



## ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

1100hrs Mass Intention: Rosina Branagan RIP

Entrance Hymn: 206

Offertory Hymn: 315

Communion Hymn: 720

Recessional Hymn: 964

Kyrie: M21

Gloria: None

Sanctus: M35

Acclamation: M37(3)

Great Amen: M38

Agnus Dei: M11

*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 A Paintin; Mrs P Brooks

Readers: Mr C Endean; Mrs S Cole

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

### THIS WEEK

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

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: *Feria of Lent, Week 1, Year II*

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: *Feria of Lent, Week 1, Year II*

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: *Feria of Lent, Week 1, Year II*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)

1200hrs – Holy Mass

*Nigel Hearn RIP*

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: *The Chair of St Peter*

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: *Feria of Lent, Week 1, Year II*

**Lent Fast Day**

1400hrs – Stations of the Cross

1430hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs L McMahon; Mrs M Ferrie

Readers: Col P Rossiter; Mrs C Pritchard

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

### SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Lent Family Fast Day takes place this Friday with a Special Collection for CAFOD next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. Envelopes are available at the back of church for your donations and further opportunities are at: [www.cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day](http://www.cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day)

### LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 864 2253 8100

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86422538100?pwd=RDB0QkRkUjZxa0tvRONFZ3pjQnc0UT09> Passcode: 797050

### LENTEN JOURNEY

The text of the Holy Father's homily at the Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of the Ashes on Ash Wednesday is available on the noticeboard and Bishopric website.

### COMMUNITY ENDEAVOUR

Details of the Craft Exhibition which will take place in the Cathedral next Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February are on the noticeboard. Exhibitors are asked to bring their items to church either on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> or Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February with prior warning on 01252 851995 or [davidlouise@morgan-jones.com](mailto:davidlouise@morgan-jones.com) so that someone is there to receive things and keep them safe.

### PAPAL PROCLAMATION

Pope Francis has inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful "to intensify prayer to prepare us to live well this event of grace and to experience the power of God's hope." In remarks after the Angelus recently, the Holy Father explained that the Year of Prayer is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world." He added that the Dicastery for Evangelization will be preparing materials to assist in celebrating the Year. 2025 will also be the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (325 AD). Further details and resources are available at: [www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html)

### FAITHFUL SUPPORT

As a way of showing solidarity with Christian Palestinians we shall be using Palestinian olive oil for the Chrism Service. Details of how it is produced and a link to the order site for personal use may be found at: [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/49123](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/49123)

### SPIRITUAL INVITATION

The Marian Fathers have kindly offered to conduct a Lenten Retreat of the Divine Mercy here in the Cathedral on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March. Details are on the noticeboard and Bishopric website.

### AND FINALLY ...

... it's a fact that we've all survived 100% of our worst days so far.

*With every blessing*  
Fr Nick