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Sunday, 25th December 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – YEAR A

1100hrs Mass Intention: The People of God

Entrance Hymn: 159

Offertory Hymn: 128

Communion Hymn: 154

Recessional Hymn: 155

Kyrie: 520

Gloria: 998

Sanctus: 570

Acclamation: 571(C)

Great Amen: Plainchant

Agnus Dei: 591

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.

The children will 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. After Mass refreshments are served at the back of church.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mrs L McMahon; Mrs M Ferrie

Readers: Mrs N Francis-Crerar; TBA

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

THIS WEEK

The Cathedral will open each weekday from **1000hrs to 1600hrs**

Mon 26th Dec: *St Stephen, protomartyr*
 1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Altar Servers

Tue 27th Dec: *St John the Evangelist, apostle*
 0900hrs – Holy Mass

Claire Campbell RIP

Wed 28th Dec: *The Holy Innocents, martyrs*
 1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)
 1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Paul Olsen RIP

Thu 29th Dec: *Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas*
 Fri 30th Dec: *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
 1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 1545hrs – Holy Communion Outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs M Allen; TBA

Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mrs N Francis-Crerar

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the military personnel of our Armed Forces, especially those on operations at home and abroad during this festive season, together with their families, in your personal intercessions.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Registration forms for our next First Holy Communion Course are available for collection from, and return to, the catechetical team.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 845 4255 4483

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84542554483?pwd=SS9xVGEzZU11Vy9DcUtJL0Q3QjdwQT09> Passcode: 725793

Monday's Mass Invitation Zoom details – ID: 831 5013 0289

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83150130289?pwd=TTRSVm9LMzErTytOZW9Ed0lldGFUDUT09> Passcode: 805572

Wednesday's Mass Invitation Zoom details – ID: 899 5983 3342

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89959833342?pwd=S1k5NTdZVS9haKU3WXRrVVRvNzVyUT09> Passcode: 823344

EPISCOPAL PONDERINGS

His Excellency Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, the outgoing Papal Nuncio to Great Britain, gave his farewell address during Mass last week in Westminster Cathedral. Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Gugerotti Prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, and the text of his address is on the Bishopric website.

VISUAL ARTISTRY

This year's Christmas video from Arundel and Brighton opens with a stunning night winter scene with snow falling on the Cathedral, accompanied by the Cathedral Choir singing 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'. View the video at: <https://youtu.be/ybF-euvoV6Y>

PAPAL COMMUNICATION

Pope Francis exchanged Christmas greetings with members of the Curia last Thursday, and delivered a seven-point speech in which he asked them to never take the Lord's graces for granted, to always walk a path of conversion, and to be peacemakers at a time in which we have never "felt so great a desire for peace." A full report may be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-FPvtB4JWQ

CELEBRATING HOPE

The Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem have published their Christmas message, the text of which is available on the Bishopric website and the noticeboard.

FESTIVE CHEER

There will an opportunity to have a glass of bubbly after Mass today in celebration of the arrival of the Prince of Peace.

AND FINALLY ...

... you can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights!

With every blessing
Fr Nick