



## ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Mass Intention: *Adrian Gillham RIP*

Entrance Hymn: 801

Offertory Hymn: 971

Communion Hymn: 979

Recessional Hymn: 849

Kyrie: M21

Gloria: M25

Sanctus: M39

Acclamation: M41

Great Amen: M43

Agnus Dei: M11

*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 no longer mandatory for services but are advised, especially during congregational singing.

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 J Endean; Mrs L Orme  
Readers: Mrs S Cole; Mrs M Williams  
Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

### THIS WEEK

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

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Jan: *St John Bosco, priest*

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Feb: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 4, Year II*

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb: *The Presentation of the Lord*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer: Psalter Week IV

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

*Molly Sutherland RIP*

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: *St Blaise, bishop, martyr*

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Feb: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 4, Year II*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

### CELEBRATING FAMILY

Today at 1230hrs we will welcome Josephine and Anastasia Shaw into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. The Zoom details will be the same as for Mass.

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University has opened applications for its Postgraduate Scholarships and Bursaries in Catholic Theology/Catholic Studies for 2022/2023. Further details are available at: [www.durham.ac.uk/research/institutes-and-centres/catholic-studies/facilities/funding](http://www.durham.ac.uk/research/institutes-and-centres/catholic-studies/facilities/funding)

### LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 896 7571 6447

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89675716447?pwd=MzFwNjlzV2h1NmNkSVBOTENWdEMzZz09> Passcode: 648627

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 884 6807 3037

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88468073037?pwd=VWZiMG0reDJubG1KMnpjL1pkWG9tdz09> Passcode: 988528

### TEACHING POINT

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord was named the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary until the 1969 changes in the Church's calendar. Under Mosaic law found in the Book of Leviticus, a Jewish woman who gave birth to a child was considered unclean (see 12:1-8). The mother of a newborn could not routinely go out into public and had to avoid all things sacred, including the Temple. If her child was a male, this exclusion lasted for 40 days. If the child was female, the period lasted 80 days. This was a ceremonial seclusion and not the result of sin or some kind of wrongdoing on the part of the mother. At the end of the specified period the woman presented herself at the Temple to be purified. If the baby was her firstborn male child, the infant was brought along to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord. The law in Exodus specifies that the first male child belongs to God (13:2-16). This law is a tribute to God for his sparing the firstborn Israelite males during the time of the Exodus from Egypt. The mother's purification ritual obliged her to bring, or purchase at the Temple, a lamb and a turtledove as sacrificial offerings. The lamb was offered in thanksgiving to God for the successful birth of the child; the turtledove was a sin offering. Families that could not afford a lamb could bring two pigeons or two turtledoves. After these animals were sacrificed, the Temple priest prayed over the woman and she could once again resume her normal role or status.

### PAPAL REFLECTION

In his Message for the World Day of Social Communications, Pope Francis says listening is an indispensable first step in human communication, and a dimension of love. He emphasised the quality of listening, which he said "is decisive in the grammar of communication and is a condition for genuine dialogue." The full text of his message is on the noticeboard and Bishopric website.

### AND FINALLY ...

... kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

*With every blessing  
Fr Nick*