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Sunday, 3rd March 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

1100hrs Mass Intention: Mgr Kevin Vasey RIP

Entrance Hymn: 959

Offertory Hymn: 456

Communion Hymn: 849

Recessional Hymn: 763

Kyrie: M13

Gloria: None

Sanctus: M35

Acclamation: M37(3)

Great Amen: M38

Agnus Dei: M20

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 E Allen; Mrs B Synyer

Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mrs J White

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 4th March: *Feria of Lent, Week 3, Year II*

1200hrs – Funeral Mass – *Sheila Bainbridge*

Tue 5th March: *Feria of Lent, Week 3, Year II*

Wed 6th March: **CHRISM MASS**

1200hrs – Holy Mass with Renewal of Priestly Promises and the Blessing of Oils

The Bishopric

Thu 7th March: *Feria of Lent, Week 3, Year II*

Fri 8th March: *Feria of Lent, Week 3, Year II*

1400hrs – Stations of the Cross

1430hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

Sat 9th March: *Feria of Lent, Week 3, Year II*

1100hrs -1600hrs – Divine Mercy Retreat Day

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs M Allen; Mrs O Beattie

Readers: Mrs M Williams; Mrs N Francis-Crerar

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.

CHARITABLE SUPPORT

Many thanks to all who continue to support the work of the local Food Bank. A letter of gratitude to everyone is on the noticeboard.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 819 0775 4565

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81907754565?pwd=TVQ1Z0tMUlpiRnVEdDVieDhINU0vQT09> Passcode: 880994

SPIRITUAL CELEBRATION

We welcome the family and friends of Gabriella, Regina, Amos, Jeremiah and Josiah as they become the newest members of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism after Mass today.

TEACHING POINT

The Chrism Mass is a restoration of the rite recorded in the early 200s by the historian Hippolytus who writes of a ceremony taking place during the Easter Vigil at which two holy oils were blessed and one was consecrated. In the fifth century the ceremony of the oils was transferred from the Easter Vigil to Maundy Thursday. A separate mass for that purpose was instituted and made distinct from the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The change took place not only due to the large crowds that assembled for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, but to fully emphasize Christ's institution of the ordained priesthood during what is traditionally called The Last Supper. In the decree renewing this rite Pope Paul VI said: "The Chrism Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the bishop's priesthood and signifies the closeness of the priests with him." While the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick, are "blessed," the Sacred Chrism is "consecrated".

CELEBRATING GIFTS

Congratulations to all who volunteered to display their creative skills during the Craft Exhibition last weekend. The quality and standard of work was truly admirable and it was great to see and enjoy the talents of so many of our community. Many thanks to Louise Morgan-Jones and Vera Hearn for their efforts in organising and running the event, and to all who contributed to the collection for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice which raised over £500.

FAIR WARNING

Mothering Sunday falls next weekend and we will be undertaking the usual giving of posies after Mass. Those who need to make preparations for celebrating with or for their own mothers have just one more week to get themselves organised.

AND FINALLY ...

... sometimes the path's more difficult because the calling's higher.

With every blessing
Fr Nick