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Sunday, 31st December 2023

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

1100hrs Mass Intention: Patrick Casey 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

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: Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs S Cole

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 1st Jan: *Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

John Bryanhill RIP

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

bishops, doctors

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

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week II)

1200hrs – Holy Mass

Mary Messer RIP

Thu 4th Jan: *Weekday of Christmas Time*

Fri 5th Dec: *Weekday of Christmas Time*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs L McMahon; Mrs M Ferrie

Readers: Mr C Edean; Mrs J White

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

PRAAYER INTENTIONS

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

ACKNOWLEDGING KINDNESS

Heartfelt thanks to all who sent cards, gave gifts and offered greetings of the season to the clergy and their families. Assuring you all of our prayers and dedicated service for the year ahead.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 844 3346 0627

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84433460627?pwd=Y2UwcnEzOnVTU0lVLOZKZFlrdEhyQT09> Passcode: 240211

Monday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 833 4080 5535

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83340805535?pwd=UTFhRUh4eE9hZzNWV2lKdGFsQitQOT09> Passcode: 397747

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. In his Message Pope Francis spoke of how the Child Jesus reveals God's tender love for each one of us, which brings about "the joy that consoles hearts, renews hope and bestows peace." He prays for world peace and calls for every effort to stop violence and help those who are suffering. The full text is available on the noticeboard and 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, and everyone who made visitors welcome.

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 next 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 8th 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.

COMMUNITY ACTION

Congratulations to those who won prizes in our Christmas Raffle, thanks to all who purchased tickets in support of our charities and to May Casey and her team for their hard work and coordination.

AND FINALLY ...

... follow your heart by all means, but take your brain with you.

With every blessing for a happy & peaceful 2024

Fr Nick