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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 25th June - Battle
(People of the Parish)
9am Sunday 26th June - Northiam
(Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion)
10.45am Sunday 26th June -
Battle (Liturgy of the Word and
Holy Communion)
7pm Tuesday 28th June - Battle
An Hour of Prayer for Those
Affected by the War in Ukraine

No Wednesday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
after 6pm Mass Saturdays

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekend 25th / 26th June 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16. 19-21**
Elisha leaves behind his parents and his farming lifestyle and follows the itinerant prophet Elijah as his servant.
- **Second Reading: Galatians 5:1. 13-18**
We are called to be free, not to a life of selfishness and sin, but to one of generous service of others.
- **Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**
Following Jesus requires a wholehearted commitment.

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/>
- We are pleased to again welcome Fr Chris Benyan who will be celebrating the 6pm Vigil Masses this Saturday 25th June and next Saturday 2nd July.

Prayer Service for Those Affected by the War in Ukraine Tuesday 28th June

Please join us for a time of prayer, readings and music for all those affected by the war in Ukraine at 7pm, this Tuesday 28th June
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>.

- **A Huge Thank You from Maggie!!** I am so grateful and overwhelmed by your kind wishes and generosity towards me for my (big) birthday and holiday - I feel really humbled! Eddie presented me with my envelope before I went on holiday, and I had the best time ever - so thank you again from the bottom of my heart.
Maggie x
- **Cyril Webster RIP:** Thank you from Helen, Cyril's daughter - both Mum and I thank everyone for their support and for those who were at the burial service and for their continued prayers for us.



Saints of the Week

Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor - 27th June

St Cyril (c.376-444) was born at Alexandria and succeeded his uncle as Patriarch in 412. He battled heresy and took a leading role at the Council of Ephesus in 431, which condemned the teaching of Nestorius. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1882.



Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr – 28th June

St Irenaeus (c.130-c.200) was a disciple of St Polycarp, who was himself a disciple of St John the Evangelist. His writings safeguarded the unity of belief in the face of the Gnostic heretics. He became bishop of Lyons and is venerated as a martyr.



Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles – 29th June

St Peter (+c.64) was the brother of St Andrew and a Galilean fisherman. He was called by the Lord and, despite his obvious human weaknesses, eventually chosen as the leader of the Twelve, the 'rock' on which the Church was built. After Pentecost, he became particularly associated with Antioch and then Rome. He was crucified under Nero and buried at the Vatican.

St Paul (+c.66/67) was a tent-maker from Tarsus (then capital of the Roman province of Cilicia, now in Turkey), a Pharisee and a Roman citizen. He was initially a persecutor of Christians but was converted by the Lord on his way to Damascus. He became the Apostle of the Gentiles, preaching the Gospel to the uncircumcised, reaching Greece, Italy, Malta and possibly even Spain. He was beheaded along the Via Ostiense and buried nearby, on the site where the basilica bearing his name now stands.



Memorial of The First Martyrs of the See of Rome – 30th June

The Church celebrates this feast in memory of the martyrs who suffered during the persecution of Nero, following the fire that destroyed much of Rome in 64AD. Christians from every background were put to death with ingenious cruelty. This was the same persecution in which Saints Peter and Paul were killed. The blood of the martyrs was indeed the seed of the Church.



Feast of the Consecration of Arundel Cathedral – 1st July

Construction began in late 1869 in French Gothic style and was opened on 1 July 1873. Originally the church was dedicated to the sixteenth century Italian priest, St. Philip Neri (1515-1595). St. Philip's was seen to be a parish church for the Catholic community of Arundel and the surrounding villages in the Diocese of Southwark. With Duke Henry's devotion to St. Philip Neri, an altar was built with stained glass windows above showing scenes from his life as well as a statue. With the new Diocese of Arundel and Brighton created in 1965 the church became a Cathedral, with the dedication changing to 'Our Lady and St. Philip Neri.'



Subsequently in 1971, the remains of the martyred 13th Earl of Arundel, St. Philip Howard (1557-1595), were brought from the Fitzalan Chapel in the grounds of Arundel Castle and enshrined in the Cathedral. The Cathedral's dedication finally changed in 1973 to 'Our Lady and St. Philip Howard'. This followed the canonisation of Philip Howard together with 39 English and Welsh martyrs of the Reformation on 25 October 1970. The Feast of the Dedication is still kept on the anniversary of the original solemn opening in 1873.

Memorial of St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr – 2nd July

St Oliver Plunkett (1629-1681) was born in Loughcrew, County Meath and related to several aristocratic families. After studying at the Irish College, Rome, he was ordained priest in 1654 and stayed in Rome as a professor and a representative of the Irish bishops. In 1669 he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. He did much to reorganise and strengthen the Irish Church, despite being forced into hiding for much of his episcopate. Arrested in 1679 at the time of the Popish Plot, he was hanged, drawn and quartered in London on 1st July 1681: the last Catholic martyr to suffer in England. His body is enshrined in Downside Abbey (Somerset), while his head is at St Peter's, Dogheda.



- 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) North Downs Walk – Saturday 2 July 11.30-3pm:** We gather together for Mass at St Joseph's in Dorking and then explore the local area together, joined by members of the Diocesan Vocations Team – have your best questions ready! Contact our Diocesan Youth Adviser E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.
- **theASCENT bookings are open!** This amazing project for teenagers in year 10, 11 or 12 will help them grow in faith and confidence, as they explore what it means to be Catholic with other likeminded individuals. Contact our Diocesan Youth Adviser E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk or visit W: www.theascentuk.co.uk for more information.
- The Diocese would like to find out what our Catholic community is doing to support refugees here and abroad. The following short questionnaire will enable Bishop Richard and our Central Office teams to build a picture of the wonderful work being undertaken across our community, as well as highlighting possible areas of need: <https://forms.office.com/r/mEwnrp9bgw>
- **Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS):** This course, which is for anyone interested in finding out more about their faith, begins again in the Diocese in the Autumn. For more information, please contact the Formation Adviser, Jon Harman E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk
- The diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher is available to advise about access to all diocesan, deanery or parish, liturgies, events, and groups and can be contacted by individuals or parishes regarding specific needs and how best to meet them, E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk or M: 07508459315. When signing up for an event on the diocesan website please remember to specify if you have a particular need or challenge, so that Margaret can get in touch with you.

Externally run Diocesan events at Worth Abbey :

- Individual Guided Retreat: 11-17 July. Cost: £110 per person, per night (minimum 2 nights /

maximum 6 nights). Please contact us to check availability of your preferred dates.

This is an opportunity to take time out for silence and reflection while at the same time having a daily meeting with a monk / spiritual director. This would ideally suit someone who is at key point in their life, to really get in touch with how God is speaking to them through this challenge and help discern the way the spirit is working to bring about life in a new way. This retreat would have a maximum of 10 participants, it would largely be held in silence and it would also follow the daily rhythm of the monastic office.

- Icon painting course: 25-31 July. Cost: £675 each - Residential £375 per person - Day guest Facilitated by Hanna Ward: Hanna is a Finnish born, British educated professional iconographer and illuminated manuscript painter, based in Surrey. The aim of the course is to provide an introduction to all aspects of traditional icon painting: drawing an image of Christ onto gessoed board and painting with natural and semi-precious pigments with egg tempera and using clay and loose leaf gold leaf for gilding. The aim is to understand the history, symbolism and meaning of icons and to gain the basic skills to be able to draw and paint them. The emphasis will be on copying and tracing an old image correctly and carefully onto the icon board and learning to paint from dark to light in a traditional iconographic way. Participants will be given a step-by-step guide through the various disciplines of this nearly 2000-year-old tradition. The aim is to paint six full days from Monday to Saturday and finish the icons during the retreat and have them blessed in the church on Sunday.
- Book your place online at: worth.co.uk/retreats/booking-form-for-residential-retreats/ For further information please contact E: retreats@worth.org.uk or T: 01342 710318.

Vatican News

Pope to families: I want the Church to be a Good Samaritan for you

The Tenth World Meeting of Families opened on Wednesday night, with a Festival of Families celebrated in the presence of Pope Francis. This year's edition of the Meeting is being held in dioceses and parishes around the world, in a "polycentric and widespread" format that differs from previous years. At the same time, more than two thousand delegates from 120 countries have come to Rome for the five-day event, which aims at highlighting the beauty of marriage and the family in today's world.



Bearing witness to the joys and hardships of family life: Pope Francis participated in the opening ceremonies in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, listening to the witness borne by several families who shared their experiences of the joys, concerns, hardships, and hopes of family life in the modern world. They included the parents of the Servant of God Chiara Corbella Petrilla, a pro-life advocate who maintained her faith as she battled against cancer; a Ukrainian mother and her daughter, along with the large Italian family that welcomed them after they fled the war in Ukraine; and the Muslim widow of the Italian ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo, who was assassinated while carrying out humanitarian work.

Journeying together : Responding to their testimonies, Pope Francis assured all married couples

and families throughout the world of his closeness to them in their concrete situations. He offered them his words of encouragement: "Start from where you are, and from there, try to journey together: together as couples, together in your own families, together with other families, together with the Church." Recalling the image of the Good Samaritan, the Holy Father said, "That is what I want the Church to be for all of you: A Good Samaritan that draws near to you and helps you to continue your journey and to take a step forward, however small." He went on to indicate some of those steps, drawing on the testimonies presented earlier by families: stepping forward towards openness to marriage, to embracing crosses, towards forgiveness, towards being welcoming to others, and towards fostering fraternity.

A mission and a witness for the world: Concluding his remarks, Pope Francis emphasised that every family "has a mission to carry out in our world, a testimony to give." He invited families to ask themselves, "What is the word that the Lord wants to speak through our life to all those whom we meet? What 'step forward' is he asking of our family today?" The Pope called on families to "stop and listen" and to allow themselves "to be changed by Him, so that you too can change the world and make it 'home' for all those who need to feel welcomed and accepted, for all those who need to encounter Christ and to know that they are loved." The World Meeting of Families continues through the weekend, culminating in a final Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square on Saturday night, with a final "Mandate to Families" delivered by the Pope at the Angelus on Sunday.

World Meeting of Families: The importance of vocational pastoral work

There is great expectation for the opening of the World Meeting of Families, beginning on Wednesday and ending on Saturday, 25 June. 'Family love: vocation and the way to holiness' is the theme of this edition, which kicks off with the Festival of Families. Around two thousand delegates from 120 countries have been invited, chosen by the local Bishops' Conferences, Synods of the Oriental Churches, and international ecclesial



realities. This meeting is being held at a difficult time for humanity, harshly tried by the pandemic and war. Gabriella Gambino, Under-Secretary of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life spoke to Vatican News' Debora Donnini about these difficulties, as well as her hopes for the event.

Hopes: "After a whole year dedicated to family pastoral care with all the great work that has been done, I believe it is really time to 'make Church' together with families and pastors," says Gabriella Gambino. She describes the hope as being one of hearing words of encouragement from the Holy Father, "so that when this Year of the Family is over, we will be able to continue on a journey together."

Work of families in evangelisation: Ms. Gambino goes on to describe the importance of involving children in the pastoral work of evangelisation, explaining that "the whole family is called to Christian proclamation".

"I believe that, today, one of the greatest challenges for us parents is precisely that of transmitting to our children the awareness, and also the courage to proclaim Christ present in our families."

She adds that it is also important to teach our children to do so, no matter the complexity of the times in which we are living.

Themes and their links: Formation, accompaniment, and transmission of the faith to the new generations are some of the themes of the event. The "fundamental" one is the proclamation of the vocation of each family, of each person within the family, says Ms. Gambino. She explains that "the family is a path to holiness and sanctification that each of us has at our disposal.

"The family is a gift that the Lord gives us."

She says it is important to train people who know how to meet the reality of today's families. Families need to be accompanied, especially young engaged couples and spouses, in the reality they live, so that from there they can discover their vocation and encounter Christ, she says.

"It is also important that we learn to transmit the faith to young people starting from the reality in which they are inserted, therefore also having the courage to address issues that are very difficult for us today, on which we are sometimes poorly prepared," she adds.