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Sunday, 29th December 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – YEAR C

1100hrs Mass Intention: Mgr Nicholas France RIP

Preface Nativity I

Eucharistic Prayer I

Entrance Hymn: 141

Offertory Hymn: 138

Communion Hymn: 145

Recessional Hymn: 152

Kyrie: 480

Gloria: 481

Sanctus: 482

Acclamation: 485

Great Amen: Plainchant

Agnus Dei: 487

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 M Allen; Mrs O Beattie

Readers: Mrs C Pritchard; Mrs N Francis-Crerar

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

THIS WEEK

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

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

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

Wed 1st Jan: ***Mary, the Holy Mother of God***

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Eileen Keane & Fionn Harvey (health)

Thu 2nd Jan: *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen,*

bishops, doctors

Psalter Week I

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

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

Sat 4th Jan: *Weekday of Christmas Time, Year I*

1430hrs – Divine Mercy Liturgy

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mr T Booth; Mrs S Levett

Readers: Mr P Ndungu; Mrs J White

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with all are homeless and those who seek to support them at this time, in your personal intercessions.

ACKNOWLEDGING KINDNESS

Heartfelt thanks to all who sent me cards, gave gifts and offered greetings of the season. Assuring you all of my prayers and commitment in your service for the Jubilee Year ahead.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 875 4062 8015

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87540628015?pwd=CrHb3cRRn1rVbTbIRvAvhvlsJ3ola2.1> Passcode: 867835

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 837 1946 4406

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83719464406?pwd=11bJrmV69Vepi5EaWGGZ8cdx927MI0.1> Passcode: 485671

SACRAMENTAL ACTIVITY

Please keep Bishop Paul and his family in your prayers as they celebrate his mother's Funeral Mass this Tuesday, 31st January. We're delighted to welcome Fr Terkura Igbe, the 'newest' Army chaplain, as our celebrant for Mass this Wednesday, 1st January.

PAPAL PROCLAMATION

Pope Francis gave his traditional 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 reflected that the birth of the Lord Jesus is, "the mystery that never ceases to amaze and move us." He underscored how "the door of God's heart is always open" and may we "be reconciled with God" and with one another for a world marked by peace and harmony. 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 arranged the displays, made music and served at the liturgies, together with those who welcomed visitors

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 (transferred to the preceding Sunday) the end of the 12 Days of Christmas. Tree and other decorations are traditionally kept up at least 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, 12th January), after which Ordinary Time begins. The nativity scene may be displayed through this day or 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 a happy & peaceful 2025

Fr Nick