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Sunday, 28th November 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

Mass Intention: Pauline Craggs RIP

Entrance Hymn: 983

Offertory Hymn: 89

Communion Hymn: 932

Recessional Hymn: 768

Kyrie: M13

Gloria: None

Sanctus: M35

Acclamation: M36

Great Amen: M38

Agnus Dei: M20

The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation is reinstated from today. Pastoral consideration for the vulnerable and those isolating is imperative and appropriate dispensations remain in place for them.

WELCOME EVERYONE

Please observe sensible precautions when entering and leaving the Cathedral by sanitising your hands, as well as leaving at least one seat between yourself and your household and another person or household. Face coverings are a matter of personal choice.

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. After Mass refreshments are served at the back of the Cathedral.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mrs M Casey; Mrs P Ward; Mrs S Cole

Readers: Mr S Belgum; Mrs S Cole

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

THIS WEEK

The Cathedral is open every weekday from 1000hrs to 1600hrs

Mon 29th Nov: *Feria of Advent, Week 1, Year II*

Tue 30th Nov: *St Andrew, apostle*

1830hrs – Holy Mass (broadcast via Zoom)

Mark Davidson RIP

Wed 1st Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 1, Year II*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer: Psalter Week II

1200hrs – Holy Mass (broadcast via Zoom)

Steve Brennan RIP

Thu 2nd Dec: *Feria of Advent, Week 1, Year II*

Fri 3rd Dec: *St Francis Xavier, priest*

1400hrs - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs - Holy Communion outside Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs M Casey; Mrs L McMahon;

Mrs C Pritchard; Mrs N Francis-Crerar

Readers: Mr C Kamwenje; Mr C Endean

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

PURCHASING OPPORTUNITIES

Today, as advertised, for one day only there will be a reduction of 50% on all items (less Christmas stock) in our Repository. Next Sunday, 5th December our Advent Raffle will begin.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 884 1616 5206

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88416165206?pwd=NTQ5bW9taOS9tazFBdHQ1aWtqQzlwZz09> Passcode: 550611

Tuesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 844 8460 0652

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84484600652?pwd=ZWJSSGRUMzMUUFVqallKVmc5UUplQT09> Passcode: 991321

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 893 1046 2127

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89310462127?pwd=MGxjWHJ1eE8wNG5WQkI1ZkRrbzRDdD09> Passcode: 995573

LITURGICAL ACTIONS

The lights of the candles on the Advent Wreath break through the darkness, reminding us of the Light of Christ that we anticipate during this holy season, with all of the elements carrying powerful symbolism. The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life, and the shaping of them into a circle reinforces the meaning of it being a sign of life eternal in Christ. The four candles used mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The purple candles are reminders that this should be a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare us for the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit to announce a day of rejoicing for Christ is coming near. A fifth white candle in the centre of the Wreath represents Christ himself, and is lit as a remembrance of the manifestation of the Light of the World.

PASTORAL ACTION

At this time of year we seek to assist our brothers and sisters who are homeless and coping with falling temperatures, as well as those families without the means to feed themselves. To this end, any monetary donations for the Food Bank will be most welcome.

ADVENT COURSE

The first session of our course is at 1900hrs, preceded by Mass at 1830hrs, this Tuesday, 30th November. Everyone is welcome.

UNIVERSAL ENGAGEMENT

Copies of the Synodality Synod questionnaire are available at the back of church for those who do not have an internet connection; it may be accessed via the Bishopric website otherwise. If you'd like to submit your response in writing it will be uploaded for you.

AND FINALLY ...

... don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.

With every blessing
Fr Nick