

**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 20th August – Battle (People of the Parish)**

**9am Sunday 21st August –Northiam (Queenie Sharp, RIP)**

**10.45am Sunday 21st August - Battle – (John Keeling, RIP, FM)**

**12noon Wednesday 24th August – Battle (Funeral Mass of**

 **Eileen Dinan RIP)**

 **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

 **after 6pm Mass Saturdays**

**THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY**

**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Weekend 20th / 21st August 2022**

**Introduction to the Scripture Readings:**

* **First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21**

The Church must be the Church of all the world, or it is not the Church of God.

* **Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13**

 There is no healing without change. The Father

 is healing us by changing us.

* **Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**

The narrow door makes us concentrate on the entry, not the door itself.

**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, 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.

* 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 youwish to follow a live Mass please follow this link from our Diocesan website

 <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via [*https://www.churchservices.tv/*](https://www.churchservices.tv/)

**Next Weekend – 27th/28th August will be Fr Paul’s last weekend with our Parish. There will be a get-together in the Parish Room after the Sunday Mass, please come along to show your thanks to Fr Paul for everything he has done for our Parish.**

**We would like to express our eternal thanks for providing our Parish with his wonderful service over the last two plus years. He has meant a great deal to us and has visited many of our sick and housebound to save them from feeling isolated and forgotten.**

**We wish him a wonderful, relaxing and peaceful retirement and time to enjoy his home and garden.**

**Thank you Fr Paul from all of us at Battle and Northiam.**

* **Eileen Dinan RIP:** Eileen’s funeral Mass will be this coming Wednesday, 24th August at 12noon, Eileen used to be a regular Mass attender at Battle, the family would be very happy to see as many parishioners at her funeral as possible.
* **Readers needed please!** A huge thank you to all our regular readers that help out at every Mass. We are always on the look-out for new volunteers, and need holiday cover for the last two Sundays in September please. Please let us know if you are able to do this. Many thanks.
* **‘Team Forge’ (Ingrid Finch, Vicky Chainey & John Reid)** will again be completing the ‘Moonlight & Memories’ walk on 10 September, fundraising in aid of St Michael’s Hospice. Look out for sponsorship forms at each church, we do hope for everyone’s support.

**‘Service of Prayer for all those affected by the war in Ukraine’**

**7pm on Tuesday 30th August**

**Please join us if you possibly can**

**at Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Battle**

**This is a prayer service only, if you would like to donate, please do so through** [**https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&\_Appeal=123770**](https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&_Appeal=123770)

**Saints of the Week**

**Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 22nd August**

Pope Pius XII instituted this Feast in 1954, to conclude what was then the Octave of the Assumption. We remember that the Blessed Virgin reigns in Heaven, together with her Son; she reigns not because she is equal to God but because she is mother of Christ the King. All her privileges come from her Motherhood of God and the unique role she played in our redemption.

**Memorial of St Rose of Lima, Virgin, Religious - 23rd August**

****St Rose (1586-1617) was born in Lima (Peru). Influenced by the example of St Catherine of Siena, she lived a life of prayer and penance and joined the Third Order of St Dominic. the first canonised saint from the Americas, she is venerated as the patron of Latin America and the Philippines.

**Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle – 24th August**

****St Bartholomew (first century) was originally from Cana in Galilee and is usually identified with Nathanael, who was introduced to the Lord by St Philip. According to tradition, after Pentecost he preached the Gospel in Arabia, India and Armenia, where he was flayed alive. He is thus the patron of tanners.

**Memorial of St Louis, King – 25th August**

St Louis IX (1214-1270) became King of France at the age of twelve. He married Margaret of Provence and had eleven children. He showed great integrity in hyis rule, always promoting peace and justice and showing great piety and love for the poor. He died of dysentery near Tunis in 1270 during his second crusade for the liberation of the Holy Places. He was canonised in 1297.

**Memorial of St Joseph Calasanz, Priest – 25th August**

St Joseph Calasanz (1557-1648) was born near Peralta de la Sal in Aragon (Spain) and ordained a priest in 1583. He went to Rome, where he joined St Camillus de Lellis in caring for the victims of the 1595 plague. He founded the first free school in the city and his community of teachers developed into the Piarist Order. In his old age he was the victim of false accusations but patiently endured his humiliation. He is the patron of Christian Schools.

**Memorial of Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God, Priest – 26th August**

****Blessed Dominic Barberi (1792-1849) was born near Viterbo (Italy), entered the Passionists and ordained a priest in 1818. He taught theology in Rome and served as Provincial. He had long believd he was called to be an insturment for the coversion of England and in his final years was given the opportunity of labouringtirewlessly in this country, despite facing much opposition. On 8th October 1845 he received Blessed John Henry Newman into the Chruch at Littlemore.

**Memorial of St Monica – 27th August**

St Monica (c.331-387) was born in Thagaste (now Algeria, then in the Roman provine of Africa). She married Patricius and was mother of St Augustine. She prayed and suffered for her son’s conversion and was overjoyed by his baptism in 387. She died shortly afterwards at Ostia and in the fifteenth century her relics were brought to Rome.

* 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**

* **Young Adults (18-35) Events: Starting on Monday 19 September at 7.30pm**

Join the Diocesan young adults community as we go on a journey to explore God’s call on our lives. Our young adults meet online every fortnight for bible study and good conversation however, we will soon compliment these sessions with a series of guest speakers, joining us bi-monthly to help us discover the plans that God has for us. Starting on 19 September, Dr Pia Matthews discusses Human Flourishing. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

* **Grandparents Formation Day – Wednesday 14 September**

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley for our annual day for Grandparents to hear from a member of the Sycamore team on the importance of Grandparents in handing on the faith. The day begins with morning prayer at 11am (coffee from 10.30am) and concludes at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Contact E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

* **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 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  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 from the Formation team to find out about “Parish Family Groups – Our Parish Community”.

* 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 - 14to 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
* **‘Sharing the Church’s Story’ Conference – Saturday 17 September 2022 10am - 6pm**

Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a one-day conference at Friends House, Euston Road, London called *‘Sharing the Church’s Story’*. Come and join 1000 Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK and a host of dynamic speakers including the internationally renowned speaker and author, Bishop Robert Barron. So, whether you are a volunteer, parent, catechist, clergy, religious, or just want a boost for your faith life, then this conference is for you. Register/find out more? W: [www.sharingthechurchsstory.com](http://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com)

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

* **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.

* **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  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:  21-23 October Cost:  £330 per person, single occupancy**

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will be visiting Worth on pilgrimage.  This is a very special once in a lifetime event that will provide an opportunity for people, of all ages and backgrounds, to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes.  You can also book to stay at Worth during this time and learn more about St Bernadette.

* 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

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* **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, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS. T: 01483 573273 M: 07710 094448 E: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk W: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).

**Vatican News**

**Pope Francis calls for attention to the "mortal danger" facing Somalia**

Following the recitation of the Marian Prayer on Sunday, Pope Francis drew attention to “the serious humanitarian crisis affecting Somalia and parts of neighbouring countries. ”The Pope emphasised that “the populations of this region, already living in very precarious conditions, are now in mortal danger from drought. I hope that international solidarity can respond effectively to this emergency. Unfortunately, war diverts attention and resources, but these are the objectives that demand the greatest commitment: the fight against hunger, health, education,” he said.

**Sounding the alarm:** Aid agencies have also sounded the alarm, with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) saying that famine could set in in eight regions of Somalia by September if crop failures and lower livestock production continue.

According to the UN refugee agency UNHCR and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), more than 755,000 people have been internally displaced in Somalia because of the severe drought this year, bringing the total figure to 1 million people since January 2021 when the drought began.

“This 1 million milestone serves as a massive alarm bell for Somalia,” said Mohamed Abdi, NRC’s Country Director in Somalia. “Starvation is now haunting the entire country. We are seeing more and more families forced to leave everything behind because there is literally no water or food left in their villages. Aid funding urgently needs to be ramped up before it is too late.”

**Divine Mercy and Ukraine**: After the Angelus the Pope also had a special thought for the many pilgrims gathered Sunday at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow, where twenty years ago St John Paul II made the Act of Entrustment of the world to Divine Mercy.

“More than ever we see today the meaning of that gesture, which we wish to renew in prayer and in the testimony of our lives. Mercy is the way of salvation for each of us and for the whole world. And we ask the Lord, special mercy, mercy and pity for the tormented people of Ukraine," he said.

**Ukrainian President thanks Pope Francis for prayers in phone call**

A telephone conversation between Pope Francis and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky took place on Friday, 12 August, nearly six months after the start of the war in Ukraine.

Their conversation came as part of the Pope’s oft-expressed solidarity with all the Ukrainian people. Presidente Zelensky [broke the news himself in a tweet](https://twitter.com/ZelenskyyUa/status/1558118245370044417?s=20&t=ozHlHNFRX1IRfCqdpz-PDA). The two men spoke of the horrors being suffered by the Ukrainian people since Russia invaded on 24 February, and the president expressed his gratitude to the Pope for his prayers. "Our people need support of world spiritual leaders who should convey to the world the truth about acts of horror committed by the aggressor in Ukraine," wrote the President. Shortly thereafter, [in a separate tweet](https://twitter.com/AndriiYurash/status/1558125083234803719?s=20&t=ozHlHNFRX1IRfCqdpz-PDA), the Ukrainian Ambassador to the Holy See, Andrii Yurash, reiterated the news of the telephone conversation, adding that "Ukrainian state and society will be happy to greet the Holy Father”, expressing hopes for a visit by Pope Francis to Kiev.

**Other conversations:** The Pope and the President have spoken twice before by phone and video call. Speaking to the Italian Parliament on 22 March, President Zelensky spoke about his conversation with Pope Francis, adding that the Pope had said “very important words.”

Earlier, on 26 February, two days after Russia’s invasion, the two men spoke by phone.

During that conversation, Pope Francis expressed to the president "his deepest sorrow for the tragic events that are taking place in the country." Shortly afterward, President Zelensky said, "I thanked the Pope for praying for peace in Ukraine and for a truce. The Ukrainian people feel the spiritual support of His Holiness."

**The Pope's appeals:** On numerous occasions since the beginning of the conflict, the Pope's thoughts have gone out to the people of Ukraine.At his most recent General Audience, on 10 August, Pope Francis lamented the ongoing suffering of the Ukrainian people, "who are still suffering from this cruel war."He also expressed a special thought for the "many migrants who are continually arriving."Throughout these months, the Pope has continually appealed for the world not to forget the war in Ukraine nor to tire of welcoming those who are forced to flee their homes in search of peace.