

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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THE TWENTY SEVENTH IN ORDINARY TIME Weekend 1st / 2nd October 2022

Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 1st October - Battle (Peggy and James Barnes, RIP)

9am Sunday 2nd October - Northiam (Rodney Atkinson, RIP)

10.45am Sunday 2nd October - Battle (Margaret Reid, RIP)

Weekday Masses at Battle

NO MASS Monday 3rd October

6pm Tuesday 4th October - Battle (No Intention)

10am Wednesday 5th October - Battle (Leonora and Albert Ashing, RIP)

followed by Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room - Everyone very welcome!

6am Thursday 6th October - Battle (No Intention)

10am Friday 7th October - Battle (Thanksgiving to The Holy Trinity and
the BVM)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading:** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The prophet is overwhelmed by all the violence he sees and asks why God tolerates evil deeds.

- **Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

Paul teaches that "the spirit of timidity" does not come from God and that we should not be ashamed of our testimony to Jesus Christ.

- **Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

Proximity to Jesus does not guarantee unwavering faith. According to Luke, the ones closest to Jesus believe they need more faith. "Increase our faith," they plead.

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, Suzanne McAdie.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly.

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 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 Richard, who is happy to make home visits, on 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them through the Presbytery door, or let Maggie know on 773125, e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk, 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/>
- **Change of Sunday Mass Time:** Fr Richard is thinking of changing the Sunday Mass time to 11am, please let us know if this would suit you better. Thank you to all who have already given feedback, any further comments would be gratefully received.
- **Reading at Mass** - we have very few parishioners undertaking this important Ministry in the Church. Full assistance will be given to anyone interested in joining our small team. Please come forward and let Fr Richard know of your interest.
- **Please join us for coffee & cake in the Parish Room after the 10am Mass on Wednesday!**
- **CAFOD Family Fast Day - World Food Crisis Appeal**
Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.
- Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? The Governing body of St Richard's Catholic College in Bexhill is looking to recruit a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors come from a variety of backgrounds and have different skills, knowledge and experiences, and are keen to ensure Catholic education is supported. If you would like to know more please check out the following websites: abdiocese.org.uk/educationservice/governance and/or strichardscc.com
or contact Alison Horan, Chair of Governors for an informal chat on ahoran@strichardscc.com

- **His Majesty King Charles III** has expressed the wish that all in the Catholic community know of his gratitude for the many prayers that have been offered for the late Queen and for the Royal Family during these past weeks.
- **Team Forge does it again!** - last weekend, Team Forge (Ingrid Finch, Vicky Chainey & John Reid) successfully completed the 'Moonlight & Memories Walk 2022', raising funds for St Michael's hospice. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their very generous support and gently make the point that we are happy to receive your sponsorship money as soon as is convenient! Ingrid, Vicky & John
- **Battle Foodbank - Needs and Updates:** This week the Foodbank needs Tins of Soup, Tomatoes, Cold Meat and Fish; Small bags of Sugar; Biscuits; SweetTreats; Jars of Marmite and Peanut Butter and Boxes of 40's teabags. Please put items in the basket at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity.
- **Hospitality Volunteers needed - Can you spare a couple of hours once every few weeks on a Wednesday lunchtime 12:30 - 2:30pm?** The Foodbank is going to restart hospitality for clients offering tea and coffee, this stopped during the Covid lockdown. We need volunteers to cover the hospitality - this would entail arriving about 12.30 to set up and then serve tea/coffee and biscuits and chat to clients from 1.00 to about 2.30. If you can help please contact Sally Perry (Battle FoodBank Manager) email: sparrygb@gmail.com or email chrisamullis@gmail.com
- **Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 17th October 2022. £699.00 per person sharing.** Price includes 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Saints of the Week

Memorial of The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex - 3rd October

John Ruge, Thomas Percy, Thomas Pylcher, Henry Webley, Edward Shelley, Ralph Crockett, Edward James, George Gervase, Thomas Bullaker, William Howard.

On this day we honour ten martyrs, whose suffering span the whole period during which men and women were put to death in England for their loyalty to the Catholic faith: a period of over 140 years, during the reigns of 5 monarchs. Among them are 4 laymen, 2 of noble birth, and 6 priests, including a Benedictine monk, a Franciscan friar and 3 'seminary priests'



Memorial of St Francis of Assisi - 4th October

Born in 1181, the son of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up everything to obey the words of the Lord: 'Leave all, and follow me.' He lived in complete poverty, preaching the gospel. Others came to join him, and they lived by a simple rule based on the Gospel. From them grew the Franciscan Order, which spread rapidly during his own lifetime, though he ceased to be its leader and left its administration to others. His life was a putting into practice of the beatitudes,



and was marked by faith, joy, service of others, prayer, and love of all created things. He died in 1226.

Memorial of St Bruno, Priest – 6th October

St Bruno (c.1035-1101), founder of the Carthusian Order, was born in Cologne and taught theology for about twenty years at Rheims (France). In 1084 he retired with six companions into the mountains near Grenoble (France) and founded the strict monastery of the Grande Chartreuse. St Bruno was summoned to Rome by his former pupil, Blessed Urban II, and while working for the pope founded further monasteries in Italy.



Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary – 7th October

This memorial (originally of Our Lady of Victories) commemorates the battle of Lepanto (7th October 1571), when a Christian fleet defeated the Turks. The victory was attributed by Pope St Pius V to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. This great Marian prayer is sometimes traced back to St Dominic and his confrères, preaching against the Albigensian heresy in the thirteenth century, although it seems more likely to have taken its familiar form in the fifteenth century. Since then it has spread all over the world and has produced marvellous fruits, bringing countless Christians 'to Jesus through Mary'.



*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*

- 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

- **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".

➤ **We can abolish slavery in our lifetime! Monday 17 October 11am - 12.30pm**

If you learn about modern slavery and how you can make a difference you can engage in the fight against this modern day scourge. Do join the Abolition Initiative's Kick Off Event for Antislavery Week at the Ropetackle Centre, Shoreham. For more details on this and other anti-slavery events please contact Tessa Ricketts, Social Action Adviser E:

tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

- 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: johnabrotherton@gmail.com

Externally run Diocesan events at Worth Abbey:

- **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: 21-24 October Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy**

The Relics of St Bernadette will journey to our Diocese this October visiting: [St Dunstan's in Woking](#) 21st-22nd, [Arundel Cathedral](#) 22nd-23rd, [Worth Abbey](#) 23th-24th. People across our faith family are invited to attend; to find out more about this very special undertaking please visit the tour website W: stbernadette.org.uk. Watch the Tour trailer here <https://youtu.be/PFRMIvD9AiI>

- 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.

Vatican News

Pope to Capuchin sisters: 'Let the Holy Family inspire you'

Pope Francis has called on religious sisters to be powerful prophets of humble listening, so that by listening to God's voice they might be empowered to go against the current and 'noise,' to bring God's love to all without distinction. The Pope gave this encouragement as he addressed members of the [Capuchin Tertiary Sisters of the Holy Family](#) on Monday in the Vatican. According to their website, the Congregation was founded



in 1885, in the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montiel, Benaguacil, Valencia, Spain, and was approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1902. What was born as a small family of sisters is now present in 34 countries located on 4 continents, full of young women worldwide "joyful for their call and happy to be consecrated to the service of others." Pope Francis told the nuns on Monday morning that it was a joy for him to welcome them, especially as they celebrate their 23rd General Chapter.

Special relationship with the Holy Family: Acknowledging the religious sisters came from different corners of the world, the Pope said this is "beautiful because it indicates that you really live a spirit of welcome and universal fraternity, in accordance with your special relationship with the 'Holy Family.'" *"This attitude, typical of a family environment, is expressed in the motto of the General Chapter, which revolves around two ideas: humble listening and synodality."* These, he highlighted, are inspiring words, which have deep roots in religious life.

God's voice drives us to love endlessly: Listening, he pointed out, requires first of all silence, "deep, inner silence." *"The prophecy that Jesus asks of us is precisely to go against this current, to seek silence, to separate ourselves from the world, from the noise."* The Pope then offered the nuns guidance on how to do this.

Listen and be inspired by God's voice: *"Be prophets of this listening, first of all, by listening to the voice of God, who calls you to love all without distinction, to love creation as His gift, to see in all its greatness, as St. Francis teaches us in his Canticle of the Creatures."* This melody, the Pope said, imposes itself naturally, "because it is the very essence of all things." In it, he stressed, even pain, darkness, death, find their meaning, as well as brothers or sisters who may be experiencing difficulties or who may need a second chance. This silent listening to God and to humanity, the Pope stressed, moves us from hearing 'noise' to instead a 'symphony.'

Power of synodality and embracing littleness: The Holy Father also invited the sisters to embrace the power of synodality. This entails, he underscored, walking together, and "being a choir with a single heart and a single soul, even if we are in different times and different *tessituras*." "It is not a utopia," he acknowledged, but recalled that it all comes together properly when everyone acknowledges that Jesus leads their paths. Following Jesus, the Holy Father stressed, "is the way of the cross, humility, poverty, and service." "It is the way chosen by Saint Francis, and by your Venerable Founder, Luis Amigó [Venerable Bishop Luis Amigó y Ferrer], who meditated on the Passion every day, inviting you to embrace the style of littleness and mortification, as the way to heaven."

Learning from the Holy Family: Before this "thunderous silence" of the Passion, "the world is challenged like Pilate, and placed before the bare Truth," the Pope observed. It must pray again for, the Holy Father suggested, the hope of Pope St. Paul VI, namely that "the silence of Nazareth which the Holy Family cultivated, may teach them, in their specific vocation as religious, to learn from the Holy Family." The Pope concluded by encouraging the Capuchin Tertiary Sisters of the Holy Family joyously before him to enrich the world by their teaching, maintain a strong personal prayer life "that only God can see," and promote the Gospel to advance Salvation of the world.