

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE**  
with  
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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 2 for Weekdays

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**Weekend Mass Times**

6pm Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March -  
Battle (Carlotta Fernandes, RIP)

9am Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March -  
Northiam (The Webster Family)

10.45am Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March -  
Battle

(Intention of Mark Clemence)

10am Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March -  
Battle (Celebrant's Intention)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation after  
6pm Mass Saturdays**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Weekend 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Introduction to the Scripture Readings:**

- **First Reading:** Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15  
The Lord hears the cry of his people's suffering and sends Moses to lead them to the promised land.
- **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12  
Be vigilant in living the life of faith.
- **Gospel:** Luke 13:1-9  
Jesus calls us to repent and patiently waits for our response.

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

**From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael:** Margaret Thunder, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

- **CAFOD**

- **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>



- Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

To find out about events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

- The Diocese is currently considering how best to support the incoming Ukrainians and will be liaising with central government and local authorities over this. It is thought that once the people start arriving, Parishes will be able to sponsor individuals or families through the Diocese and discover specific ways in which they can help them - very practical things

like help with buying school uniform for their children or clothes for themselves, teaching the children some English or accompanying them to Citizens Advice Bureaux and so on.

- **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.
- **Jo Cooper RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jo Cooper who sadly died last week after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.
- **Booking Into and Signing in at Mass:** In response to the recent reduction in restrictions there is no longer a need to book into Mass or sign in. We will go back to counting the number of parishioners present. Thank you for all your help with this when it was needed.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Congratulations to the winners of the March draw!  
£12 - Janet Brooman      £24 - David Wilson

### News from our Diocese

- **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 26<sup>th</sup> March 10am-3.30pm St John the Evangelist Horsham Cost £5 email [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:office@ablourdes.org) with the name and postal address. The closing date for online applications is 30<sup>th</sup> 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 - 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) to reserve your place.

- **Worth Abbey Retreats this Spring**

**Finding Stillness: 14 -17 March, Cost: £330 pp (3 nights).** 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 your place W: [www.worth.co.uk/retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats) E: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) T: 01342 710318

**Lent Reflection: 29 - 31 March, Cost: £220 per person.** 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 21<sup>st</sup> century. Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB, a member of the community at Worth.

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**Time Out: individual self-led retreats:** 6 - 8 May, 17 - 19 June and 18 - 22 July, Cost: £90 pp, per night. A chance for some time away to process, to reflect and to pray. There is no set programme other than group Lectio Divina at 9.30am, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity to meet with one of the community for reconciliation or a chat. These dates are set aside from the normal retreat programme to offer a bit of sanctuary for your own private retreat, with plenty of time to visit the Abbey Church for private prayer and reflection or explore the beautiful Worth Abbey estate.

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### SAINTS & EVENTS OF THE WEEK

**21<sup>st</sup> March - Bishop Richard Moth appointed as fifth Bishop of Arundel and Brighton on this day in 2015**



### **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - 25<sup>th</sup> March**

On the floor of the Holy House in Nazareth, an inscription read 'Verbum caro hic factum est'; 'the Word was made flesh here'. When the Blessed Virgin said 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, the Word became flesh and dwelt in her womb for nine months. the Annunciation is the prologue to the mysteries of Holy Week: the Incarnation happened so that we could be redeemed; the child conceived on this day was born to die for our sins and conquer death.



- 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 on Ukraine: 'In the name of God, stop this massacre!'**

At the conclusion of the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis recalled that the faithful had just prayed to the Virgin Mary, as the city that bears her name, Mariupol, has "become a city of martyrs in the terrible war ravaging Ukraine." The Pope expressed horror over the barbarity of the killing of children, innocents and unarmed civilians, and called for an end to the unacceptable armed aggression, before it reduces cities to cemeteries.

"With pain in my heart, I join my voice to that of the common people, who implore an end to the war," he said.



*"In the name of God, let the cries of those who suffer be heard and let the bombings and attacks cease! Let there be a real and decisive focus on negotiation, and let the humanitarian corridors be effective and safe. In the name of God, I ask you: stop this massacre!"*

**Welcoming fleeing Christ:** The Pope asked for the many people who have fled Ukraine to be welcomed, saying "Christ is present" in them. He also expressed his gratitude for the great network of solidarity that has sprung up in response to the millions fleeing the war in Ukraine. The Pope requested that all diocesan and religious communities increase their efforts in praying for peace.

*"God is only God of peace. He is not God of war, and those who support violence profane His name."*

In conclusion, Pope Francis invited everyone present in St. Peter's Square to pray in silence for those suffering and for God to convert hearts to a firm will for peace.

#### **From the rubble of Mosul to that in Ukraine, the Pope's voice of peace and hope**

Pope Francis is beginning the tenth year of his pontificate. The anniversary is dramatically marked by the horror of war in the heart of Europe.

It is striking to listen back to some of the words spoken by the Pope a year ago, during the most important and courageous apostolic journey of his pontificate: the one to Iraq. This was a visit he forcefully desired, despite the risks and the



obstacles deriving from the enormous security concerns such a journey posed, especially for those participating in the celebrations and meetings.

Against all odds, in March 2021, Pope Francis undertook that pilgrimage, one of St. John Paul II's never realized dreams, to show his closeness to all the victims of fundamentalism, to lend encouragement to the difficult path of reconstruction of the country, to extend a hand to the many peaceful Muslims who want to live in peace with Christians and with members of other religions.

The apex of that journey was the visit, by the Bishop of Rome, to the rubble-strewn city of Mosul. On that occasion, Pope Francis said, "Today all of us raise our voices in prayer to Almighty God for all the victims of war and armed conflict. Here in Mosul, the tragic consequences of war and hostility are all too evident. How cruel it is that this country, the cradle of civilization, should have been afflicted by so barbarous a blow, with ancient places of worship destroyed and many thousands of people - Muslims, Christians, Yazidis, who were cruelly eliminated by terrorism, and others - forcibly displaced or killed!"

One year later, yet again, the tragic consequences of the dirty war in Ukraine, hypocritically defined a "special military operation," are before the eyes of the world, with their load of pain, suffering, the bodies of innocent people torn apart, children killed, families divided, millions of refugees forced to leave everything behind to escape the bombs, cities turned into battlefields, homes gutted and burned. Not to mention the wounded hearts, which will take years to heal. This time the war is close by. It is not far away like the one in Iraq, for which Pope Wojtyla - unheeded - had prophetically implored, in vain, that it not be waged. A war that transformed the land of Abraham into a cesspool of terrorism. War, is an "adventure with no return".

This time, hatred and violence cannot be cloaked in theories about the "clash of civilizations", they have nothing to do with fictitious religious motivations. This time, on the two fronts there are men and women who share the same Christian faith and the same baptism. Faced with the havoc caused by the aggression of the Russian army in Ukraine, and the escalation of a war that risks dragging the world into nuclear conflict, it is not easy to find signs of hope.

Yet, just as a year ago in Mosul Pope Francis reaffirmed his "conviction that fraternity is more durable than fratricide, that hope is more powerful than hatred, that peace more powerful than war," even today, despite all, it is possible to hope. Imploring God for the gift of peace, without ever ceasing to seek it and pursue it, leaving no stone unturned to obtain a ceasefire and the beginning of real negotiations. Because if we want peace, we have to prepare peace, not war. It is necessary to have the courage and the creativity to follow new paths to build a coexistence between nations that is not based on balances of force and on deterrence. Today it is possible to hope by looking to the great wave of solidarity that has gushed forth in a matter of days and to the generosity of countries like Poland, which have opened their doors to millions of refugees. One year ago, at the interreligious meeting in the Plain of Ur, Pope Francis said: "From where, then, can the journey of peace begin? From the decision not to have enemies. Anyone with the courage to look at the stars, anyone who believes in God, has no enemies to fight. He or she has only one enemy to face, an enemy that stands at the door of the heart and knocks to enter. That enemy is *hatred*. While some try to have enemies more than to be friends, while many seek their own profit at the expense of others, those who look at the stars of the promise, those who follow the ways of God, cannot be *against* someone, but *for* everyone.

They cannot justify any form of imposition, oppression and abuse of power; they cannot adopt an attitude of belligerence." In these nine years of his pontificate, the Pope has taught us that the path to peace begins with the disarmament of hearts. To call oneself a Christian means to belong to a God made Man, who allowed himself to be killed on the cross for love. Choosing to be a helpless victim, for two thousand years he has been asking us to be on the side of the oppressed, of those who are attacked, of the defeated, of the last, of the discarded. He asks us to sow peace, never hatred, war or violence.