



# ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

*1100hrs Mass Intention: Caro Thornley RIP*

Entrance Hymn: 831

Offertory Hymn: 431

Communion Hymn: 820

Recessional Hymn: 807

Kyrie: 521

Gloria: 998

Sanctus: 559

Acclamation: 561

Great Amen: 562

Agnus Dei: 592

*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 L McMahan; Mrs M Ferrie

Readers: Ms E Ohemeng; Mrs P Powell

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

## THIS WEEK

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

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Sept: *St Peter Claver, priest*

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Sept: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 23, Year II*

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Sept: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 23, Year II*  
1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week III)  
1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

**Elizabeth Leake RIP**

Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Sept: *Most Holy Name of Mary*

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Sept: *St John, Chrysostom, bishop, doctor*  
1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs E Allen; Mrs M Synyer

Readers: Mr B McMahan; Col P Rossiter

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs F Qiatabua

## PRAAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and support staff, together with all starting a new academic year in schools and places of learning, in your personal intercessions.

## PAPAL COMMUNICATION

One of the many questions that Pope Francis poses in the month of September, as he asks us to pray for the cry of the Earth, is: "Do we hear the pain of the millions of victims of environmental catastrophes?" The full text of the message is available on the noticeboard and Bishopric website, with the video at:

[www.thepopevideo.org/september-for-the-cry-of-the-earth/](http://www.thepopevideo.org/september-for-the-cry-of-the-earth/)

## LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 864 9281 5128

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86492815128?pwd=6LYf0pZa26aRjZVqUD0e7HrkLqiNXw.1> Passcode: 225122

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 841 0980 8799

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84109808799?pwd=KVDmGPrmMF19aEPaF9yPTYf4pHwKc6.1> Passcode: 268004

## WITH THANKS

We are most grateful to Fr Pat Sherlock SDB, Rector and Chaplain of Salesian College, for agreeing to be our celebrant at Mass today.

## TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established over 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. A message from Bishop Marcus Stock, Catholic Education Service Chairman, is available on the noticeboard and Bishopric website.

## DISPLACED CELEBRATION

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. It is thought that it originated in connection with the Feast of the dedication of a church dedicated to Mary, now the Church of St Ann, in Jerusalem in the 6th century. Tradition holds that this is where the house of Mary's parents, Joachim and Ann, stood and where she would have been born. The Feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the 8th century with Pope Sergius I. Nothing can be found in the Gospels to confirm the feast and they do not even give the names of her parents, which are based on a tradition that stems from the 2nd century Gospel of James.

## FAITHFUL WITNESS

Next Saturday, 14th September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in Westminster Cathedral, starting with Mass at 1230hrs and finishing around 1600hrs. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. A relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced, will also be present.

## AND FINALLY ...

... when in doubt look intelligent, assuming that's an option for you.

*With every blessing*  
Fr Nick