

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE
with

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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 28th May - Battle
(Morgan, Ignatius & Jane
Finucane, RIP, FM)

9am Sunday 29th May -
Northiam (People of the Parish)

10.45am Sunday 29th May Battle
(Intention of Mark Clemence)

10am Wednesday 1st June -
- Battle (Celebrant's Intention)
followed by coffee & cake
in the Parish Room

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Weekend 28th / 29th May 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading:** Acts 7:55-60

St Stephen forgives those who put him to death.
His prayer and courageous witness to his faith
begin to open the heart of Saul.

- **Second Reading:**

Apocalypse 22:12-14.16-17. 20

The Lord Jesus invites people to turn to believe
in him, the living water, and welcomes them into
the banquet of heaven.

- **Gospel:** John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for this followers to be closely united and witness to him by the love they show to
others in the world.

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, Felicity Youlden.

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.
- 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/>
- **Polish Memorial Service, Netherfield:** The annual Remembrance Service at the Polish Monument at Netherfield will be held this Sunday 29th May at 3pm, in memory of the young Polish airmen who died on this spot in May 1941, R.I.P. All are welcome to attend.
- **Cyril Webster RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cyril Webster who sadly died last week.** His daughter Helen was with him the day before, during the night and when he passed, and thankfully his wife, Maureen, managed to see him before he died. Please remember Cyril and his family, in your prayers. Details of Cyril's funeral will be announced in due course.
- **Congratulations to David Wilson:** David with a cup awarded for his First in his weight class in the recent International Judo Competition. He is also holding the Award of the Black Belt which he achieved as well. Congratulations David and well done. Our super champion!



- **The Dean of Battle writes:** St Mary's Church Battle is celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Sunday 5th June at 9.30 am. The Bishop of Lewes, Will Hazelwood, who is a very charismatic and engaging person, will be joining the service to preach and preside at HC, which also happens to be Pentecost Sunday.
- **Bexhill SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** The Bexhill SVP Conference are organising a pilgrimage to Aylesford on June 14th and we would like to offer the opportunity for Battle parishioners to join us.
- Now we are in May, make a note in your diary as a reminder about the monthly SVP Afternoon Tea and Cake event on May 30th at 3pm in St Martha's Church Hall, Little Common. We are looking forward to seeing our guests again who came to our first event and hopefully many new ones joining us for the first time. Please tell your family, friends and neighbours

about the tea and bring them with you for an enjoyable afternoon. The event is free and any donations will go towards the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. We look forward to seeing you, call 07783 598238 if you have any questions or by email popsy57@outlook.com.

- **Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room:** Don't forget to pop into the parish room after Mass on Wednesday for tea or coffee and a slice of cake or a biscuit, and to have a catch up with friends and other parishioners.

Saints of the Week

Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 31st May

The Visitation commemorates the meeting between Mary and her cousin St Elizabeth at Ein Kerem, just outside Jerusalem. Feeling the presence of his Divine Saviour, St John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb on the Blessed Virgin's arrival. Following St Elizabeth's words of greeting, Our Lady proclaimed the Magnificat, a hymn praising the Lord for all that He had done for His handmaid and expressing her attitude of faith and humility.



Memorial of St Justin, Martyr - 1st June

Born at the beginning of the second century, at Nablus in Samaria. His family was pagan. He was a philosopher, and became a Christian at about the age of 30. He went first to Ephesus, and then to Rome, where he established a school. He wrote many works in defence of Christianity, of which the two *Apologies*, and his *Dialogue with Trypho* survive. He gives us the earliest description of the rite of baptism, and of a Sunday Mass. He was martyred, with six others, five men and a woman, during the time of Marcus Aurelius, about 165.



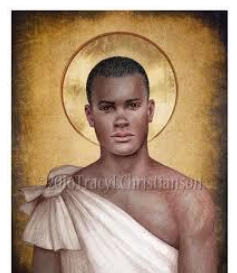
Memorial of Ss Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs - 2nd June

Ss Marcellinus and Peter (+c.304) were members of the Church of Rome; St Marcellinus was a zealous priest and St Peter an exorcist (one of the minor orders). They were beheaded under Diocletian. One tradition says their executioner subsequently became a Christian and related the story of their martyrdom to Pope St Damasus. Their names are included in the Roman Canon.



Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs - 3rd June

The twenty-two martyrs of Uganda were put to death by the king, Mwanga, whose objection to their Christianity was reinforced by their resistance to impure demands of them. Some were quite young boys; some were still catechumens, though Charles Lwanga baptised these before their death. Even the youngest of all, Kizito, persevered to the end despite the entreaties of his family.



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MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

(Day of Prayer for the Church)

Weekend 4th / 5th June 2022

Pentecost (Whitsunday), with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity. It commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples, but also the fruits and effects of that event: the completion of the work of redemption, the fullness of grace for the Church and its children, and the gift of faith for all nations.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

An unusual noise brought people rushing to where the apostles were. They found them filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in diverse languages.

- **Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17**

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit transforms human beings so that they become spiritual people.

- **Gospel: John 14:15-16. 23-26**

The Spirit of God comes to dwell with all who live by Christ's teachings, guiding them in how to live.

Cycle of prayer: during Ordinary Time (Summer), i.e. up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers.

Events of the Week

Pentecost Sunday: The Holy Spirit is first and foremost a Creator Spirit, hence Pentecost is also a feast of creation. For us Christians, the world is the fruit of an act of love by God who has made all things and in which he rejoices because it is "good", it is "very good", as the creation narrative tells us (cf. Gn 1:1-31). Consequently God is not totally Other, unnameable and obscure. God reveals himself, he has a face. God is reason, God is will,



God is love, God is beauty. Faith in the Creator Spirit and faith in the Spirit whom the Risen Christ gave to the Apostles and gives to each one of us are therefore inseparably united. The Gospel passage offers us a marvellous image to clarify the connection between Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father: the Holy Spirit is portrayed as the breath of the Risen Jesus Christ. Here the Evangelist John takes up an image of the creation narrative, where it says that God breathed into the nostrils of man the breath of life (cf. Gn 2:7). The breath of God is life. Now, the Lord breathes into our soul the new life, the Holy Spirit, his most intimate essence, and in this way welcomes us into God's family. With Baptism and Confirmation this gift was given to us specifically, and with the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance it is continuously repeated: the Lord breathes a breath of life into our soul.

Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church – 6th June

One Mother, two motherhoods

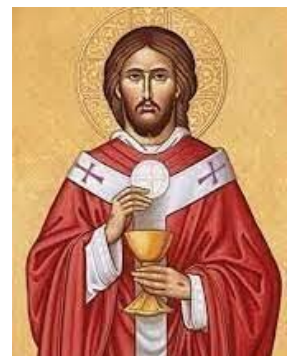
Mary mothered Jesus, Jesus then gave life to the Church with water and blood from His side, and the Church then mothers us into existence through baptism. Devotion to Mary goes hand in hand with devotion to the Church because both are mothers. Mother Mary gives the world Christ. Mother Church gives the world Christians.



Feast Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest – 9th June

(according to the order of Melchizedek)

In him the Father has been well pleased from before all time. As Mediator between God and human beings, fulfilling his Father's will, he sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. Thus, instituting the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, with a brother's kindness he chose, from among the children of Adam, men to augment the priesthood, so that, from the sacrifice continually renewed in the Church, streams of divine power might flow, whereby a new heaven and a new earth might be made, and throughout the whole universe there would be perfected what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the human heart.



News from our Diocese

Diocesan run events:

- **Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard, Saturday 25 June at 11.30am.** Bishop Richard will be hosting an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst, RH14 9QH. Everyone is very welcome, to reserve your free place please sign up here:

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/an04uoxn>

- **Invited Novena: 27 May – 4 June:** We are in the middle of our diocesan Mission, Invited Season II but it's not too late to get involved. You can 'binge-watch' the films so far or simply join in when the next episode is released on Monday. Most importantly we encourage you to join in our diocesan-wide Novena to the Holy Spirit, building from Ascension to Pentecost. To sign up, go to <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/whgsjpng>. To find out more about Invited please visit our website www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited.
- **Inclusion:** Would you like to attend formation for the Ministry of Welcome? Formation provides an opportunity to consider how our wonderful parish communities can become even more welcoming and inclusive. To find out more please contact the diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk or M: 07508459315. Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing? Would you like to attend the monthly diocesan Mass signed in BSL, with specific Liturgical Mass Signs for the Mass? If you would like further information about our Signed Mass or the diocesan Deaf Group please text or email the diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher; M: 07508459315 or E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk

Youth

- **BeCome: Diocesan Young Adults Group (18-35).** We are coming to the end of our online study of the Sycamore series but will be starting a new process of studying and praying with scriptures very soon. If you are interested in joining our community and diving deeper into the bible whilst forming new friendships, contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk
- **theASCENT for teenagers, 24 May 7.30pm – 8.30pm:** This amazing discipleship process is open to anyone in years 10, 11 or 12. With residential retreats and online gatherings with others of the same age, this is a great opportunity to explore your faith in a safe and friendly environment. If you want to find out more, join our online information evening. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details.

PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Vatican News

Nicaraguan Bishop goes on indefinite hunger strike

Rolando Alvarez is the Bishop of Matagalpa, which has a population of 109,000 people and is the seventh largest city in Nicaragua, located in the centre of the country. He says the Nicaraguan Police have been following and shadowing him non-stop. This even continued when he was visiting his niece. Bishop Alvarez, who's a stern critic of President Daniel Ortega's Sandanista Government, which has arrested dozens of opposition politicians, is demanding the release of all political prisoners. He's now saying that he will continue his hunger strike until the police, who've told him they're only obeying orders, promise to respect the privacy of his family and back off. Other Priests are reporting similar types of harassment. Nicaragua's Congress, which is dominated by the Sandanista Party, has already threatened to imprison Catholic priests who question or defy their authority. Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes, the Archbishop of the capital, Managua, insists that the Church isn't the enemy of the government and will pray for them.



Gallagher: I met a wounded and brave people, dialogue is needed for peace

"The Ukrainian people are truly a wounded people and at the same time very courageous, very determined: we cannot overlook the great suffering of this great people... We must renew our commitment to resolve the conflict through diplomatic and political dialogue."

Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, concluding his mission to Ukraine, takes stock of the trip with Vatican News.



Speaking in Italian, Archbishop Gallagher describes the importance of the ecumenical spirit in rebuilding the peace of future Ukraine. He explains that at a time like this, in any country, "there is also the danger of rivalries beginning to grow, and resentment towards one another." He says that for this reason it is indispensable that everyone remain firmly determined to work "for the unity of the country, of the political body of the country, for the unity of Christians, the unity of the Catholic Church, the unity with other religions, to be able to take advantage of the spiritual resources, of the grace that God grants in these moments, and not dissipate these things in difficulties, in quarrels."

Archbishop Gallagher then speaks of the courage of an Orthodox priest he met in Bucha, "who recounts those terrible days, when there were corpses everywhere and he asked that they be buried."

We can see that in the end, perhaps, in some places things are a little better these days, "but the wounds remain and even we in our small way, we come, we try to talk to them, to show empathy towards their suffering, a gesture of support, a gesture of encouragement."

However, Archbishop Gallagher stresses that this "in my opinion is not something we humans can do alone. Truly when we are in need, we absolutely feel the need for the encounter with Christ who heals our wounds. In a certain sense, Ukraine must walk a little like Mary Magdalene in the

garden to encounter the risen Christ. Only this can dry the tears of this people. I am convinced that when you see these people there is great human solidarity, but there is also great faith. I am convinced that the people, through deepening their faith, regardless of their traditions - Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Jewish and other religions - can come to the resurrection, even at this Easter time."

Comment of Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher at the conclusion of mission to Ukraine

Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher: As this mission draws to a conclusion today, I'd like to really express my thanks, above all, to God who's been with us I think in every step. And also to everybody who's facilitated it. Civil authorities, both in Poland and in the Ukraine, the Church authorities who've been so hospitable and who've enabled us to meet with them and to talk very frankly. We've been received with great pleasure. I would say we kept our promise. I promised Minister Kuleba I would come. We came and we've talked, and we will continue to talk. Ukraine at this moment has many needs.

For much of these needs, the churches have helped enormously. I've heard great praise for Caritas, great praise for what the diocese and the parishes and the bishops have done, both Greek Catholics and Latin Catholics here. So that's something to be very, very proud of. And there's also been great recognition of the great work done by Poland and their extraordinary generosity, both in receiving refugees and in sending humanitarian aid to the Ukraine. But we need to move forward, that sustaining of Ukraine needs to continue. We need to help them. We need to encourage them. We need to help them to always remain optimistic and faithful. We need to make every effort that in the conduct of this conflict, that the values of this people that are profoundly Christian should prevail over anything which might be more negative or more conflictual.

There's going to be a lot of work to be done for probably many years in rebuilding the society. And this is a society which is going to have to really foster its unity at every level, the Church level, the political level, in terms of governance and in terms of renewing its industry. The world has great need for the Ukraine. We need that they can share their grain and their sunflower oil with us and all these things. And we need to work together so that also all the fallout from this terrible conflict in terms of the various crises which we're facing as the economic crisis, the food crisis, the supply chain crisis, all of these things which we read about and hear about constantly, so that in our work with Ukraine, we can we can also embrace the greater good of humanity, which is really threatened at this time.