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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

1100hrs – Holy Mass (broadcast via Zoom)

Mass Intention: The Ryan Family

The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation remains suspended until further notice.

WELCOME EVERYONE

Each time you attend Mass in person you will be required to complete a 'Track & Trace' form. In addition, please note the following guidance and engage with all of the instructions:

1. Sanitise your hands on entry to, and exit from, the Cathedral.
2. Face coverings & two metres social distancing are mandatory.
3. Adhere to the one-way system by following the arrows.
4. Go straight to your seat on entry and do not engage in conversation with anyone except those from your household.
5. Ensure that there are at least two seats between yourself or your household and another person or household.
6. There will be no exchange of the Sign of Peace.
7. At the invitation to holy communion all join saying 'Amen' as the celebrant presents the host and the chalice from the altar.
8. Nothing will be said, and thus no response is necessary, if you come forward to receive Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.
9. After Mass please put your kneeler on your chair and leave the Cathedral while maintaining two metres social distance.
10. Place your Mass sheet in the bin or take it home with you and put your offering/collection money in the receptacle provided.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

The times when the Cathedral will be open each day for individual prayer are given below *in bold italics*. Mass will continue to be offered privately each weekday for the intentions of the faithful. On Wednesdays Mass is open to the public. The celebration of Mass on Solemnities and Holy Days of Obligation will be via Zoom, as it is on Sundays and Wednesdays. The clergy may be contacted via their duty mobile numbers given above.

THIS WEEK

Mon 24th Aug: *St Bartholomew, apostle*

1400hrs-1600hrs

Tue 25th Aug: *St Louis*

1100hrs-1300hrs

Wed 26th Aug: *Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, priest*

1130hrs-1600hrs 1200hrs – Holy Mass (broadcast via Zoom)

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Thu 27th Aug: *St Monica*

1100hrs-1300hrs

Fri 28th Aug: *St Augustine, bishop, doctor*

1400hrs-1600hrs

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with everyone affected by, and involved in the fight against, Coronavirus in your personal intercessions.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 864 3334 1343

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86433341343?pwd=SWk2N1o2TEJ6eENHTExzTjNRN2t1QT09> Passcode: 414525

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 837 3043 7210

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83730437210?pwd=YmdnMzZmSIRaQXlxKzcwbGhRc2tEUT09> Passcode: 184068

ICONIC FOCUS

By the generous efforts of Brian Brooks and Alan Howard the Crucifix from the Catholic Chapel at RAF Cranwell (which is now closed) has been relocated on to the wall in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Full details of its history and construction have been requested and will be published when available.

TEACHING POINT

The Bishops' Conference, in issuing guidance on the celebration and reception of the Sacraments, sort to assist the People of God to be safe whilst abiding by the precepts of Universal Law as found in The Obligations and Rights of all the Christian Faithful: Can. 223 §1. In exercising their rights, the Christian faithful, both as individuals and gathered together in associations, must take into account the common good of the Church, the rights of others, and their own duties toward others. §2. In view of the common good, ecclesiastical authority can direct the exercise of rights which are proper to the Christian faithful.

Article 9, paragraph 2, of the European Convention on Human Rights, in which The Holy See participates, states: "Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs shall be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of public safety, for the protection of public order, health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others." This shows that an issue, such as public health, is a significant concern and that the ecclesiastical authorities may legitimately use this concern, focussing on the common good, to moderate the rights of the Christian faithful during a pandemic and prescribe certain rules.

CHANGING CONDITIONS

HM Government has issued updated guidelines for singing in places of worship. These may be viewed on the Bishopric website.

AND FINALLY ...

... while the word is yet unspoken, you are master of it; when once it is spoken, it is master of you.

With every blessing
Fr Nick