

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE
with
ST TERESA OF LISIEUX, HORNS CROSS

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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 5th March -
Battle (LITURGY OF THE WORD
& HOLY COMMUNION)

9am Sunday 6th March -
Northiam (People of the Parish)

10.45am Sunday 6th March -
Battle

(Intention of Mark Clemence)

10am Wednesday 9th March -
Battle (Celebrant's Intention)

Sacrament of Reconciliation after
6pm Mass Saturdays

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Weekend 5th / 6th March 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

We are to walk in the ways of God and listen to God's voice.

- **Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13**

Paul says that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

- **Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, like Moses before him, retreats into the wilderness, where he fasts for forty days and rejects the temptations put before him.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, Anthony Gibbons, Rosemary Parkes, Suzanne McAdie.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen & Cyril Webster, Dominic Leahy, Rodney Atkinson, Brian O'Connell.

Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Jack Morgan, Guy Hooper, Di Bean RIP, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Trish Archutowski RIP, Gillian Mitchell RIP.

- If you feel you need to contact Fr Paul for any reason, his phone number is: 01323 670156.

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office if you would like these visits to recommence, 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk with a Minister or with Fr Paul, who is happy to make home visits.
- Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please either give them directly to Fr Paul after Mass or let Maggie know of any future Intentions on 773125, e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk, or drop a note through the Presbytery door, thank you.
- If you wish to follow a live Mass please follow this link from our Diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy has now restarted during the 10.45am Mass at Battle. If you have any children that have missed this during the restrictions and would like to join into these sessions again, please bring them along.

LENT Taizé Service - This Tuesday, 8th March 7pm.

This is an important event in the life of our Parish Community in the run up to Easter, and will provide us with the **opportunity of praying for the people of Ukraine** - please pass the word to everyone, including our friends from the other Christian churches in Battle - all are welcome!

• **CAFOD**

➤ **Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal**

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in Church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent. There is also a link on the website (cafod.org.uk/fastday) to a very short and uplifting video which you may like to watch.

➤ **DEC/CAFOD - Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**

More than half a million people have fled their homes to escape conflict in Ukraine - leaving behind jobs, belongings and loved ones, they need shelter, food and water. Life for the people of Ukraine has completely changed. Homes, schools and hospitals have been destroyed.

With your help, we can be ready to support the families who are in desperate need. Any donation you can give will make a difference to the Ukrainian people and will be matched by the Government, thus doubling your donation.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>



- **Lent 2022 Fundraising Challenge:** This year's challenge is to walk 5kilometres per day in Lent - 200km in all - to help eradicate hunger in the world: a daunting task, but sadly a

necessary one. TEAM FORGE (Vicky Chainey, Ingrid Finch & John Reid) have once again accepted the challenge, and hope to raise at least £500 for this essential work. Donations may be made in the usual way via at [Team Forge CAFOD Walk Against Hunger | Walk against Hunger | CAFOD](#) (Gift Aid if possible), or by cash to any Team Forge member.

- **Greetings from Fr Pat:** Eddie and the Yellowmen Team were visited by Fr Pat and his cousin after they travelled up from central Kenya to the mountains, where the Yellowmen were working. As usual, he spoke very fondly about Battle and 'his' parishioners, and Eddie was able to give him news about many of the people he knew. Father also said that he would like to come to visit the Parish in October and we will await his confirmation of this.

Fr Pat with Eddie and other Yellowmen Mike and Iain



News from our Diocese

- **Lenten Reflection for Young Adults (18-35)**

Facilitated by the House of Prayer team, this day will provide a time of quiet reflection during this season of renewal. Based on Ignation spirituality, we will explore prayer and scripture in a new and profound way. Saturday 12th March 10am-4pm House of Prayer East Molesey Cost £25 email lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details.

- **Confirmation Catechist Reflection & Formation Day**

Join us for a day of Lenten reflection led by The Catholic Bible School. You will have the opportunity to stop, pray, and spend time with the Lord during this season of renewal. You will also discover new and exciting ways to help young people connect to their faith.

Saturday 26th March 10am-3.30pm St John the Evangelist Horsham Cost £5 email lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details.

- **Beginning Experience Weekend:** If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

- We are very pleased to let you know that we have opened online applications for the 2022 **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 29 July - 4 August 2022** by Air, or for those who need assistance: 28 July - 5 August 2022 by Redshirt Coach / Jumbulance / Helper Coach. Online applications for all those who do not require any assistance in Lourdes or on the journey can be found on our website lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk or you can [click here](#).

Paper applications for those who require assistance will be posted out in the new year. If you or someone you know would like to receive an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form, please email office@ablourdes.org with the name and postal address. The closing date for online applications is 30th April 2022.

We are receiving several applications from Pilgrims who will require assistance to join this

year's Lourdes Pilgrimage, but at this point we are short of Helpers, Nurses and Doctors to assist with their Pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions anyone has prior to applying. The application form they should use is available on our website:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

- **Flame Youth Conference - 4th March 2023**

The theme will be 'Rise Up' and will see the return of Guvna B as well as some acclaimed national and international speakers. **We will be attending as a Diocese**, so please e-mail lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to reserve your place.

Worth Abbey Retreats this Spring:

- **Finding Stillness: 14 -17 March, Cost: £330 per person**

Come away to a quiet place to find stillness and God's presence. Discover in the Benedictine tradition how stillness and stability can offer ways of opening up to God and living life at a deeper level.

Book online: www.worth.co.uk/retreats E: retreats@worth.org.uk or T: 01342 710318

- **Lent Retreats led by Fr Peter Williams OSB, a member of the community at Worth, 29 - 31 March, Cost: £220 pp.**

Take time out during Lent to review your life and ask where God is calling you to change; to simplify things. Exploring the desert father tradition and the writings of John Cassian to examine thoughts and feelings and to see how it talks to us in the 21st century. To find out more: www.worth.co.uk/retreats E: retreats@worth.org.uk or T: 01342 710318

Lent Fast Day Prayer

Loving God,

We thank and praise you
for all the gifts you have given us.

But in a world of plenty
too many people go hungry.

We pray that you may work through us,
so our small acts of love
make a big difference
and everyone has enough to eat.

Amen.

- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm.
- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

Vatican News

Pope: 'Silence all weapons. Those who wage war forget humanity!'

"In these days we have been shocked by something tragic: war!"

With these words Pope Francis launched a series of appeals: for prayers and closeness to those suffering the Russian assault in Ukraine; for the opening of humanitarian corridors for those who flee; and, for political resolutions to conflicts in Ukraine and in other parts of the world. "Many times," he said during the Sunday Angelus, "we have prayed that this road would not be taken," and he asked the faithful to continue to implore God more intensely.

2nd March: Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace: The Pope renewed his invitation to everyone to make 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in Ukraine. *"It is a day to be close to the suffering of the Ukrainian people, to be aware that we are all brothers and sisters, and to implore God for an end to the war."*

Those who wage war forget humanity: Pope Francis went on to say that "those who wage war forget humanity: they do not start from the people; they do not look at the concrete life of the people, but put partisan interests and power in front of everything." "They rely on the diabolic and perverse logic of weapons which is the most distant from the will of God, and they distance themselves from the common people who want peace," he said. He noted that, in every conflict, "ordinary people are the real victims who pay for the follies of war with their own skin. "The Pope added that he thinks especially "of the elderly, of those who are seeking refuge at this time, of mothers fleeing with their children." *"They are brothers and sisters for whom it is urgent to open humanitarian corridors and who must be welcomed, with an aching heart, for what is happening in Ukraine."*

Don't forget wars in other parts of the world:

Pope Francis also invited all men and women of goodwill not to forget the wars in other parts of the world, mentioning those in Yemen, Syria, and Ethiopia. *"I repeat: May weapons be silenced! God is with the peacemakers, not with those who use violence!"* Those who love peace, the Pope continued, as the Italian Constitution states, "repudiate war as an instrument of offence to the freedom of other peoples and as a means of settling international disputes."



Ukrainian refugees arrive at Zahonyi railway station close to the Hungarian-Ukrainian border (AFP or licensors)



Refugees fleeing from Ukraine arrive in Hungary