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Sunday, 7th December 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (BIBLE SUNDAY) – YEAR A

1100hrs Mass Intention: Charlie, Bernard Branagan RIP

Advent Preface I

Eucharistic Prayer III

Entrance Hymn: 102

Offertory Hymn: 94

Communion Hymn: 643

Recessional Hymn: 86

Kyrie: 497

Gloria: None

Sanctus: 499

Acclamation: Said

Great Amen: Plainchant

Agnus Dei: 500

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. The vestry is available for those with children who need a place to play. 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. Refreshments after Mass will be available at the back of church.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mrs E Allen; Mrs K Belgum
Readers: Mr P Ndungu; Mr C Endean
Extraordinary Ministers: Ms A Williams; Mrs M Szklarek
Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 8th Dec: **The Immaculate Conception of the BVM**
1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)
Rita Harper RIP

Tue 9th Dec: **St John Diego Cuahhtlatatzin**

Wed 10th Dec: **Our Lady of Loreto**
1030hrs – Irish Guards Carol Service
1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)
Brian Brassel RIP

Thu 11th Dec: **St Damasus I, pope**

Fri 12th Dec: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mr P Ndungu; Mrs E Ngatia
Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mr M Floyd
Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs E Haddon
Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Brooks

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

CELEBRATING FAITH

We welcome the family and friends of Aseda, Nhyira and Ayeyie Amoako who will receive the sacrament of baptism after Mass.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 824 9131 6601

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82491316601?pwd=D5cHiOx3kpZ5Pf6T0nljKNhA15KaGq.1> Passcode: 763378

Monday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 867 9654 8735

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86796548735?pwd=xvoKKanxR4LXbo7aVxtbj4JHl4yx2t.1> Passcode: 120133

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 819 0922 7069

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81909227069?pwd=ffae5qJiDWEW1FDhI5oH7eWxlUoSWe.1> Passcode: 442355

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

Bible Sunday Collect from the Book of Common Prayer:

Blessed Lord,

*who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest
them, that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

For the Catholic Community, Advent is a time when the Church 're-reads and re-lives the great events in salvation history in the "today" of her liturgy'. [CCC 1095]

TEACHING POINT

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "*Ineffabilis Deus*", clarified the belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognise that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfil a particular mission that only they can fulfil.

ECUMENICAL GATHERING

The Combined Choirs of the Aldershot Garrison Churches and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst have been in rehearsal for the Advent Carol Service due to take place in All Saints' Church next Sunday, 14th December at 1800hrs. Details are on the noticeboard.

ADVANCE NOTICE

J S Bach's Christmas Oratorio will be performed by Surrey Voices and the Cathedral Choir at 1830hrs on Saturday, 20th December.

AND FINALLY ...

... always refuse to engage in intellectual battle with the unarmed.

With every blessing
Fr Nick