



## ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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*Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023*

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

*Mass Intention: Mikolaj Malek RIP*

Entrance Hymn: 825

Offertory Hymn: 603

Communion Hymn: 627

Recessional Hymn: 830

Kyrie: 521

Gloria: 998

Sanctus: 559

Acclamation: 561 (2)

Great Amen: Plainchant

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 D Weeks; Mrs O Beattie

Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mr C Endean

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

### THIS WEEK

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

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Aug: *St Augustine, bishop, doctor*

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Aug: *The Passion of St John the Baptist*

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Aug: *St Margaret Clitherow, St Anne Line and St Margaret Ward, martyrs*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

*Astrid O'Dea RIP*

Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Aug: *St Aidan, bishop & Saints of Lindisfarne*

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 21, Year I*

*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 21, Year I*

1430hrs – Divine Mercy Liturgy

### NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mr T Booth; Mrs L Orme

Readers: Mrs M Ferrie; Mr T Banda

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.

### SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Open Door Retreat Programme begins in October. Details are available on the noticeboard, Bishopric website and via leaflets.

### LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 899 9330 7961

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89993307961?pwd=RDMzK1h4VTlaSDNkZktVcGNJV1pNdz09> Passcode: 978424

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 892 3413 1087

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89234131087?pwd=b3N0N2hrNG1aMjZxd3UzQmJTODR6dz09> Passcode: 707952

### UNIVERSAL ACTION

His Holiness Pope Francis has established 1<sup>st</sup> September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. Pope Francis' message for the 2023 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation focuses on the theme, "Let Justice and Peace Flow", inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream." The full text of the Pope's message is on the noticeboard and Bishopric website, with further details of the whole season's celebration at: [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)

### RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

It is planned to hold courses for both teenagers wishing to explore the possibility of Confirmation and adults who seek to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoon/evening and sign-up sheets for those interested are available at the back of the Cathedral.

### SOCIAL INVITATION

Every September hundreds of pilgrims gather in the beautiful grounds of Harvington Hall, Worcestershire, for the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs. This year is extra special as it marks the centenary of Harvington's rescue from ruin. The moated property, which was gifted to the Archdiocese of Birmingham by Ellen Ferris in 1923, has the greatest number of priest hides of any house in the country. Harvington's Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 1345hrs with further details available via: [www.harvingtonhall.co.uk/](http://www.harvingtonhall.co.uk/)

### AND FINALLY ...

... that awkward moment when you realise that you have just spent the last hour developing thoughts and building opinions that you will never share with anyone.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*