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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# <u>SECOND 'LOW' SUNDAY</u> <u>OF EASTER</u> (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) Weekend 23rd / 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- First Reading: Acts 5:12-16 Luke gives us a picture of the early community of disciples in Jerusalem and how people were attracted to come to them for blessing and healing.
- Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19 John recounts the vision that led to his writing this book, the Apocalypse or Revelation. The



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# Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Battle (Intention of Joe Hanson) 9am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Northiam (Jennifer Keeling RIP, FM) 10.45am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Battle (Intention of Mark Clemence) 11am THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April – Battle (Funeral Mass of Rosemary Parkes, RIP)

Sacrament of Reconciliation after 6pm Mass Saturdays

risen Jesus speaks to him and commissions him to set down all that he sees regarding the present and the future.

• Gospel: John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus makes himself present to his dicsiples on two occasions. He commissions them to continue his work. Then Thomas makes the supreme confession of faith.

#### 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.

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

**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 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>
- Rosemary Parkes, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemary Parkes who sadly died recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Hugh, and the rest of her family and friends. Rosemary's Funeral Mass is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11am, at Battle. Everyone is welcome to help celebrate Rosemary's life.
- Parish Friends Coffee Morning Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am: We are starting up a new social coffee and cake morning on a monthly basis to start off with. The first one will be after the 10am Mass on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please come and join in for a catch up with friends and fellow parishioners that you may not have seen for a while. Feel free to bring friends along and invite anyone that you know may be by themselves and need a bit of company. Angela Reid will be organising the first one, but it would be lovely to have a few volunteers to organise future meetings and also to suggest any new social meetings or events.
- Parish 100 Club: Congratulations to winners of the April draw!
  £12 Mary Wilson £24 Ann Bishop £50 Joe Hanson
- Lent 2022 Fundraising Challenge: Updated figures Team Forge averaged 20km and almost 30,000 steps a day in Lent! Funds raised for CAFOD's fight against hunger and for work in Ukraine now stands at £540 plus Gift Aid and donations will still be welcome!

#### 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: <a href="https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited">https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited</a>

- 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>.

We have received several applications from Pilgrims who will require assistance to join this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage, but **at this point we are short of Helpers**.

After two 'grace years' dictated by the pandemic we are conscious of people's wellbeing, and we are having to look for more helpers than usual who are fit and well to support others. Subsidies are available for helpers to go towards them meeting the costs of the pilgrimage. As we currently stand, we will have to turn down some pilgrims who require assistance, if we do not get a significant number of fit helpers applying in the next few weeks, so please do apply if you can spare the time to help those in need.

The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions anyone has prior to applying 01403 740110, office@ablourdes.org

Helpers Apply now lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk

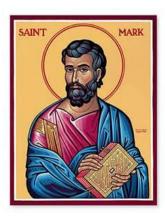
#### Worth Abbey Retreats this Spring

**Time Out: individual self-led retreats:** 6-8 May, 17-19 June and 18-22 July, Cost: £90 pp, per night. A chance for some time away to process, to reflect and to pray. There is no set programme other than group Lectio Divina at 9.30am, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity to meet with one of the community for reconciliation or a chat. These dates are set aside from the normal retreat programme to offer a bit of sanctuary for your own private retreat, with plenty of time to visit the Abbey Church for private prayer and reflection or explore the beautiful Worth Abbey estate. Book your place: <u>www.worth.co.uk/retreats</u> or E: <u>retreats@worth.org.uk</u> T: 01342 710318

#### Saints of the Week

#### Feast of St Mark, Evangelist – 25<sup>th</sup> April

St Mark (+c.75), the author of the Gospel bearing his name, is often identified as the young man who ran away when the Lord was arrested. His Gospel gives the teaching and memoirs of St Peter. He joined St Paul and St Barnabas on their first missionary journey and later became St Paul's secretary in Rome. He is thought to have established the Church in Alexandria, and to have died a martyr there.



# Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England – 26<sup>th</sup> April

St George (+ c.303) was martyred in Palestine during the persecution of Diocletian at Diospolis (Lydda, now Lod, near Tel Aviv, Israel), where his tomb can be found. Legend depicts him killing the dragon, a symbol of the triumph over evil. He is the patron saint of several countries and regions, including England.

### Memorial of St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr – 28<sup>th</sup> April

St Peter Chanel (1803-1841) was born near Belley (France) and joined the Society of Mary (Marists). He was sent to Oceania to spread the Gospel and stationed himself on the island of Futuna, near Tonga. He initially won the confidence of the island's king, Niuliki, but relations deteriorated, especially after the king's son requested baptism. St Peter was clubbed to death on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1841. He was canonised in 1954 and is the protomartyr of Oceania.

Memorial of St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Priest - 28<sup>th</sup> April

St Louis Grignon de Montfort (1673-1716) was a French diocesan priest with a great devotion to the Virgin Mary; he was noted for his fervent and enthusiastic preaching and apostolate. He founded an order of missionary priests, the Company of Mary, and a sister order of nuns, the Daughters of Wisdom. He is best known, however, for his book True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which like most of his writings was not properly published until the nineteenth century. It proposes that the Christian make a

"total consecration" of himself to Jesus through Mary; it has had an immense influence, not least on Blessed John Paull II. St Louis was canonised in 1947.

Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe – 29<sup>th</sup> April

St Catherine (1347-1380) was born at Siena, one of twenty-five children. At a young age she decided to dedicate herself to the Lord and resist the attempts of her family to find her a suitable husband. She became a Dominican Tertiary and both her writings and her stigmata reveal her intimate union with God. Despite her retired life, St Catherine was actively involved in public affairs and persuaded the pope, Gregory XI, to return to Rome from Avignon. She later tried to unite the Church during the Great

Schism and moved to Rome, where she died aged thirty-three. She was proclaimed patroness of Italy in 1939, Doctor of the Church in 1970 and a patron of Europe in 1999.

# Memorial of St Pius V, Pope – $30^{\text{th}}$ April

St Pius V (1504-1572) was born as Michael Ghislieri in Piedmont and joined the Dominican Order. Elected Pope in 156, he enforced the decrees of the Council of Trent, organised a successful crusade against the Turks, published the Roman Catechism, and revised the Missal and Breviary. He also tried to counter Protestantism, and excommunicated Elizabeth I of England in 1570. Canonised in 1712, he is buried at Santa Maria Maggiore, Rome.







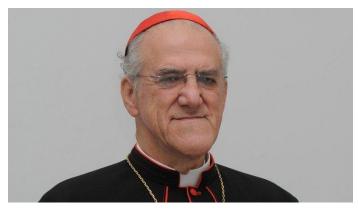


- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am 12.30pm.
- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

## <u>Vatican News</u>

# Pope sends condolences for death of Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragán

Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragán, Archbishop-Bishop emeritus of Zacatecas (Mexico) passed away in Rome in the early hours of Wednesday, 20 April, at the age of 89. Pope Francis expressed his condolences for the Cardinal's death with a telegram sent Wednesday evening to Bishop Javier Navarro Rodriquez of Zamora. The Pope praised the "devoted prelate who honoured me with his friendship since 1980 and



who faithfully gave his life to the service of God and the Universal Church for many years." He also prayed for the repose of the soul of the late Cardinal Lozano Barragán. With his death, the number of cardinals worldwide stands at 210, including 117 electors and 93 non-electors.

**Brief biography:** Cardinal Lozano Barragán was born on 26 January 1933 in Toluca, Mexico. He studied at the diocesan seminary of Zamora and was ordained a priest in 1955. After obtaining a Doctorate in Dogmatic Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, he returned to Mexico, and in the 1970s he served as president of the Mexican Theological Society, and subsequently of the Theological Pastoral Institute of the Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM). In 1979, he was appointed auxiliary bishop the Archdiocese of Mexico, where he served until 1984 and was one of the co-founders of the Pontifical University of Mexico. He participated in a number of Synods of Bishops, including the Synod on the Family in 1980, where he was General Secretary.

**Created Cardinal in 2003:** From 1984 to 1997, he was Bishop of the Diocese of Zacatecas. He subsequently worked as a member of a number of Roman Curia dicasteries, including the Pontifical Council for Dialogue with Non-believers (which later became the Pontifical Council for Culture), the Congregation for Bishops and Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, and as councillor of the Pontifical Commission for America. In 1996, Pope St. John Paul II appointed him president of the Pontifical Council for Healthcare Workers (Pastoral Health Care), and on 7 January 1997 granted him the personal title of Archbishop. St. John Paul II also created him Cardinal in the Consistory of 21 October 2003, and in April 2005 Cardinal Lozano Barragán participated in the Conclave that elected Benedict XVI. He ceased active service in 2009, when he became President emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Healthcare Workers.

**40th anniversary of episcopal ministry:** In August 2019, Cardinal Lozano Barragán celebrated his 40 years of episcopal ministry in Mexico, in the company of friends and family.

While presiding over a special Mass for the occasion in the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he summarised those years with one word: "gift".

"Everything was a gift and now I give this gift away by writing, sharing the experiences I built on the foundations of what was and is my beloved diocese of origin, the diocese of Zamora," he said.