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Sunday, 28th December 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSPEH – YEAR A

1100hrs Mass Intention: Lorraine McEwan RIP

Preface: The Nativity of the Lord I

Eucharistic Prayer III

Entrance Hymn: 141

Offertory Hymn: 138

Communion Hymn: 145

Recessional Hymn: 152

Kyrie: M13

Gloria: M14

Sanctus: M15

Acclamation: M17

Great Amen: Plainchant

Agnus Dei: M20

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: Mr T Booth; Mrs S Levett
Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mrs N Francis-Crerar
Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs E Haddon; Mrs M Szklarek
Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 29th Dec: *Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas*

Tue 30th Dec: *Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas*

Wed 31st Dec: *Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Lucy Yorke RIP

Thu 1st Jan: **MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Dcn Robert Levett RIP

Fri 2nd Jan: *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen,
bishops, doctors*

Sat 3rd Jan: *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

1430hrs – Divine Mercy Liturgy

NEXT SUNDAY

Celebrant: Fr Pat Sherlock SDB
Welcome Team: Mr T Booth; Mrs S Levett
Readers: Col P Rossiter; Mrs A Paintin
Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs O Beattie; Mrs P Rossiter
Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, especially those on operations and away from home at this time, together with their families and all support staff, as well as all who are lonely, bereaved, fearful and without hope, in your personal intercessions.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 899 7781 7890

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89977817890?pwd=HXaOcjUxNkh3QcmBLkxK6IVAQHOANr.1> Passcode: 657942

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 842 9340 9135

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84293409135?pwd=APKXhZPezhIEdiJ4hwjsZNvaxdbxus.1> Passcode: 495514

Thursday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 828 7292 1889

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82872921889?pwd=Kq65PYpTY2ecAHZDperVZ4LWEflA8j.1> Passcode: 307460

PAPAL PROCLAMATION

Pope Leo XIV gave his first Urbi et Orbi message and blessing to the city and to the world on Christmas Day to pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square. The Holy Father renewed his plea for peace, reminding the world that it is both God's gift and humanity's shared responsibility. Christ, the Pope continued, is peace because He frees humanity from sin and "shows us the way to overcome conflicts - all conflicts, whether interpersonal or international." Without hearts that have been forgiven, he warned, it is impossible to be "men and women of peace or builders of peace." The full text is available on the noticeboard and the Bishopric website.

CATHEDRAL DECORATION

Many favourable comments have been received about how our church looked and felt during the Christmas celebrations, and we are grateful to all who cleaned and polished and prepared, arranged the displays, made music and served at the liturgies, together with those who welcomed visitors and offered Christian hospitality, making our celebration a true witness to the Prince of Peace.

TEACHING POINT

The Christmas feast proper ends on the final day of its octave, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, on 1st January. The 'peak' of the Christmas 'season' is the Feast of the Epiphany, 6th January, the end of the 12 Days of Christmas. Trees and other decorations are traditionally kept until this day is over. The official end of the Christmas season in the current liturgical calendar is the Baptism of the Lord (this year falling on Sunday, 11th January), after which Ordinary Time begins. The nativity scene may be displayed until the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February, a feast of Jesus and the end of the ancient Forty Days of the Christmas season.

AND FINALLY ...

... how great it would be if more people were fluent in silence.

With every blessing for today and the year ahead
Fr Nick