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Sunday, 26th December 2021

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

Mass Intention: Jaroslaw & Anna Krywoj RIP

Entrance Hymn: 141

Offertory Hymn: 145

Communion Hymn: 138

Recessional Hymn: 154

Kyrie: M13

Gloria: M14

Sanctus: M15

Acclamation: M18

Great Amen: Plainchant

Agnus Dei: M20

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

Please observe sensible precautions when entering and leaving the Cathedral by sanitising your hands, as well as leaving at least one seat between yourself and your household and another person or household. **Face coverings are mandatory (unless exempt) for services, but not when consuming refreshments afterwards.**

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.

The children will go to their liturgy with the Catechetical Team following the introduction to the Mass and return at the offertory. After Mass refreshments are served at the back of the Cathedral.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team:

Mrs P Ward;

Readers:

Mr B McMahon; Mrs E Ohemeng

Children's Liturgy Lead:

Mrs P Rossiter

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 27th Dec: *St John, apostle, evangelist (Bank Holiday)*

Tue 28th Dec: *The Holy Innocents (Bank Holiday)*

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

1145hrs – Midday Prayer: Psalter Week I

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Christians in the Holy Land

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

1600hrs – Reception of Coffin (Zoom available)

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

1100hrs – Funeral Mass (Zoom available)

Alison Gosnell RIP

Sat 1st Jan: **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

The Armed Forces of the Crown

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions, especially those on duty away from home as a new year begins.

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 and welcomed everyone to our Masses. A retiring collection to help cover the costs of flowers and other materials used will take place today.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES (for those unable to attend)

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 869 3462 7462

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86934627462?pwd=TG1DcnhpUX10YTRlcnZkYk9NSXp4QT09> Passcode: 706568

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 891 9321 6313

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89193216313?pwd=cERONXhTWUplmSmFjcnY0ZW9tOE92Zz09> Passcode: 824626

Thursday's Reception Zoom details – ID: 848 3246 0320

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84832460320?pwd=WGdrZ0twWjVPTkxxUEgvUVlWeWR3Zz09> Passcode: 363012

Friday's Funeral Mass Zoom details – ID: 894 3485 1372

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89434851372?pwd=bkprdWFPNEo3VzJGMU45bFltcHovdz09> Passcode: 640727

Saturday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 890 6963 8242

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89069638242?pwd=UytNOXZrTXVqblN6cHZ4WFV3WG53QT09> Passcode: 925832

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. 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 (Sunday, 8th January), after which Ordinary Time begins. The nativity scene may be displayed through this day or until the Presentation of the Lord on Wednesday, 2nd February, a feast of Jesus and the end of the ancient Forty Days of the Christmas season.

GENEROUS KINDNESS

To those who have sent cards, given gifts and offered greetings of the season to the clergy and, either directly or vicariously, to our families, please accept a heartfelt vote of thanks. It is a privilege to be able to work with you all for the glory of God's Kingdom and we continue to hold each and every one of you in our prayers.

INSPIRATIONAL VIEWING

Stories of a Generation with Pope Francis is a four-part series available on Netflix inspired by the book written by His Holiness with Antonio Spadaro entitled *Sharing the Wisdom*.

AND FINALLY ...

... true love stories never have endings.

With every blessing for a healthy and happy 2022

Fr Nick