

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 6th August - Battle
(Cyril Webster, RIP)

9am Sunday 7th August - Northiam
(People of the Parish)

10.45am Sunday 7th August -
Battle - (Jack Morgan, RIP)

NO WEDNESDAY MASS

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

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekend 6th / 7th August 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9**

The dark night of the Passover became light for God's children through faith and hope. They had to rely on faith, but it was that faith that marked them as God's chosen people. A people threatened and vulnerable became strong in hope through their trust in God.

- **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19**

Faith is the foundation of a life lived in hope, even for people who never live to see their ultimate hope fulfilled. The scriptures give us many examples of hope-filled lives that built a future for God's people. Our security lies in our faith and hope in God's unshakeable love.

- **Gospel: Luke 12:32-48**

Jesus teaches us that what we cherish most is the sign of where our heart lies. God's heart is set on us, for we are God's priceless treasure. Setting our hearts on God's kingdom and its justice will lead us to the deepest union with Jesus and to building a world after his own heart.

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 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/>

Exciting Announcement!

We are really pleased to welcome our new permanent Parish Priest, Fr Richard Blythen. Fr Richard will be moving into the Presbytery and will start celebrating Masses within our Parish of Battle and Northiam from September. He is really looking forward to joining our community and getting to know everybody - I know you will all make him very welcome!

A little background history: Father Richard was born in Nottingham in 1962, studied Electrical and Electronic Engineering in Manchester and moved to Camberly upon graduation in 1984, working on strategic communication systems for the Royal Navy. In 1987 he joined Saint John's Seminary and was ordained Deacon at Saint Paul's, Haywards Heath and ordained Priest at Saint Dunstan's, Woking. He served as curate at Woking before moving to Saint Leonards on Sea prior to being appointed Parish Priest of Knaphill. He joined the Royal Navy in 2005, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, before being appointed to Addlestone in 2011.

- **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.

Saints of the Week

Memorial of St Dominic, Priest - 8th August

St Dominic (c.1170-1221) was born at Caleruega (Spain) and initially joined the Canons Regular of Osma. In 1206 he was sent to Languedoc (France) to help uproot the Catharist or Albigensian heresy. While based in Toulouse, he founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to assist in his work; the Order was approved by the Holy See in 1216 and has had a huge impact on the life of the Church.



Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Martyr, Patron of Europe - 9th August

St Teresa Benedicta (1891-1942) was born Edith Stein at Wroclaw (now in Poland, but then in the German province of Silesia), the eleventh child of a Jewish family. She showed great ability in her philosophical studies and became a popular lecturer and writer. After reading the autobiography of St Teresa of Avila, she sought baptism in 1922 and eleven years later joined the Carmelites at Cologne. She was moved to the Carmel of Echt (Netherlands) to avoid the growing Nazi threat but was eventually arrested, and gassed at Auschwitz on 9th August 1942.



Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr - 10th August

St Lawrence (+258) was one of the seven deacons of St Sixtus II killed during the persecution of Valerian. On his arrest, he was ordered to hand over the riches of the Church but pointed to a crowd of poor people, saying 'Here are the true treasures of the Church.' According to tradition, he was roasted to death on a gridiron.



Memorial of St Clare, Virgin - 11th August

St Clare (c.1193-1253) was born in Assisi (Italy) and became a disciple of St Francis. She founded the Order of the Poor Clares or Minoreesses and lived a life of radical poverty at the convent of San Damiano. She wisely led her community for forty years and gave counsel to many high-ranking prelates. Such was the fame of her holiness, she was canonised two years after her death.



Memorial of St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious - 12th August

St Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641) was born in Dijon (France). She was happily married and had four children. Her husband was killed in a hunting accident: nine years later, with the help of her spiritual director, St Frances de Sales, she founded the Order of the Visitation, which was dedicated to works of charity among the sick and poor.



Memorial of Sts Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs - 13th August

Sts Pontian and Hippolytus (+c.236) suffered martyrdom after being exiled to Sardinia by the Emperor Maximinus Thrax. St Pontian succeeded St Urban I as Pope in 230, while St Hippolytus was a priest of Rome. He may also be the noted theologian of that name who was elected anti-pope during a disagreement over the forgiveness of those who had sinned grievously. He was reconciled with the Church before his death.



Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 13th August

The Solemnity of the Assumption is, in some ways, the paramount feast of Our Lady, since it commemorates her passing, body and soul, into glory in Heaven, where she stands beside her Son 'in garments of gold'. Though the dogma of the Assumption was only



defined in 1950, it was widely believed by the earliest Christians. The Blessed Virgin truly leads the way; she fulfilled her vocation in humility and, given her Immaculate Conception, the grave was no place for her body. Where she is now, we one day hope to be.

- 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.
- **Young Adults Day at the Seaside with Fr Stephen Ortiger - Saturday 20 August 11am - 3pm:** Mass at Our lady Star of the Sea, East Preston, followed by a walk on the beach and a shared lunch at a beachside café. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@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".



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

- **'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

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 or email E: 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, Meroon, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS. T: 01483 573273 M: 07710 094448 E: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk W: www.cafod.org.uk.

Vatican News

Pope Francis in Canada: When the gesture is the message

"An effective process of healing requires concrete actions." Pope Francis had stressed this in the conclusion to his address to the delegations of indigenous peoples of Canada, received at the Vatican, in the spring. The visit to Canadian soil, which the Pope carried out joyfully despite having difficulty walking, was marked precisely by those "concrete actions" that are gestures. Those actions preceded and accompanied the Pope's spoken words in the North American country and, in particular, his calls for justice and forgiveness form a premise for an authentic path of reconciliation.



In some ways, the visit itself can be said to have been a concrete action "of enormous impact," to borrow Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's statement. Canadian newspapers published large photos on their front pages in these days to capture such significant gestures.

After all, only a few minutes after arriving in Edmonton, on the first stop of his visit, the Pope had already made a gesture that was as simple as it was effective in giving substance to the definition "penitential pilgrimage" which he had indicated for this Apostolic Journey: kissing the hand of an elderly indigenous lady during the welcoming ceremony at the airport.

Every papal journey can (also) be told in pictures. This is perhaps even more true this time, so strong was the symbolic value of the events and meetings starting with the one on Monday in Maskwacis, which connected well with the concluding event in Iqaluit, with the youth and elders of the Inuit people. The Pope, in his wheelchair, silently praying in the cemetery of the Ermineskin community. The Pope kissing the red banner imprinted with the names of the children who died in the residential schools and then standing, without the aid of his cane, before the indigenous "Golden Eagle" chief who placed a headdress on his head as a sign of respect and recognition of authority.

There was also the gesture of returning the red moccasins, a symbol of the pain of so many indigenous children, which had been given to him at the Vatican four months ago. Particularly evocative was the image of Pope Francis absorbed in meditation on the shores of Lac Ste. Anne, a place that unites indigenous peoples and Catholic faithful in devotion. This offered a snapshot with an evangelical flavour to take us back to the sources of the faith and which, as he later emphasized in his homily, makes us imagine another lake, thousands of kilometers away, that of Galilee inextricably linked to the life and preaching of Jesus. Even an "ordinary" gesture like the blessing of a sacred image in this context takes on an "extraordinary" value.

When the Pope, in the Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, blessed the statue of Kateri Tekakwitha, the first North American indigenous woman to be proclaimed a saint, he was in fact telling us that the leaven of the Gospel can—indeed must—grow and enrich the peoples it encounters without annulling their identity and cultural and spiritual heritage, because faith is proclaimed not imposed. Then there was a gesture that did not make the headlines but bears witness not only to the profound meaning of this journey but to one of the guiding principles of the Petrine ministry: the "revolution of tenderness."

On Thursday, at the end of the Mass in the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupré, a mother brought her baby, suffering from a severe birth defect, to the Pope for him to bless. It was a very tender moment with the Pope who not only blessed the baby but also held him in his arms next to the mother. In this circumstance too, as in so many others during the trip, the wheelchair did not hinder his closeness to the people. On the contrary, his own condition of fragility made—if possible—the Pope even closer to those who suffer.

Pope Francis never withdrew from the pain of the people he met.

To listen, to listen with the heart—he has shown us many times—we must be close to our neighbour. This attitude was highly visible at Friday's meeting with former students of the residential school in Iqaluit, "at the edge of the world." Pope Francis sat among them in a row of chairs in the shape of a circle, thus placing himself "as an equal."

Having come as far as only three hundred kilometers from the Arctic Circle, he thus concretely reaffirmed with this gesture that the shepherd must have the smell of the sheep, especially the most distant and wounded ones.

His journey, therefore, saw harmoniously interwoven gestures and words, speeches and concrete actions, like the threads of the coloured bands of indigenous robes.

To paraphrase the well-known researcher of mass media Marshall McLuhan (Canadian and Catholic), the gesture became the message. A message of love and reconciliation

Pope to visit Kazakhstan in September

Pope Francis will visit Kazakhstan this September. In a statement on Monday, Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office announced: "Accepting the invitation of the civil and ecclesial authorities, Pope Francis will make the announced Apostolic Journey to Kazakhstan from 13-15 September this year, visiting the city of Nur-Sultan on the occasion of the VII Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions." The Congress is to be held in the Kazakh capital. The theme of this year's event will be "The Role of Leaders of World and Traditional Faiths in the Socio-Spiritual Development of Humanity after the Pandemic".



Every three years, religious leaders from around the world gather at the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, in Nur-Sultan. In 2003, former Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbaev called for the first such Congress. He drew inspiration from Pope St. John Paul II's 1986 Day of Prayer for Peace convened in the Italian hill town of Assisi, which brought together various religions and leaders to promote interreligious dialogue, peace and harmony. The 'Spirit of Assisi' meetings became an annual tradition held each year in a different city in Europe.

Pope's continued interest in visiting: In early April, the Pope spoke about this possible journey during a live video conversation he held with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

On the return flight from his Apostolic Visit to Canada, the Pope reiterated his hope to go.

"For the moment, I would like to go to Kazakhstan. That wouldn't be too rigorous of a journey," he said. He reaffirmed his interest in being present at the congress of religions, and observed that it would likely not be overly physically demanding.

Quick facts about Kazakhstan: On 16 December 1991, Kazakhstan gained its independence from the former Soviet Union. According to the Pew Research Center, the country is at least 70% Muslim, and about 25% Christian, of which less than 1% is Catholic. St. John Paul the II was the first Pope to visit Kazakhstan, 22-25 September 2001, with the motto of "Love one other."