

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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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Weekend 13th / 14th August 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading:** *Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.* 10
A woman adorned with sun, moon and stars gives birth to a child.
- **Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:20-26*
In Christ, we are raised from the dead and brought to new life.
- **Gospel:** *Luke 1:39-56*
Mary is blessed among women. She proclaims God's greatness.

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.

Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 13th August -
Battle (Jack Morgan, RIP)
9am Sunday 14th August -
Northiam (People of the Parish)
10.45am Sunday 14th August -
Battle -
(Maud Dominica Petre, RIP, FM)

10am Wednesday 17th August -
Battle (Celebrant's Intention)

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

- 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.

'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>

- **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. In due course sponsorship forms will be available in each church and we do hope for everyone's support.

Saints of the Week

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -

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.



Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary, King - 16th August

St Stephen (Istvan) (c.975-1038) was baptised at the age of ten, when his father, the Duke of Hungary, converted to Christianity. He married Gisela, sister of the Holy Roman Emperor St Henry, and succeeded his father in 997. Crowned first King of Hungary in 1001, he ruled forcefully and with great wisdom and did much to encourage the evangelisation of his people. His wife was beatified in 1975; his son Emeric (Imre), who predeceased him, is also venerated as a saint.



Memorial of St John Eudes, Priest - 19th August

St John Eudes (1601-1680) was born in the Norman village of Ri (France), joined the Oratory in Paris and was ordained in 1625. He went on to found the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists) and the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge. A popular preacher, he promoted devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He was canonised in 1925.



Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor - 20th August

St Bernard (c.1090-1153) was born into a noble family at Fontaines, near Dijon (France). In 1113 he joined the new monastery at Cîteaux and went on to found the Cistercian house at Clairvaux. St Bernard became known as a talented theologian, preacher and controversialist, enjoying a correspondence with monarchs and popes. He managed to combine a life of action with one of mystical contemplation, as revealed in his writings. Declared a Doctor of the Church in 1830, he is known as 'the last of the Fathers'.



- 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.
- **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 - 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: johnbrotherton@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.
- **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 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, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS. T: 01483 573273 M: 07710 094448 E: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk W: www.cafod.org.uk.

Vatican News

Pope applauds Ukrainian grain deal as sign of hope for peace

"I would like to welcome the departure from Ukraine's ports of the first ships loaded with grain." Pope Francis made that remark on Sunday while speaking at the noon-day Angelus prayer.

Four bulk carrier ships set sail from Ukrainian Black Sea ports on Sunday, after the first ships left the port city of Odessa



early last week following Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February. The Pope said the deal charts the path forward toward peace.

"This step shows that it is possible to dialogue and achieve concrete results, which benefit everyone. Therefore, this event can be seen as a sign of hope, and I sincerely hope that, following this path, we can put an end to the fighting and arrive at a just and lasting peace."

End of blockade: Turkey and the United Nations brokered a deal in July between Russia and Ukraine to allow the export of Ukrainian foodstuffs through the Black Sea.

The deal ended a months-long blockade of Ukrainian ports, which had led to soaring grain prices around the globe. The UN had warned of possible outbreaks of famine in various places due to the lack of Ukrainian grain shipments. Before the war, Ukraine and Russia together made up nearly a third of global wheat exports.

Joint oversight efforts: A Joint Coordination Centre (JCC) has been set up in Istanbul to oversee the shipping of Ukrainian grain, and is staffed by Russian, Ukrainian, Turkish, and UN

personnel. The four bulk carriers which left port on Sunday were carrying nearly 170,000 tons of corn and other foodstuffs, according to Ukraine's sea ports authority.

Saturday marked the first time a foreign-flagged ship arrived in Ukraine to be loaded with grain since the outbreak of the war in February. Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister said Sunday that the country hopes to soon be able to ship around 3 million tons of good each month.

"We are gradually moving on to larger volumes of work," said Oleksandr Kubrakov on Facebook. "We plan to ensure the ability of the ports to handle at least 100 vessels per month in the near future."

Pope prays for victims of bus crash in Croatia

Praying that Our Lady intercede for the victims and their families, Pope Francis remembered the Polish pilgrims who perished in a bus crash in Croatia on Saturday morning.

The bus was taking them on pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina. At least 12 people were killed, and another 32 were injured. Speaking after the recitation of the Sunday Angelus, the Pope expressed his condolences over the incident, offering prayers for all those who died, the injured and their families.



"I learned with sorrow the news of the bus crash yesterday morning in Croatia. Several Polish pilgrims on their way to Medjugorje lost their lives and others were injured. May Our Lady intercede for them and their families."

Catholic pilgrims: On Saturday, Croatia's prime minister expressed his sorrow for the deaths of the Polish pilgrims who died after their bus veered off the A4 road between the Croatian villages of Jarek Bisaski and Podvorec, northeast of Zagreb, the capital. The bus ended up in a roadside ditch. Croatian officials said the passengers, including three priests and six nuns, were headed to Medjugorje, which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors yearly.

Poland's justice minister and prosecutor general have ordered the Warsaw Prosecutors Office to investigate the cause of the crash