

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 NINTH IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend 15th / 16th October 2022

Weekend Mass Times

- 6pm Saturday 15th October - Battle (Sam and Jean Newlands, RIP)
9am Sunday 16th October - Northiam (Theodore & Sheila Fry, RIP, FM)
10.45am Sunday 16th October - Battle (People of the Parish)

Weekday Masses at Battle

- NO MASS Monday 17th October
6pm Tuesday 18th October, St Luke - Battle (No Intention)
10am Wednesday 19th October, St Philip Howard - Battle (John and
Doreen Grun, RIP)
6am Thursday 20th October, Week 29 - Battle (No Intention)
10am Friday 21st October, Week 29 - Battle (No Intention)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- **First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19
The Lord hears our prayers and calls us to serve him with all our hearts.
- **Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18
In all circumstances of our lives, God is always with us.
- **Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14
It is those who acknowledge their own sin and weakness who are open to receive God's mercy.

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, Hazel & Helena Lobo.
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 in the new letter box outside the office, 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/>
- **Family Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation:** Fr Richard is hoping to start a family group for sacramental preparation, baptism, first communion and confirmation on Saturdays and would like some feedback as to the best time for this.
- **Reading at Mass** - We are still in need of volunteers for reading at the Sunday Mass - thank you to everyone that has volunteered for the Saturday evening, it's a great help.
- **Team Forge** - many thanks for the generous support for St Michael's Hospice following our completion of the 'Moonlight & Memories' walk recently. Sponsorship funds are still coming in, and when all monies have been received, it looks like we will have raised well over £500. Vicky Chainey, Ingrid Finch & John Reid

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER - the intention of our usual Mass at 6pm will be for **those affected by the war in Ukraine**. This will be followed at 7pm by a separate Service of Prayer to which local folk attending the other churches will be invited. Everyone is invited to attend in support of those affected by the war.

- **Battle Music Group** - we meet at 7pm on Tuesday evenings for one hour in the church in Battle and everyone is invited. All are welcome (no auditions!) and we are particularly hoping that we can increase the number of singers and instrumentalists as we plan further services for those affected by the war in Ukraine, and knowing that Advent and Christmas services are not too far away. Please join us if you can.
- **MISSIO - World Mission Sunday 23rd October 2022:** Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work

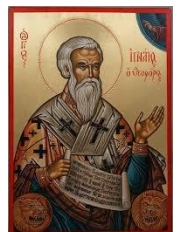
alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: mission.org.uk.

- **Knights of St Columba - Autumn Quiz 19th November, 7.30pm** to be held at Holy Redeemer Church Hall, Upper Church Road, St Leonards on Sea TN37 7AS. Tickets £5 per person and are available from Stephen Bradshaw 01424 772887; Fidelis Okoliko 07946 689934; Patrick Coates 01424 439871. Raffle to support local charities Snowflake and Street Pastors. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks. Everybody welcome.
- **St Richard's Catholic College** Ashdown Road, Bexhill on Sea: **Teacher of Science**
A Teacher of Science is required for a January start. A TLR is available for additional responsibilities. Please see our website for details: <https://www.strichardsc.com/about-st-richards-catholic-college/vacancies/>
St Richard's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
- 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 strichardsc.com or contact Alison Horan, Chair of Governors for an informal chat on ahoran@strichardsc.com
- **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

Saints of the Week

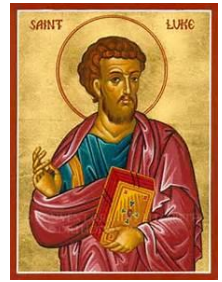
Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr - 17th October

St Ignatius (+c.107) followed St Peter as bishop of Antioch and was thrown to wild beasts in Rome (possibly at the Colosseum) during the persecution of Trajan. On his way to Rome he wrote seven epistles, which give a clear picture of Christian belief and practice a century or so after Christ's birth. His name is mentioned in the Roman Canon.



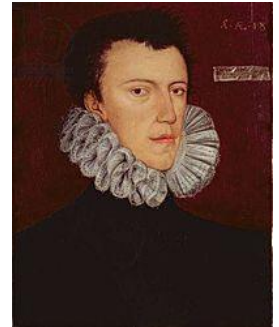
Feast of St Luke, Evangelist - 18th October

St Luke (first century) was a Greek, possibly from Antioch, who trained as a doctor. He converted to Christianity, became a disciple of St Paul and wrote both a Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. His vivid descriptions of the childhood of Jesus has led some to believe that he was close to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is believed to have died in his old age, and may have been martyred; he is patron of doctors and artists.



Solemnity of St Philip Howard, Martyr, Patron of the Diocese - 19th October

Saint Philip Howard, 20th Earl of Arundel (28 June 1557- 19 October 1595) was an English [nobleman](#) and Co-Principal Patron of the Diocese. He was [canonised](#) by [Pope Paul VI](#) in 1970, as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church, as Tertullian famously stated in the 2nd century. St Philip Howard, with so many of the martyrs of the Reformation, chose the suffering of the cross over worldly acclaim. Why? Because Christ was his first love. May he be yours and mine too.



Memorial of St John Paul II, Pope - 22nd October

Karol Jozef Wojtyla was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Krakow and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16 October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches. In Rome on April 2, 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully in the Lord.



- 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.

- **Anti-Slavery week runs from the 17-23 October** this year with specific focus on Anti-Slavery day on Tuesday 18 October 2022.

The Catholic and Anglican churches in Sussex and Surrey have formed an Ecumenical coalition to help to raise awareness of this prevalent but almost hidden criminal activity and are holding Slavery on our Doorsteps awareness evenings in Sussex at St Peters Church, West Street, Shoreham at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 October and in Surrey at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftsbury Rd, Woking at 7.45pm on Monday 17 October. No need to book. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming an Anti-Slavery Ambassador please contact Tessa Ricketts, Social Action Adviser at E: Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

- **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 at Worth Abbey:

- **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 Scalabrinian missionaries: To be inclusive we must be creative

Addressing a group of Scalabrinian missionaries, who are in Rome for the Canonisation of St. John Baptist Scalabrini, Pope Francis commented on the diversity of their assembly, noting that in this way, "you well represent the breadth of Bishop Scalabrini's work, the openness of his heart, to which, so to speak, one diocese was not enough."



During the audience on Monday, the Pope then spoke of Bishop Scalabrini's work, saying his apostolate in favour of Italian emigrants was "of great importance".

During his ministry in the late 1800s, explained the Pope, thousands of Italians were leaving for the Americas. "Bishop Scalabrini looked at them with the gaze of Christ...and he took care with great charity and pastoral intelligence to provide them with adequate material and spiritual assistance."

Migration today, like migration yesterday: Turning to the realities surrounding migration nowadays, Pope Francis noted that "migrations constitute a very important challenge", just as they did in St. Scalabrini's day. He explained that "they highlight the urgent need to put fraternity before rejection, solidarity before indifference."

"Every baptised person is called to reflect God's gaze towards His migrant and refugee brothers and sisters; to let His gaze widen our gaze, thanks to the encounter with humanity on the move, through a concrete proximity, following the example of Bishop Scalabrini."

Continuing to stress the importance of encounter and humanity when speaking of the plight of migrants, Pope Francis reminded those present that "we are called today to live and spread the culture of encounter, an encounter on an equal footing between migrants and the people of the host country." This experience, he continued, is both enriching and fruitful, because it reveals the beauty of diversity and reminds us that "the faith, hope and tenacity of migrants can be an example and a spur for those who want to commit themselves to building a world of peace and well-being for all." In order for the world to be better for everyone, added the Pope, "we must start from the last."

Think outside the box: Pope Francis went on to remind those present that we are called to think creatively and "outside-the-box" in order to make fraternity and social friendship grow. *"We are called to open new spaces, where art, music and being together become instruments of intercultural dynamics, where we can savour the richness of the encounter of diversity."*

Bringing his discourse to an end, Pope Francis noted that it is precisely for this reason that he urges each Scalabrinian missionary to "always let yourselves be inspired by your Holy Founder, father of migrants, of all migrants."

"May his charism renew in you the joy of being with migrants, of being at their service, and of doing it with faith, animated by the Holy Spirit, in the conviction that in each of them we meet the Lord Jesus," he concluded.

"May the holiness of John Baptist Scalabrini 'infect' us with the desire to be saints, each one in an original, unique way, as God's infinite imagination has made us and wants us to be."

