

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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## THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Battle (Grace McAdie, RIP)

9am Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Northiam (People of the Parish)

10.45am Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Battle (Intention of Madeleine Salter)

### Weekday Masses at Battle

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September - NO MASS

6pm Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Battle (No Intention)

10am Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Battle (No Intention)

6am Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Battle (No Intention)

10am Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Battle (No Intention)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**available after all Masses and upon Request**

### Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Amos 8:4-7**

The prophet speaks in blunt terms. Religious observance without concern for justice towards those who are poor is nothing but empty show.

- **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

Prayer is essential, not only in individual terms but as the obligation of the whole community. It is important for the common good that we take our responsibility to pray seriously, even when we cannot see the results.

- **Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

The parable of the dishonest stewards appears baffling at first sight. But the key is in the final comment: whoever is faithful in little is faithful in much; and whoever is dishonest in little will be dishonest in much.

**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, Suzanne McAdie.

**From St Teresa's:** Keith Bourne, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Rodney Atkinson, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Gerard Leahy.

- 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, with a Minister or with Fr Richard, who is happy to make home visits, on 01424 773125 or [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please either give them directly to Fr Richard 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/>
- **Change of Sunday Mass Time:** Fr Richard is thinking of changing the Sunday Mass time to 11am, please let us know if this would suit you better. Any feedback would be gratefully received.
- **Reading at Mass** - we have very few parishioners undertaking this important Ministry in the Church. Full assistance will be given to anyone interested in joining our small team. Please come forward and let Fr Richard know of your interest.
- **Team Forge does it again!** - last weekend, Team Forge (Ingrid Finch, Vicky Chainey & John Reid) successfully completed the 'Moonlight & Memories Walk 2022', raising funds for St Michael's hospice. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their very generous support and gently make the point that we are happy to receive your sponsorship money as soon as is convenient! Ingrid, Vicky & John
- Elizabeth Norris also completed the "Moonlight & Memories" 10k walk in aid of St Michael's Hospice on 10<sup>th</sup> September. Any donations would be gratefully received. She has a Just Giving page: [justgiving.com/elizabeth-norris10](https://www.justgiving.com/elizabeth-norris10), if you would like to make donations this way.
- **Battle Foodbank - Needs and Updates:** This week the Foodbank needs Tins of Soup, Tomatoes, Cold Meat and Fish; Small bags of Sugar; Biscuits; SweetTreats; Jars of Marmite and Peanut Butter and Boxes of 40's teabags. Please put items in the basket at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

- **Hospitality Volunteers needed - Can you spare a couple of hours once every few weeks on a Wednesday lunchtime 12:30 - 2:30pm?** The Foodbank is going to restart hospitality for clients offering tea and coffee, this stopped during the Covid lockdown. We need volunteers to cover the hospitality - this would entail arriving about 12.30 to set up and then serve tea/coffee and biscuits and chat to clients from 1.00 to about 2.30. If you can help please contact Sally Perry (Battle FoodBank Manager) email: [sparrygb@gmail.com](mailto:sparrygb@gmail.com) or email [chrisamullis@gmail.com](mailto:chrisamullis@gmail.com)
- **Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 17th October 2022. £699.00 per person sharing.** Price includes 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

### Saints of the Week

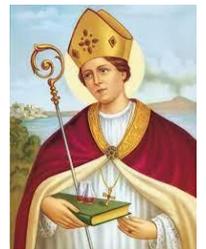
#### **Memorial of St Theodore of Tarsus, Bishop - 19<sup>th</sup> September**

St Theodore (c.602-690) was born in Tarsus (now in Turkey, but then part of the Greek-speaking Eastern Empire) and studied at Antioch and Constantinople; eventually he joined a community of Eastern monks in Rome. He was the surprise choice of Pope St Vitalian as Archbishop of Canterbury, taking possession of the See on 27<sup>th</sup> May 669. His episcopate proved to be an important one: he presided over a council of the whole English Church at Hertford in 672, established an influential school for clergy at Canterbury (he was a remarkably learned man), intervened in the dispute between St Wilfrid and St Chad, created new dioceses and promoted reform of the Church.



#### **Memorial of St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr - 19<sup>th</sup> September**

St Januarius (+c.304) was Bishop of Benevento in Italy. He was martyred, possibly by beheading during the persecution of Diocletian, and is venerated as patron of Naples. His dried blood contained in a phial famously liquifies three times a year, including on his feast.



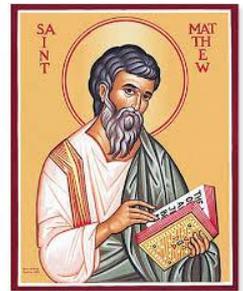
#### **Memorial of St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions, Martyrs of Korea - 20<sup>th</sup> September**

The Korean Martyrs testify to the presence of the faith in that region from the eighteenth century and the terrible persecutions during the nineteenth century. Outstanding among them were St Andrew Kim Taegon (1821-1846), the first Korean-born priest who was tortured and beheaded near Seoul in 1846, and St Paul Chong Ha-sang (c.1794-1839), a lay catechist who was crucified on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1839. More than 8,000 Christians from all walks of life lost their lives during the persecution and 103 of them were canonised in 1994.



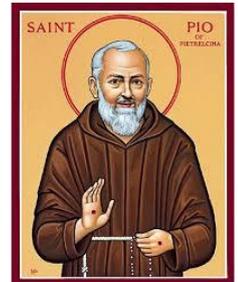
#### **Memorial of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - 21<sup>st</sup> September**

St Matthew (first century), also called Levi, was the son of Alphaeus. He worked as a tax collector for the Romans, a despised profession, when he was called by the Lord at Capernaum. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ called him to be an Apostle. After the Ascension he may have travelled to Persia or to Ethiopia; wherever it was, he was martyred. St Matthew's Gospel stands first in the New Testament, and his name appears among the other Apostles in the Roman Canon.



### Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, 'Padre Pio' – 23<sup>rd</sup> September

St Pius (1187-1968), better known as Padre Pio, was born in Pietrelcina in Campania (Italy) and joined the Capuchin community at Morcone. Ordained in 1910, he moved six years later to San Giovanni Rotondo in the Gargano peninsula. Bearing the wounds of Christ's passion on his body (known as stigmata), he became famous for his ministry in the confessional, his spiritual direction and his miracles. In 1956 he opened the 'Home to Relieve Suffering' near his friary. Despite his popularity, he faced much opposition, even from Church authorities. He was canonised in 2002.



- 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.

### News from our Diocese

#### Diocesan run events

- **Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 8 October** If you are celebrating an anniversary of particular importance to you, please join us at Arundel Cathedral for a celebratory Mass with Bishop Richard. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to recognise the important vocational calling to marriage and to share in your joy. Booking is essential. Contact E: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.
- **Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing?** Come and join the Diocesan Deaf Service as we celebrate Mass in Horsham at 1pm on the first Saturday of each month (except in August). Mass is celebrated in sign language and speech so is fully accessible to all. You are also invited to join everyone for refreshments after the Mass for some social time together. For more information, please contact Margaret Fraher, Diocesan Inclusion Adviser - E: [margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk) M: 07508459315.
- **Would you like to come closer together as a Parish in the joy of each other's company?** Would you like to get to know your fellow Parishioners and Disciples of Christ? Do you want to make new Parish friends? Pope Francis has described our Parish as a "community made up of families", while Pope Benedict called Parish life "a family made up of families". Well, we can certainly help you with this wonderful ambition of creating a Family for all in your Parish. If you would like to find out more about how you can bring this sense of family to your Parish life email E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk) from the Formation team to find out about "Parish Family Groups - Our Parish Community".



➤ **We can abolish slavery in our lifetime! Monday 17 October 11am - 12.30pm**

If you learn about modern slavery and how you can make a difference you can engage in the fight against this modern day scourge. Do join the Abolition Initiative's Kick Off Event for Antislavery Week at the Ropetackle Centre, Shoreham. For more details on this and other anti-slavery events please contact Tessa Ricketts, Social Action Adviser E:

[tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk)

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

**Externally run Diocesan events**

- **Beginning Experience Weekend - 14 to 16 October 2022:** If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please contact Freda T: 01322 838415 or Maura M: 07795 498445 or E: [johnabrotherton@gmail.com](mailto:johnabrotherton@gmail.com)

**Externally run Diocesan events at Worth Abbey:**

- **TIME OUT: Self-led individual retreat: 7-9 October Cost £180 per person**  
Spend a few days at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than an optional daily Lectio Divina session, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity for a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.
- **The Wisdom of St Benedict: 14-16 October Cost £220 per person**  
Led by Fr Martin McGee - Fr Martin will explore the riches of St Benedict's Rule, a guide to living out the Christian life in all its fullness.
- Stability*—Becoming rooted in Christ;
  - Humility*—Learning how to become oneself;
  - Lectio Divina*—Finding nourishment in Gods' Word;
  - Christian leadership*—Serving Christ in others.

For more information and to book and pay for your place visit W: [www.worth.co.uk](http://www.worth.co.uk) or email E: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) or call T: 01342 710318.

- **Benedictine individually guided retreat 26-30 October Cost: £110 per person, per night (min 3 nights):** An opportunity to participate in a contemplative retreat, to share in community and to follow the monastic office. The retreat would suit someone seriously journeying in the spiritual life or someone in discernment, at a transition point in life or needing to make an important decision. The experience will include a daily individual meeting with a prayer / spiritual guide. There will be a balance of silence and engagement with an optional daily group Lectio Divina session and one conversational meal a day.
- **St Bernadette: 21-24 October Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy**  
The Relics of St Bernadette will journey to our Diocese this October visiting: [St Dunstan's in Woking](#) 21st-22nd, [Arundel Cathedral](#) 22nd-23rd, [Worth Abbey](#) 23th-24th. People across our faith family are invited to attend; to find out more about this very special undertaking please visit the tour website W: [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk). Watch the Tour trailer here <https://youtu.be/PFRMIvD9AiI>
- Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available. For more information and to book and pay for your place/s visit W: [www.worth.co.uk](http://www.worth.co.uk) or email

E: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) or call T: 01342 710318.

- **CAFOD school volunteers required:** Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life, whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office at St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Mewsey, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS. T: 01483 573273 M: 07710 094448 E: [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) W: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).

### Vatican News

#### **Cardinal Parolin ahead of Pope's Kazakhstan visit: 'War is never inevitable'**

Everything is ready on the eve of Pope Francis' 38th apostolic journey outside Italy.

The destination is Kazakhstan and participation in the VII Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions.

The international background to the event includes the ongoing, tragic war in Ukraine and many other conflicts around the world.

Once again, Pope Francis at yesterday's Angelus in St. Peter's Square asked for

everyone to continue praying the people suffering from the war in Ukraine. He also thanked those involved in the journey preparations and who have made possible this trip to the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan where the focus will be on the capital, Nur-Sultan. The predominantly Muslim country is home to a small Catholic community that awaits the arrival of the Pope with concern and hope. The busy program is condensed into three days with five addresses he will give.



#### **Interview with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State**

##### **Cardinal Parolin, how would you describe the purpose of this visit?**

The Holy Father Francis is traveling to Kazakhstan, 13-15 September, to participate in the 7th Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, at the invitation of the President of the Republic Kassym-Jomart Tokayev. The event will be attended by a number of religious leaders from various parts of the world. From its beginnings, the Congress has taken as its model the Day of Prayer for World Peace, convened in Assisi by Pope St. John Paul II on January 24, 2002, to reaffirm the positive contribution of different religious traditions to dialogue, harmony and concord among peoples. The motto of the papal journey reflects this theme, "Messengers of Peace and Unity," as does the logo, which features a dove with an olive branch. The paths of the papal visit are clear. I would also like to note that the draft Final Declaration of the Congress gives special emphasis to the document on "[Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together](#)," signed by Pope Francis and Dr. Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, in Abu Dhabi on 4 February 2019.

**Peace and unity are emphasised in the motto of the journey, peace is also at the centre of the work of the Congress, yet in the heart of Europe the war in Ukraine continues, as well as conflicts in many other areas of the world. Many speak of the inevitability of war, but are there really no other ways forward?**

War is never an inescapable event. It has its roots in the heart of the human person, driven by vainglory, pride, arrogance and greed, as the Church Fathers used to say. Such a heart is a hardened heart, unable to open up to others. War can be avoided by stepping back, laying down accusations and threats, causes of mutual distrust. Unfortunately, these days the ability to listen and efforts to understand the logic of those who think differently from us has decreased at all levels. I hope, therefore, that the upcoming Congress in Kazakhstan will become an opportunity for encounter and dialogue. Quoting Pope Pius XII, it is good to be reminded that honourable success is never precluded when we discuss with good will and with respect for each other's rights.

**How would you describe the three decades of diplomatic relations between Kazakhstan and the Holy See?:**

The diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the Republic of Kazakhstan could be characterised with two words: frequent and fruitful. Suffice it to mention that the Holy See has always actively participated at all of the Congresses and has been represented by a high-level Delegation, led by a Cardinal and this time by the Holy Father himself. Kazakhstan was the first Central Asian country to sign a Bilateral Agreement with the Holy See in 1998. It was also the first Central Asian country to be visited by Pope St. John Paul II in September 2001. The Holy See and Kazakhstan continue to work together. This is shown by the fact that during the recent visit to the Vatican by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Mukhtar Tileuberdi, a *Memorandum of Understanding* was signed between the University Medical Center of Kazakhstan and the Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital; also a *Memorandum of Understanding* between the R.B. Suleimenov Institute of Oriental Studies and the Vatican Library and Archives. This year marks the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations. On this occasion and in conjunction with Pope Francis' visit, we are hoping to sign a Supplementary Agreement on the issuance of visas and residence permits to foreign missionaries serving in Kazakhstan.

**The small local Catholic Church finds itself immersed in a context of eighteen officially registered religions and is speaking of this time as a historic visit. The Pope brings hope. This has been a land of martyrdom and is still a frontier where the challenge of coexistence is being lived out. How would you describe the hopes today?**

The papal visit to Kazakhstan also includes moments dedicated to the local Catholic community, such as the celebration of Mass in the Expo Square and the meeting with the bishops, clergy, consecrated persons, seminarians and pastoral workers, that will be held at the Mother of God of Perpetual Help Cathedral in Nur-Sultan. The Catholic Church is highly valued and within an extremely diverse religious-cultural landscape represents a small but significant reality. The local Church will certainly feel encouraged by the Pope's presence and encouragement to renew itself in faith, hope and charity. It will continue its mission of giving witness, also following the examples of so many witnesses to the faith in previous years, such as Blessed Fr. Władysław Bukowiński, Blessed Fr. Alexis Zaryckyj and Blessed Bishop Mykyta Budka. They can contribute together with other religious groups to build a united, harmonious and peaceful society.