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Sunday, 10th September 2023

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Mass Intention: Pat Bussy (in thanksgiving)

Entrance Hymn: 886

Offertory Hymn: 716

Communion Hymn: 966

Recessional Hymn: 108

Kyrie: 521

Gloria: 998

Sanctus: 559

Acclamation: 561 (3)

Great Amen: 562 (amended)

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 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 P Ward; Mrs P Rossiter

Readers: Mrs S Cole; Mr D Parry

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 11th Sept: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 23, Year I*

Tue 12th Sept: *Most Holy Name of Mary*

Wed 13th Sept: *St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor*
 1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week III)
 1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)
Anne Moore RIP

Thu 14th Sept: *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Fri 15th Sept: *Our Lady of Sorrows*
 1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

Sat 16th Sept: *St Cornelius, pope, & St Cyprian, bp, martyrs*
 1200hrs – Holy Baptism: **Libby Hall**

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Gillham

Readers: Mrs B Brunning; Mrs P Powell

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

FAITHFUL WITNESS.

Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Visit to Mongolia was welcomed by Catholics and others alike. His Address to the Ecumenical and Interfaith Gathering and his Homily at the Closing Mass of the Visit, both last Sunday, are on the noticeboard and Bishopric website.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 860 6925 0933

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86069250933?pwd=NHpxalhvQ1JibWU2NHNNd3IRSEVIQT09> Passcode: 044197

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 826 8715 6265

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82687156265?pwd=RUJHN2gvTTU2ZTJxMmRFUy9xYWJlUT09> Passcode: 397735

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

For well over one hundred years there has been an annual recognition of Education Sunday in England and Wales. It is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education. Each year the theme is devised by an ecumenical steering group representing different Christian denominations and organisations. The focus for this year is the concept of 'the armour of light' taken from Ephesians 1:17-18, with further information at: www.cbcew.org.uk/education-sunday

POIGNANT REFLECTION

The poem 'At the school gate' by Charles Causley, describes an abandoned and poor lad coming to school in the postwar years. The poverty is clear, the need is shouting out from his hunger and poor clothing. There are plenty of Timothys still coming through our school gates today and their needs are no less obvious, poor appearance, anxious and angry faces, poor nutrition. Like Timothy, many are not ready to learn because their basic needs are not being met. The poem is on the noticeboard and the Bishopric website.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

The classes that have been advertised will commence, for those who have signed-up, this Tuesday, 12th September. The Teenage Confirmation Group will meet at 1600hrs and the Adult RCIA Group at 1800hrs. Please bring your baptism certificate with you.

FAMILY MATTERS

Our Verger, Tony Hyman, will be undergoing planned surgery this week and will be away from the Cathedral for at least a month. We will, of course, keep him in our prayers and trust that his recovery is swift and sure. In the meantime, many thanks in advance to those who have volunteered to assist in covering his duties.

AND FINALLY ...

... life is the most difficult exam and many fail by trying to copy others, not realising that everyone has a different question paper.

With every blessing
Fr Nick