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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# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Weekend 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43 Jesus was crucified, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear to specially chosen witnesses.
- Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Paul tells us to set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
- Gospel: John 20:1-9
  While it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed.

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.

• If you feel you need to contact Fr Paul for any reason, his phone number is: 01323 670156.



## Weekend Mass Times

THE SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER 8pm Holy Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Battle (The Easter Vigil & First Mass of the Resurrection) 9am Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Northiam (People of the Parish) 10.45am Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Battle (Intention of Mark Clemence) NO WEDNESDAY MASS

- 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 <u>battle@abdiocese.org.uk</u>.
- 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 <a href="https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream">https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream</a> or via <a href="https://www.churchservices.tv/">https://www.churchservices.tv/</a>

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### > DEC/CAFOD - Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

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

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doubling your donation. <u>https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-</u> <u>Humanitarian-Appeal</u>

- The Diocese is currently considering how best to support the incoming Ukrainians and will be liaising with central government and local authorities over this. More information will follow once plans are in place.
- 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:

<u>Team Forge CAFOD Walk Against Hunger | Walk against Hunger | CAFOD</u> (Gift Aid if possible), or by cash to any Team Forge member.

- Order of Malta Please see the 'thank you' letter attached from BASMOM, the updated total donated from our Parish is £560! If you 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.
- Richard and Kate Grun wish all their fellow Parishioners a Very Happy and Holy Easter!

#### News from our Diocese

• Invited: Season II - Growing in Faith: Season II of Invited, the Diocesan Mission, started 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: <u>https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited</u>

- A Day at the Seaside for Young Adults (18-35): Join our community of young adults on 7 May for a day in East Preston with Fr Stephen Ortiger. We will start with Mass, followed by a walk on the beach then share lunch at a wonderful beachside café. A great opportunity to get to know other Catholics your age. Contact E: <u>lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk</u>
- Grandparents Day Wednesday 8 June at West Grinstead: A pilgrimage to the shrine at West Grinstead. For more information please contact <u>katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk</u>
- 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 or you can <u>click here</u>.
  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 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: <a href="https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home">https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home</a>
- To find out about events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar
  W: <u>https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events</u>
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am 12.30pm, but will be closed on Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April.
- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

#### <u>Vatican News</u>

#### A lay saint and two martyrs of Nazism soon to be raised to the altars

Pope Francis on Saturday received in audience Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, and authorised him to promulgate decrees concerning various causes showing a richness in examples of limitless charity and heroism in the face of violence. The first decree regarded Blessed Artemide Zatti, an Italian layman, originally from



Boretto in the Po Valley where he was born in 1880. The family emigrated to Argentina when Artemide was 17 and settled in Bahia Blanca. There the young man met the Salesians and entered the Congregation as a professed member, but he came down with tuberculosis. When he recovered he chose not to become a priest but to dedicate himself to the sick in order to 3ulfil a vow he made to Mary Help of Christians. He offered this service for the rest of his life at the Hospital of Viedma as vice-director, administrator, and nurse, and was appreciated and esteemed by his patients and their families, until he died of cancer in 1951.

Zatti's miracle: Pope St. John Paul II beatified Artemide Zatti in 2002. The miracle recognised

on Saturday for canonisation dates back to 2016 with the healing of a Filipino man from Tanauan Batangas, who suffered near fatal severe ischemic stroke, worsened by heavy bleeding. His family did not have the means to pay for his operation and brought him home on 21 August. However, on 24 August, he suddenly removed the nasogastric tube providing him with nourishment and oxygen, asked for something to eat, and in the following days, resumed his normal life. It was his brother, a Salesian coadjutor in Rome, who, on the same day he was admitted to hospital, had begun to pray for the intercession of Blessed Artemide Zatti. Martyrdom of two priests: The stories of martyrs and future Blesseds Fr. Giuseppe Bernardi and Fr. Mario Ghibaudo highlight their courage and faith to the point of offering their lives, in the face of a brutal hatred shown by their aggressors. After the armistice of 1943, the town of Boves, in the Italian province of Cuneo, was at the crossroads of German forces and the struggle of the partisans. On 19 September, after a clash in which one man died on each side and two soldiers were taken prisoner, German Major Peiper threatened to destroy the town if his two captured men were not released, along with the body of the one who was killed. Fr. Giuseppe Bernardi and another person successfully mediated the situation, and obtained what was requested from the besiegers, but they did not keep their word. The German major then gave the order to attack and took the priest and another person, Antonio Vassallo, into an armoured car and forced them to witness summary executions and setting fire to homes. It is at this time that at around 4:30 pm the vicar of the parish, Fr. Mario Ghibaudo, died. After saving the girls of the orphanage and others, he visited someone who had been hit by German machine gun fire to give him Last Rites, but he was in turn shot down by gunfire and mutilated by a soldier. Around 6 pm, Fr. Bernardi and the other man were taken to a courtyard, executed and set on fire.

**Heroic Virtues:** The decrees signed by Pope Francis on Saturday also recognize the heroic virtues of seven Servants of God, currently considered Venerable by the Church. Spanish Bishop Martino Fulgenzio Elorza Legaristi, born in 1899, a member of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, worked in a Peruvian territory entrusted to him, marked by poverty. He often visited local parishes, going by foot, horseback or by canoe. He began the construction of a cathedral and new churches in the villages, and also took part in the first Sessions of the Second Vatican Council. He died in Lima in 1966.

Bishop Francesco Costantino Mazzieri, a member of the Friars Minor Conventual, originally from Abbadia di Osimo (1889), was also a missionary. In 1930, he felt the call to evangelize far from Italy, and was sent with six confreres to what is now Zambia, in the district of Ndola (then Northern Rhodesia), a British colony at the time. For 36 years, he gave witness to pioneering evangelization that helped the Church grow despite the difficult and impervious conditions. He chose to reside in the rural area of Santa Teresa (Ibenga-Zambia) and his humility, and together with his great charitable sensitivity, he worked heroically taking care of lepers. He was loved by the people and died in 1983, always remembered for his personal holiness.

The new Venerables also include foundresses of religious institutes.

Lucia Noiret (born in 1832 in France) founded the Congregation of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus under the protection of St. Joseph. After her novitiate with the Sisters of Charity, she was transferred to the Italian city of Imola as an educator in a facility for poor girls and orphans. When the Superior General decided to recall the religious, Sister Lucia, on the advice of the Bishop of Imola, Luigi Tesorieri, remained to serve at the facility. Several young women joined her and this was the first group of the future congregation. She died in Imola in 1899.

**Casimira Gruszczyńska** was born in 1848 in Kozienice (modern-day Poland), where she spent her entire life until her death in 1927. She made a vow of private chastity at the age of 10, which she renewed at the age of 21 with the permission of the parish priest during a Mass at the parish church. The following year, her mother died and the future foundress devoted herself to visiting the sick and teaching catechism to children. In 1875, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Heart of Jesus, but when the Czarist regime decreed the dissolution of religious institutes on the territory of the Kingdom of Poland, members of the Congregation went into hiding, continuing to work discreetly without the recognition given by a religious habit. In 1882, she founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Afflicted, dedicated to the care of the sick and suffering, subject to the Rule of the Franciscan Third Order, which she directed for 45 years. In 1922, Pope Pius XI awarded her the medal "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice." Two of the three laywomen recognized as Venerable are of the same age.

**Aurora Calvo Hernández-Agero** from Spain, born in 1901, lived in Béjar all her life. From a deeply Christian family, her brother was a priest and she wished to become a Discalced Carmelite, but the need to care for her elderly mother prevented her from entering the contemplative life. She worked as a catechist and strove in every way to deepen her inner life with intensity and care, consecrating herself to the Virgin Mary and showing a great passion for spiritual exercises. She died of a pneumonia in 1933.

**Rosalia Celak** was born in 1901 in Jachówka, Poland. At the age of 17 she took a private vow of chastity, and at 23, she left for Krakow where she stayed for a year with an elderly woman helping her with housework. While still in Krakow, the following year she began to work as an orderly for the sick in the surgical department of St. Lazarus Hospital in the same city and, after about two months, she was transferred to the department of skin and venereal diseases. In 1927, she entered the Poor Clares of Krakow, but her weak health did not allow her to remain there and the following year she returned to her work in the hospital of St. Lazarus, gaining the trust and respect of all. In the final period her life, her faith grew strongly in mystical union with Jesus. She died at the age of 43 in Krakow in 1944. Twenty years older is the third laywoman whose heroic virtues have been recognised.

**Maria Aristea Ceccarelli** was born in Ancona, Italy, in 1883, into a family that did not appreciate her. Her mother, illiterate, had a closed and very harsh character, while here father was violent, a gambler and alcoholic, taking an aversion to Aristea. The girl grew up in a world of loneliness, psychological and material poverty. She suffered from hunger and cold, and started work at a young age as a seamstress at 6 years old until she was 11, when she started working in a restaurant. Her parents force her to marry Igino Bernacchia, and the two agreed to live with her in-laws, where Aristea did domestic work and also worked in the bakery, butcher store and family grocery store. Her father-in-law and husband were also abusive and, unfortunately, in 1902, she suffered a serious and painful illness that led to the removal of her right eye. Aristea found comfort in constant prayer, and when her husband's work meant that they had to move to Rome, she entrusted herself to the spiritual guidance of two Camillians, living her mission in hospitals, particularly at the Umberto I Sanatorium, among those suffering from tuberculosis, especially children, and visiting the sick in their homes, consoling them and helping them materially. She died in Rome on Christmas Eve 1971.