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Sunday, 8th December 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (BIBLE SUNDAY) – YEAR C

1100hrs Mass Intention: Bernard Branagan RIP

Preface: Advent I

Eucharistic Prayer III

Entrance Hymn: 475

Offertory Hymn: 94

Communion Hymn: 643

Recessional Hymn: 108

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. 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 A Paintin; Mrs P Brooks

Readers: Mrs J White; Mrs P Powell

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 9th Dec: ***The Immaculate Conception of the BVM***

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Expectant mothers

Tue 10th Dec: ***Our Lady of Loreto***

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

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week II)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Alison Gosnell RIP

Thu 12th Dec: ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***

Fri 13th Dec: ***St Lucy, virgin, martyr***

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs L McMahon; Mrs M Ferrie

Readers: Mrs S Cole; Mr C Endean

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with those who seek to proclaim the Gospel through the teaching of scripture by word and example, in your personal intercessions.

CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING

Our annual Christmas Raffle prizes will be on show and tickets on sale from today, as previously advertised, with the draw taking place on Sunday, 22nd December.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 825 4329 1653

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82543291653?pwd=eVntsVFawotdvYpfe4Vm0qCZjlzPkJ.1> Passcode: 838095

Monday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 820 1752 2875

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82017522875?pwd=xXO2MVCgxIIISLwzRLZs2CQ6TYFmY8.1> Passcode: 184409

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 831 3187 0533

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83131870533?pwd=pHzrLz6ifPCWo1HcbRIB7rkDif8OHM.1> Passcode: 741439

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]

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION

Next Sunday, 15th December Bishop Paul will be the celebrant at Mass when he joins us to Receive into Full Communion with the Catholic Church Hannah, Lucy and Michelle, and to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on them together with Annabelle, Charlie and Jack, all of whom have been receiving Instruction in the Faith for the past few months. Please keep them in your prayers.

ECUMENICAL GATHERING

For some time now the Combined Choirs of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, the Garrison Church of St Andrew, the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints and our own of the Garrison Church of St Michael & St George have been in rehearsal for the Advent Carol Service which will be celebrated next Sunday, 15th December at 1800hrs here in the Cathedral. Details are on the noticeboard.

PAPAL COMMUNICATION

Pope Francis' December Video text is on the noticeboard and Bishopric website: www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEs2XA-PuuU

AND FINALLY ...

... procrastination is known as the art of keeping up with yesterday.

With every blessing
 Fr Nick