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Sunday, 30th August 2020

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

1100hrs – Holy Mass (broadcast via Zoom)

Mass Intention: The People of God

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 31st Aug: *St Aidan, bishop, & Saints of Lindisfarne*

BANK HOLIDAY

Tue 1st Sept: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 22, Year II*

1100hrs-1300hrs

Wed 2nd Sept: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 22, Year II*

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

Victims of Natural Disasters

Thu 3rd Sept: *St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor*

1100hrs-1300hrs

Fri 4th Sept: *St Cuthbert, bishop*

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: 843 9783 3883

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84397833883?pwd=SDdycWNxUzd2V0VvZlVXSHp0NXA2UT09> Passcode: 931535

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 894 5939 9282

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89459399282?pwd=WG9jVmpRaVhGbFZrZFUyRmd2T21Bdz09> Passcode: 801025

PAPAL REFLECTIONS

'Christian charity is not simple philanthropy', Pope Francis told pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square for the Angelus last Sunday. 'On the one hand,' the Holy Father said, 'charity is looking at the other with the same eyes of Jesus, but on the other hand, it is seeing Jesus in the face of the poor. This is the true path of Christian charity, with Jesus at the centre, always.' A translation of the Pope's words is available on the Bishopric website.

SPIRITUAL INVITATION

The Holy Father has established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the whole Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth." He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." This World Day of Prayer also falls at the beginning of the Season of Creation, which runs until 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. A Novena of Prayer to St Francis, together with a Reflection for the day and a Statement by the various Conferences of Churches in Europe, may be found on the Bishopric website. Further resources are available free at: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Celebrate-World-Day-of-Prayer>

IN ANTICIPATION

Next Sunday the principal celebrant at Mass will be Bishop Paul.

AND FINALLY ...

... as you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point in the wrong direction.

With every blessing
Fr Nick