left, are available as spaces for those with children who need a place to play/be entertained. 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.

Refreshments after Mass will be available at the back of church.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mrs M Allen; Mrs O Beattie
Readers: Mr B McMahon; Mrs S Cole
Extraordinary Ministers: Ms M Szklairek; Mrs O Beattie
Children's Liturgy Lead: No Liturgy

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 18th Aug: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 20, Year I*

Tue 19th Aug: *St John Eudes, priest*

Wed 20th Aug: *St Bernard, abbot, doctor*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week IV)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

May Harper RIP

Thu 21st Aug: *St Pius X, pope*

Fri 22nd Aug: *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion Outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mr T Booth; Mrs S Levett
Readers: Mr P Ndungu; Mrs C Pritchard
Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs E Haddon; Mrs N Francis-Crerar
Children's Liturgy Lead: No Liturgy

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and support staff, together with all who work in the leisure and travel industry assisting so many families and individuals to have enjoyable holidays, in your personal intercessions.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION

We welcome the family and friends of Amayah Ashitey who join us after Mass today for her baptism by water and the Holy Spirit.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 850 5115 0998

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85051150998?pwd=rBHXaVuDx5GlbUV8XXYIOhte5TJeM4.1> Passcode: 172258

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 869 4091 0218

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86940910218?pwd=EBCHoim17lIKSPJr4swlQKfHBJuWNU.1> Passcode: 015545

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PlayFest! is planned to be an amazing action-packed day of fun hands-on play and games for all ages in Aldershot. There will be a number of free activities to look forward to throughout the town centre on Saturday, 30th August from 1000hrs to 1600hrs. A poster with details is on the noticeboard and further information is available at: www.rushmoor.gov.uk/playfest

LITURGICAL ADDITION

Marking the 10th anniversary of the publication of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Leo XIV has approved for use the Decree for the *Missa pro custodia creationis* - 'Mass for the Care of Creation'. We shall use this when we celebrate Mass on Monday, 1st September, which is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Details of what the initiative means and the reasons behind it may be viewed at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/52995

TEACHING POINT

The Instruction of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith: *Ad resurgendum cum Christo* - regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation, a copy of which is on the noticeboard and Bishopric website, states:

5. When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority.

7. In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewellery or other objects. These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation.

AND FINALLY ...

.... funny how nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits.

*With every blessing
Fr Nick*