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Sunday, 4th February 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

1100hrs Mass Intention: Albert & Phyllis Vanner RIP

Entrance Hymn: 683

Offertory Hymn: 475

Kyrie: 488

Acclamation: 493

Communion Hymn: 627

Gloria: 489

Great Amen: 494

Recessional Hymn: 721

Sanctus: 490

Agnus Dei: 495

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 P Ward; Mrs P Rossiter

Readers: Mrs J White; Mrs S Cole

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 5th Feb: *St Agatha, virgin*

Tue 6th Feb: *St Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs*

Wed 7th Feb: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 5, Year II*
1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)
1200hrs – Holy Mass

Gill Hyman RIP

Thu 8th Feb: *St Josephine Bakhita, virgin*
Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it

Fri 9th Feb: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 5, Year II*
1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Gillham

Readers: Mrs C Pritchard; Mrs N Francis-Crerar

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

CHRISTIAN WITNESS

In a video Father Gabriel Romanelli, parish priest of the Church of the Holy Family in Gaza, describes how his parishioners are coping since the war begun over one hundred days ago. It may be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvFqO3he7pY&t=325s

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 882 8157 5436

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88281575436?pwd=aEIJMWNWUUhYTkRjLzhuSy9Gd2ZRZz09> Passcode: 903995

IN MEMORIAM

The Abbot and Community of Worth Abbey have announced with sadness that Fr Stephen Ortiger died peacefully among his monastic brethren on 27th January after a short illness. His Funeral Mass will take place at Worth Abbey on Saturday, 17th February at 1030hrs and will be followed by a reception. To assist with making arrangements all who wish to attend are asked to complete the form via: www.worthabbey.net/rt-rev-dom-stephen-ortiger-r-i-p/

THOUGHTFUL REFLECTION

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General has designated 8th February as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. It is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000. Catholics all over the world are encouraged, through prayer, not only to reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors, while supporting all who seek to eradicate such activity.

PAPAL COMMUNICATION

In February's Pope Video prayer intention we are reminded that the terminally ill have the right to medical, psychological, spiritual and human assistance. The full text is on the noticeboard and Bishopric website and the link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=jayT_zLOekc

PERSONAL PLEADINGS

The International Pilgrimage Directors' Meeting will be taking place in Lourdes this week. Prayer requests and Mass intentions may be made on the sheets at the back of church and sealed in the envelopes provided. They will be presented at the Grotto of our Lady on the feast day next Sunday, 11th February.

AND FINALLY ...

... an optimist can be wrong in the same way that a pessimist can be wrong, but the optimist tends to be far happier about it!

With every blessing
Fr Nick