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with  
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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 2 for Weekdays

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**PALM SUNDAY OF**  
**THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Introduction to the Scripture Readings:**

- **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**  
The suffering servant places his trust in the Lord.
- **Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**  
Christ humbled himself in obedience, but the Father raised him beyond all others.
- **Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56**  
Christ's death on the cross reveals the depth of his passion for us.

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- 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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).

**Weekend Mass Times**

- 6pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April -  
Battle (Bernard Chasty RIP, FM)
- 9am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April -  
Northiam (People of the Parish)
- 10.45am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April -  
Battle  
(Intention of Mark Clemence)
- NO WEDNESDAY MASS**
- MAUNDY THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL**
- 10am - Morning Prayer & Office  
of Readings - Battle
- 7pm - Mass of The Lord's Supper  
followed by Watching  
Followed by Night Prayer - Battle
- GOOD FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL**
- 3pm - The Passion of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ - Battle
- HOLY SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL**
- 10am - Morning Prayer & Office  
of Readings - Battle
- 8pm - The Easter Vigil & First  
Mass of the Resurrection -  
Battle

**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 & Cyril Webster, Dominic Leahy, Rodney Atkinson, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy.

**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.

- 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/>

- **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>



- 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 - so far, the current total is £510 - thank you so much to everyone that has donated so far!

Donations may be made in the usual way via:

[Team Forge CAFOD Walk Against Hunger | Walk against Hunger | CAFOD](#)

(Gift Aid if possible), or by cash to any Team Forge member.

- A huge thank you to everyone that so generously donated to the Order of Malta for the people of Ukraine after Seans' appeal, the total raised so far is £559.55. For anyone who missed the chance and would still like to donate please make cheques payable to BASMOM FOREIGN AID SERVICE and send them to: The Foreign Aid Service, Craigmyle House, 13 Deodar Rd, London SW15 2NP The British Association of the Order of Malta is a UK registered charity no.1103567. Please see below for an idea of how they are helping.

**The Order of Malta: Action in Ukraine**

**Malteser International**

- Responsible for overall Order of Malta response coordination
- Support to Order of Malta Ukrainian Relief Service
- Provision to Ukraine of emergency supplies: medicine, food, hygiene kits
- Psychological support for traumatised and displaced people

**Germany (MHD)**

- Providing expertise to all entities in refugee reception
- Provision of vital supplies to refugee centres in Ukraine, Poland, Romania and Hungary

**Lithuania**

- Responsible for refugee reception and care in Alytus and Marijampole
- Distributing food packages
- Collecting clothing and other essentials for distribution

**Poland**

- Medical and food provision set up at two points at the border
- Coordinating transport and accommodation for refugees
- Integration support for refugees

**Slovakia**

- Coordination of accommodation for refugees
- Aid teams at the border providing food, medical assistance and temporary assistance
- Running an information centre, including providing internet access

**Romania**

- Relief points established at Sighet and Siret, providing water, food, first aid and activities for children
- Psychological support and counselling to refugees

**Hungary**

- Reception and integration of refugees, particularly children, elderly and the disabled
- Distribution of relief goods at the border
- Assistance to refugee families
- Ongoing support to the work in Berohove, including programmes for disabled children and Roma communities

**Ukraine**

- Emergency shelter, food and medical centre for displaced people in Ivano-Frankivsk
- Psychological support to traumatised and displaced people
- Food distribution in Lviv train station and at the border
- Ongoing support to the communities they usually serve where possible: vulnerable elderly people, disabled children and adults and Roma communities

Information will be updated as further details are received. Many other organisations are formulating a response as the situation is developing.

- **Knights of St Columba (KSC):** Easter posters from KSC are available at the back of the Church, you may like to take one to display in your window at home, reminding people of their continued good work. Thank you.

### News from our Diocese

- **Invited: Season II - Growing in Faith:** Season II of Invited, the Diocesan Mission, starting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Join us for Season II of Invited and explore what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Christ. This new season starts with the release of the first film on the Invited page of our website, and will last until Pentecost (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June), when we celebrate the birthday of the Church, by welcoming the Holy Spirit into our lives and our communities. *'The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth' (Psalm 37)* To find out more, please visit W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>
- 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 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>

- **Worth Abbey Retreats this Spring**

**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. Book your place: [www.worth.co.uk/retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats) or E: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) T: 01342 710318

- 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 thanks Our Lady for Apostolic Journey to Malta**

The Pope's visit to the Basilica of St. Mary Major has once again acted as the two bookends of his Apostolic Journey, which this time took him to the EU nation of Malta for two days over the weekend. According to the Holy See Press Office, Pope Francis travelled across Rome on Monday for a stop at the Papal Basilica to pray before the icon of *Maria Salus Populi Romani*. The Pope laid a bouquet of flowers on the altar below Our Lady's



icon in the Borghese Chapel, and thanked the Blessed Virgin Mary for her maternal protection during his visit to Malta. He then returned by car to his home at the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta.

**Marian devotion:** Tradition has it that the icon of Mary "Salvation of the Roman Peoples" arrived in Rome during the reign of Pope St. Gregory the Great, sometime around 590 AD, though its origins date back much further. Pope Gregory XVI crowned the icon in 1838, while Pope Pius XII repeated the gesture of devotion during the Marian year of 1954. The Vatican Museums cleaned and restored the ancient icon of *Maria Salus Populi Romani* in 2018.

**Brief, intense visit:** Pope Francis spent Saturday and Sunday in the Mediterranean nation of Malta for a visit which was twice delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions. Migration and war, in a way, were at the centre of the Pope's Apostolic Journey. The theme for the visit was "They showed us unusual kindness", and the Holy Father spoke frequently about the need for nations to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrants. At his first event, with civil authorities, Pope Francis called for solidarity toward people on the move, and his last event lauded a concrete example of what he meant, when he visited the "John XXIII Peace Lab" migrant centre

in Hal Far.

**Pattern of war:** On the other hand, the Pope spoke forcefully against war, calling it "sacrilegious". Speaking to reporters on the return flight to Rome, he lamented the "pattern of war" which leads governments to spend money on weapons and disregard the sacredness of human life, even of the young. Pope Francis' final public words during his Apostolic Journey to Malta were ones filled with pain: *"I am grieved. We never learn. May the Lord have mercy on us, on all of us. Every one of us is guilty!"*

### **Pope Francis prays and meets sick persons at St Paul's Grotto**

After meeting privately with a group of Jesuits in the Nunciature, Pope Francis began his second day's Apostolic journey to Malta on Sunday with a visit to St. Paul's Grotto, in Rabat, where he stopped to pray the Apostle, greeted religious leaders, and met a group of sick persons. Tradition has that the Apostle stayed here three months after shipwrecking on the island on his way to Rome and preached, baptised and healed the sick sowing the seeds of Christianity in Malta. The site, which is believed to have miraculous qualities, was also visited by Pope St. John Paul II, and Pope Benedict XVI during their Apostolic Journeys to the island country.



**Arrival:** Upon his arrival at St. Paul's Basilica where the grotto is located, Pope Francis was welcomed by the Archpriest Fr. Joseph Mizzi, and the Chapter of the Collegiate Church. He was accompanied amongst others by Archbishop Charles Jude Scicluna, of Malta.

Awaiting him was also a festive crowd of Maltese faithful who welcomed him with waving Vatican flags in the square outside the Basilica.

**Prayer to St. Paul:** The Holy Father descended into the grotto to pray before the statue of St Paul, which was donated to the church in 1748 by the Grandmaster of the Order of the Knights of St John (Order of Malta), who at the time owned the place. After lighting a votive ship-shaped lamp he recited a short prayer to St. Paul that recalls the "humanity" and kindness of the Maltese people as they welcomed the Apostle to the Gentiles when he shored on the island.

*"God of mercy, in your wondrous providence you wished the Apostle Paul to proclaim your love to the inhabitants of Malta, who did not yet know you. He preached your word to them and he healed their infirmities."*

*"Saved from shipwreck, Saint Paul and his fellow travellers found here to welcome them pagan people of kindly heart, who treated them with rare humanity, recognizing that they were in need of shelter, security and assistance."*

*"No one knew their names, their place of birth or their social status; they knew only one thing: that these were people in need of help. There was no time for discussions, for judgements, analyses and calculations: it was the time to lend a helping hand: they left their jobs, and did exactly that."*

*"They lit a great fire, to dry them and warm them. They welcomed them with open hearts And, together with Publius, first in government and in mercy, they gave them shelter. Good Father, grant us the grace of a kindly heart that beats with love for our brothers and sisters. Help us to recognise from afar those in need, struggling amidst the waves of the sea, dashed against the reefs of unknown shores. "*