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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 9th July - Battle
(Fr Edmund Loman, RIP, FM)
9am Sunday 10th July - Northiam
(People of the Parish)
10.45am Sunday 10th July -
Battle -

First Holy Communion Day
(Lilian & Stanley Parsons RIP)

10am Wednesday 13th July -
Battle (Celebrant's Intention)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
after 6pm Mass Saturdays

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekend 9th / 10th July 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14**
Although God is surrounded by mystery,
nevertheless God chooses to be known and the
divine is revealed among us.
- **Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20**
All things were created through Christ and for
him.
- **Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

The Jesus recounts the parable of the good Samaritan in answer to a question about who we should see as our neighbour.

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

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

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

- 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, with a Minister or with Fr Paul, who is happy to make home visits, on 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY OF ALEXANDER AND NATAN SUNDAY 10th JULY

There are many great moments in the life of a parish community as it celebrates faith year by year, and First Holy Communion Day is among the greatest. As a parish family we watch our children grow, sharing our faith and love of the Lord with them, teaching them our prayers and introducing them to our sacramental life. Today two of them will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time and so enter more fully into the life of our community and the life of God's family, the Church.

The children and their parents have been preparing for this day since Autumn last year. They have attended meetings, used their work books and shared our Sunday Eucharist with us. Now the day, their day, has arrived and this is wonderful moment for us all.

Parents, when you brought your children for Baptism you promised to teach them the ways of faith and your parish family has helped you to keep that promise by sharing with them our faith and faith of the Church, as together we have prepared for this day. We promise to support you as you continue to fulfil your very special role as Christian parents.

Alexander, Natan, because you belong to our parish family you have always been special to us, today you are extra special, and we are very proud of you. We know that you have worked very hard for this day and now at last it has arrived. This will be a day you will never forget, the day when you received Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. We are sure that you will come to Holy Communion many, many times in your life from now on and we pray that as you continue to do so, you will come to a deeper knowledge of Him and the gift of Himself to us in Mass and Holy Communion. As you grow up we will be here for you and we will do everything we can to help and support you as you continue your journey of faith. For now, we hope that you will have a wonderful day with your families and friends. May the Lord bless you and them on this, your First Holy Communion Day.

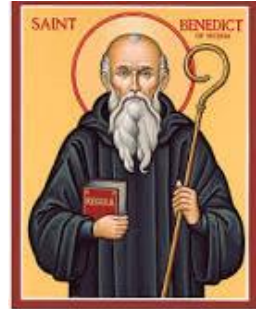
This is the day the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad!

- **Safeguarding Training at St Thomas of Canterbury, Magdalen Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, 14th July from 10am – 1pm:** Would any of our Commissioned Eucharistic Ministers be interested in a course of training for taking Holy Communion into homes? Please contact Brenda on 07702 803449 for more information.
- 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/>

Saints of the Week

Memorial of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe – 11th July

Born at Norcia in Umbria about 480. He studied in Rome, and then turned his back on the world and lived in solitude in Subiaco. Disciples came to him and he went to Monte Cassino, where he founded a monastery. He wrote his Rule, which established the spirituality and way of life of monastic communities ever since. He died in 547.



A Prayer by St Benedict:

Gracious and Holy Father, give us the wisdom to discover You,
the intelligence to understand You, the diligence to seek after You,
the patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You,
a heart to meditate upon You, and a life to proclaim You,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen

Memorial of St Henry – 13th July

St Henry II (972-1024) succeeded his father, Henry the Quarrelsome, as Duke of Bavaria in 995. In 1002 he was elected Holy Roman Emperor and is remembered as a just ruler, a defender of the Church, a friend of the poor and a model of virtue. He considered becoming a monk after the death of his wife, St Cunegund, but was persuaded to persevere in his imperial vocation. He died on 13 July 1024 and was buried in Bamberg Cathedral, a see which he had founded. St Henry is the patron of Benedictine Oblates.



Memorial of St Camillus of Lellis, Priest – 14th July

St Camillus de Lellis (1550-1614) was born in Bucchianico (Italy), and spent his youth as a soldier of fortune. Left penniless through gambling, he eventually found employment at a hospital for incurables in Rome. Influenced by St Philip Neri and others, he was ordained a priest by Thomas Goldwell, the last of the old English Catholic bishops. In 1584 St Camillus founded the Servants of the Sick (Camillians), who wore a red cross on their chests and vowed to serve the sick, even at the risk of their lives.



Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor – 15th July

St Bonaventure (1221-1274) was born at Bagnorea (Bagnoregio), near Viterbo (Italy) and entered the Franciscan Order. A friend of St Thomas Aquinas, he taught at the University of Paris and became Minister General of the Franciscan Order. He was chosen Archbishop of York (England) in 1265 but never consecrated. He was eventually created Cardinal Bishop of Albano and died during the Council of Lyons. Remembered chiefly for his philosophical and theological works, he is known as the 'Seraphic Doctor'.



Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel – 16th July

This feast honours the Blessed Virgin as patroness of the Carmelite Order. It later came to be associated with a supposed vision of St Simon Stock, said to have taken place on 16 July 1251. Wearing the 'Brown Scapular', a symbol of the Carmelite habit, is a sign of trust in Mary's maternal help, especially at the hour of 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.

News from our Diocese

Diocesan run events:

- **A Day at the Seaside for Young Adults (18-35) (rescheduled) Saturday 20 August at Our Lady Star of the Sea, East Preston at 11am**
A day at the seaside with Fr Stephen Ortiger! Fr Stephen, a Benedictine monk who is currently working in Parish Ministry is looking forward to celebrating Mass and then spending the day with the young adults of our Diocese. After Mass we will walk along the sea front to a beach side cafe where we will share lunch together.
Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.
- To find out about events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>
The diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher is available to advise about access to all diocesan, deanery or parish, liturgies, events, and groups and can be contacted by individuals or parishes regarding specific needs and how best to meet them, E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk or M: 07508459315. When signing up for an event on the diocesan website please remember to specify if you have a particular need or challenge, so that Margaret can get in touch with you.

Externally run Diocesan events at Worth Abbey:

- **TIME OUT Individual retreats: 18-22 July Cost: £90 per person, per night (min 2 nights)** Arriving on Monday 18 July, 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.

- **Finding Stillness: 20-23 September Cost £330 per person**
'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46). Come to Worth Abbey and encounter this refreshing and empowering stillness. Through the Benedictine tradition, discover how stillness can be part of your everyday life and how transformative it can be. The retreat will include: teachings in lectio divina and stilling the mind, as well as an opportunity to have a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.
- To book and pay for your place for either event go to W: www.worth.co.uk For further information contact us: T: 01342 710318 E: retreats@worth.org.uk
- **Healthcare professionals against assisted suicide:** Last year the British Medical Association voted to become neutral on assisted suicide, in June there is an opportunity to revert this stance back to opposition. Please show your support for better palliative care and life until its natural end by signing the Our Duty of Care Declaration. More information can be found at: www.ourdutyofcare.org.uk

Vatican News

Pope at Mass for Rome's Congolese community: 'Peace begins with each of us'

At Mass on Sunday with the Congolese community in Rome, on the day he had been scheduled to preside over Mass at Ndolo Airport in Kinshasa, Pope Francis asked for prayers for peace for the wounded nation and reminded Christians that they are called to "Live in peace, kindle peace," so that peace may dwell in their homes, Church, and country.



Mission: The Pope found inspiration in the Gospel according to Luke that assures us that the nearness of God who is Jesus, the source of our joy, fills us with awe, surprises us and changes our lives. He noted that this is what drove the disciples to go far away, on a mission, to announce God's closeness and proclaim the Word of the Lord. "If we ask ourselves what our task is in the world, what we are to do as the Church in history, the answer of the Gospel is clear: mission." As Christians, the Pope said, we cannot be content to live in mediocrity, for we are missionaries of Jesus, and we are sent into the world "with three missionary surprises that Jesus has in store for the disciples and for each of us."

First surprise: equipment: The equipment we are required to take is practically nothing, the Pope said: "no baggage, no security, no help. We often think that our Church initiatives do not function properly because we lack facilities, money and means: this is not true. The refutation comes from Jesus himself." Urging the faithful not to trust in riches or fear poverty, be it material or human, Pope Francis said, "The more we are free and simple, small and humble, the more the Holy Spirit guides the mission and makes us protagonists of its wonders." The only fundamental "equipment", he continued, is fraternity, "because there is no mission without fellowship. There is no proclamation that works without caring for others."



Second surprise: the message: The second surprise of mission is "the message", the Pope said, acknowledging that it is logical to think that in order to prepare for the proclamation, "the

disciples should learn what to say, study the contents thoroughly, and prepare convincing and well-articulated speeches." Instead, he explained, Jesus offers them only two little phrases: "Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!"; the second, "The kingdom of God is at hand." In any place, Pope Francis reiterated, the Christian is a bearer of peace, this is his or her hallmark. Those who spread chatter and suspicion, create divisions, hinder fellowship, put their belonging before everything, are not acting in the name of Jesus, he said: "Those who foment resentment, incite hatred, or bypass others do not work for Jesus; they do not bring His peace. Today, dear brothers and sisters, let us pray for peace and reconciliation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, so wounded and exploited. Today," the Pope said, "we join the Masses celebrated in the country according to this intention and pray that Christians may be witnesses of peace, capable of overcoming every feeling of rancour and revenge, the temptation that reconciliation is not possible, every unhealthy attachment to one's own group that leads to contempt for others. Brothers and sisters, peace begins with us; with you and me, with each person's heart." He told the faithful that Jesus comes if they live His peace: "Your family, your society changes. They change if first your heart is not at war, not armed with resentment and anger, not divided, double and false. Put peace and order in your heart, defuse greed, extinguish hatred and resentment, flee corruption, cheating and cunning: that's where peace begins."

The Holy Father invited believers to bring peace into their homes, and to begin to do so by honouring and loving their spouse, respecting and caring for their children, elders and neighbours. "Live in peace, kindle peace, and peace will dwell in your home, in your Church, in your country," he said. The second part of the message that tells us that "The kingdom of God is near" calls for hope and conversion, the Pope explained, and the knowledge that "He is the Father of all, who wants us all to be brothers and sisters. If we live under this gaze, the world will no longer be a battlefield, but a garden of peace; history will not be a race to be first, but a common pilgrimage."



Third surprise: style: After the equipment and the message, the Pope said, the third missionary surprise concerns our style, reminding us that Jesus asks His people to go into the world "as lambs in the midst of wolves." In a world that expects us to impose ourselves and excel, the Pope explained, Christ wants us to be lambs, not wolves. "This does not mean being naive, but abhorring all instincts of supremacy and overpowering, of greed and possession. Those who live as lambs neither attack nor are voracious: they stay in the flock, with others, and find security in their Shepherd, not in force or arrogance, in the greed for money and possessions that causes so much harm, even to the DRC." Pope Francis concluded by reminding Christians that the disciples of Jesus reject violence, hurt no one and love everyone. They look to their Shepherd, Jesus, "the Lamb of God who thus overcame the world, on the cross. May the Lord help us to be missionaries today," he implored, "going in the company of our brother and sister; having on our lips the peace and closeness of God; carrying in our hearts the meekness and goodness of Jesus, the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world."

