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Sunday, 21st January 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

1100hrs Mass Intention: Adrian Gillham RIP

Entrance Hymn: 875

Offertory Hymn: 877

Communion Hymn: 643

Recessional Hymn: 862

Kyrie: 521

Gloria: 998

Sanctus: 559

Acclamation: 561(2)

Great Amen: 562

Agnus Dei: 592

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 four 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 M Allen; Mrs O Beattie

Readers:

Ms E Ohemeng; Mrs P Powell

Children's Liturgy Lead:

Mrs R Nash

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 22nd Jan: *St Vincent, martyr, doctor*

Tue 23rd Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 3, Year II*

Wed 24th Jan: *St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week III)

1200hrs – Holy Mass

Julian Wontner RIP

Thu 25th Jan: *The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle*

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes

Fri 26th Dec: *St Timothy & St Titus, bishops*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team:

Mr T Booth; Mrs L Orme

Readers:

Mrs C Pritchard; Mrs M Williams

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs F Qiatabua

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

CALLING NOTICE

A reminder to all who have children allocated a place on our forthcoming First Holy Communion Course that a parent/guardian meeting will be taking place at 1900hrs on Tuesday, 30th January. Please remember to bring with you the requested documentation that was identified on the tear-off part of the application form.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 835 9615 3296

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83596153296?pwd=bn5KcnVJd3c5UHIkdHZwQkpDazdFdz09> Passcode: 755655

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

On the feast of St Jerome 2019 Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God to be marked each year on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. In proposing the idea he wrote: 'a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people'. The timing of the day means that it often coincides with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and also commemorations for Holocaust Memorial Day. The Holy Father noted: 'This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity'. He also addresses the concern that individual days of prayer can seem to highlight something which should be part of the normal life of the Church: 'A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.'

CELEBRATING TALENT

The previously advertised Craft Exhibition of items made by the Cathedral's worshipping community is planned to take place over the weekend of Saturday, 24th & Sunday, 25th February. Should you wish to have your handiwork displayed please contact the coordinator, Louise Morgan-Jones, to discuss the details/logistics on 01252 851995 or at: davidlouise@morgan-jones.com

FAITHFUL WITNESS

We are glad to welcome the family and friends of Kayla Appiah and Ellis Pephrah-Appiah who will become new members of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism after Mass today.

AND FINALLY ...

... trying to understand the behaviour of some people is like trying to smell the colour 9.

*With every blessing
Fr Nick*