

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

with

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX, HORNS CROSS

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 9th October -
Battle (Epiphany Fernandes, RIP)

9am Sunday 10th October -
Northiam (Fred Garner, RIP)

10.45am Sunday 10th October -
Battle

(Martha Thompson RIP, FM)

10am Wednesday 13th October -
Battle - (Celebrant's Intention)

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

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend 9th / 10th October

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11**
Prayer leads to wisdom, which is far more important than all created things.
- **Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13**
No created thing is hidden from God.
- **Gospel: Mark 10:17-30**
Those who leave everything to follow Jesus will receive far more than they gave up in the first place.
- If you feel you need to contact Fr Paul for any reason, his phone number is: 01323 670156.

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy has now restarted during the 10.45am Mass at Battle. If you have any children that have missed this during the restrictions and would like to join into these sessions again, please bring them along.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, John Reid, Anthony Gibbons, Rosemary Parkes, Suzanne McAdie.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Gerard Scothern & his family, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen & Cyril Webster, Dominic Leahy.

Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Maureen Hanson RIP, Jack Morgan, Guy Hooper, Di Bean RIP, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Harold Atkins RIP, Henry Cheung, Sam Baker.

- 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, 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk with a Minister or with Fr Paul, who is happy to make home visits.
- 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/>
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Preparation for next year's First Holy Communion will begin in October. Any children who are now in year 3 at primary school are eligible to join the programme which will involve them and their parents in regular meetings in the coming months. If any parents wish to enrol themselves and their children in the programme, please contact Fr Paul directly when you come to Mass in the next few weeks and obtain the registration form from him. The final details and meeting dates have yet to be arranged but now is time to start the ball rolling for next year.
- **APF - Mill Hill Missionaries Red Boxes in Battle:** It is time for the annual count, if you currently have a Red Box and would like it emptied, please bring it along to Mass. Suzanne will be at the Saturday evening Mass on 16th October, and will be able to take your boxes with her to be emptied. If you have trouble getting to Mass or bringing your box, please let the office know and we can arrange collection. Many thanks.
- **Music Group in Battle:** We meet for practice for an hour each week beginning at 7pm on Tuesday evenings in church. Now that we are back singing at Mass, it would be wonderful if more parishioners were able to join the group - especially as we are now planning for our Advent Taizé-type service, and beginning to get ready for Christmas! Singers and instrumentalists alike will be made very welcome - no auditions, all you need is a smile, so everyone is invited! *Battle Music Group*
- **CAFOD Family Fast Day - Climate Crisis Appeal:** Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, please donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website](http://cafod.org.uk) (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online [petition](http://cafod.org.uk/petition) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. Thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

- **Parish 100 Club:** Apologies again - I forgot to do the draw in September!
Here are the winners: £12- Bernard Salter, £24 - Victoria Black
And the winners for October are: £12 - Ann Bishop, £24 - Martin Guiver
Congratulations to you all!
- **St Michael's Hospice:** Having completed the 'Moonlight & Memories' 10k walk recently, and thanks to the generosity of parishioners and others, the three of us have raised over £800 including Gift Aid, for our local hospice so far - further donations will, of course, be most welcome and can be made to either of us or on-line at www.justgiving.com/John-ReidTeamForge. We will update everyone further in a few weeks' time when all donated funds will have been received. Thank you so much to everyone. *John, Vicky & Ingrid*

News from our Diocese

- **Grandparents' Groups:** Within the Diocese we have several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. Remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to find likeminded people and unlimited support? It's a bit like that, chat over issues such as how to help your Grandchildren without upsetting your own children...or their spouse !! How to pass on your faith and find strength in praying about it all together. If you are interested in joining or creating a group in you parish please do contact Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Loving father, we pray for all grandparents.

Help them to reflect your unconditional love in their relationship with their families.
Grant them the gifts of wisdom and patience to enable them to support their families and be there to encourage, advise and inspire, in their turn, their children's children.
May they be for their Grandchildren a safe refuge of consistency, offering witness to all of a life which is inspired by Gospel values, enriched by prayer and fuelled by the hope of the eternal kingdom.

- **FINDING STILLNESS (Residential and online) led by: Fr Peter Williams OSB**
 - 29th-31st October
 - 8th-11th November
 - 13th-16th December

An opportunity for individuals to come to Worth (either in person or remotely) and enjoy the space and the stillness whilst, at the same time, taking part in joint daily lectio, a daily reflection on the rule of St Benedict plus some input on silent prayer. There is also opportunity for 1:1 meetings with Fr Peter, if you wish. A section of the retreat will be silent. Further information and booking is available at www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme . Places are limited so it is advised to book early.
- **QUIET FRIDAY at Worth Abbey**
 - 12th November
 - 10th December

Led by a member of the monastic community and usually on the second Friday of each month (with the exception of August). A time for stillness and solitude and to enjoy the attractive grounds and Quiet Garden. You are also warmly invited to join the monastic community for midday prayer in the Abbey Church, followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Tea and Coffee available but please bring your own packed lunch. Arrivals from 10:15am for a 10:45am start, until 3:30pm; based in Compass House. Booking is essential via the website www.worth.co.uk/retreats or by calling 01342 710318. Cost: £15 per person

Saints of the Week

Memorial of St John XXIII, Pope - 11th October

John XXIII made many passionate speeches during his pontificate. His views on equality were summed up in his statement, "We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike." He made a major impact on the Catholic Church, opening it up to dramatic unexpected changes promulgated at the Vatican Council and by his own dealings with other churches and nations. In Italian politics, he prohibited bishops from interfering with local elections, and he helped the Christian Democratic Party to cooperate with the socialists. In international affairs, his "Ostpolitik" engaged in dialogue with the communist countries of Eastern Europe. He especially reached out to the Eastern Orthodox churches. His overall goal was to modernize the Church by emphasizing its pastoral role, and its necessary involvement with affairs of state. He dropped the traditional rule of 70 cardinals, increasing the size to 85. He used the opportunity to name the first cardinals from Africa, Japan, and the Philippines. He promoted ecumenical movements in cooperation with other Christian faiths. In doctrinal matters, he was a traditionalist, but he ended the practice of automatically formulating social and political policies on the basis of old theological propositions.



Memorial of St Wilfrid, Bishop & Secondary Patron of the Diocese - 12th October

St Wilfrid (originally spelled Wilfrith, c.634-c.710). Born a Northumbrian noble, he entered religious life as a teenager and studied at Lindisfarne, at Canterbury, in Gaul, and in Rome; he returned to Northumbria in about 660, and became the abbot of a newly founded monastery at Ripon. In 664 Wilfrid acted as spokesman for the Roman position at the Synod of Whitby, and became famous for his speech advocating that the Roman method for calculating the date of Easter should be adopted. Wilfrid spent the next few years in Selsey, where he founded an episcopal see and converted the pagan inhabitants of the Kingdom of Sussex to Christianity. Wilfrid died in 709 or 710. After his death, he was venerated as a saint.



Memorial of St Edward the Confessor, King - 13th October

St Edward (c.1005-66) was the son of King Ethelred 'the Unready' and spent nearly thirty years as a political exile in Normandy, his mother's homeland. He succeeded as King in 1042 and was subsequently famed for his life of prayer, chaste marriage and love of the poor. He built St Peter's Abbey in Westminster, where he and most of England's monarchs were buried.



Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor - 15th October

St Teresa (1515-1582) was born in Avila (Spain). She joined the Carmelite convent at Avila and, after a quarter of a century as a nun, began to reform the Order, with the help of St Peter of Alcántara and St John of the Cross. She founded seventeen reformed houses in Spain and, despite her busy life of administration, reached the highest 'mansions' of union with God. Her outstanding works of ascetical and mystical theology led her to be declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.



Memorial of St Hedwig, Religious - 16th October

St Hedwig or Jadwiga (c.1174-1243) was born at Andechs (Germany) into a princely family; indeed, her niece was St Elizabeth of Hungary. Aged twelve, she married Henry the Bearded, later to succeed as Duke of Poland, and bore him seven children (including Henry the Pious and Konrad the Curly). She led a life of piety and solicitude for the poor and the sick and, in her widowhood, retired to the Cistercian monastery of Trebnitz, which she had founded.



Memorial of St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious - 16th October

St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was born at Versovres in Burgundy (France) and joined the Order of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial. She received mystical revelations concerning the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of her Jesuit confessor, St Claude de la Colombière, spread this devotion throughout the world. She was canonised in 1920.



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

Vatican News

Pope to judges: hunger and poverty are denial of human rights

"In your mission as judges, never lose sight of the fact that there is no democracy with hunger, no development with poverty, and much less justice in inequality. Remember that the first commitment that the State must have is the welfare and happiness of the people, starting with the most fundamental needs." Pope Francis stressed this point in a video message to a meeting of the



Argentinian Chapter of the Pan-American Committee of Judges for Social Rights and Franciscan Doctrine. He said that any plan or theory lacks legitimacy if it leads to greater suffering and greater discarding of people. The Pan-American Committee of Judges for the Social Rights and Franciscan Doctrine, which has its headquarters in the Argentinian capital, Buenos Aires, was established on June 4, 2019, in Vatican City, under the inspiration of Pope Francis. It took place during the First Pan-American Summit of Judges for Social Rights and the Franciscan Doctrine, sponsored by the Pontifical Academy for Social Sciences in the

Vatican, June 3 and 4, that year. The Committee draws inspiration from the teaching of Pope Francis to promote the economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights of the world's most vulnerable people.

Wealth and power in the hands of few: In his message sent on Thursday to the 2-day event in Buenos Aires, Pope Francis said that high levels of poverty are the clearest indicators of the distributive injustice that prevails in the world and the failures in implementing the most basic rights. He lamented that "the periphery increases and the centre of power and wealth becomes smaller and narrower, that is, most of the money and possibilities are for very few," while the majority suffer poverty.

Essential human needs: Moreover, the pandemic has exacerbated these social ills, which, the Holy Father said, urgently demands creative and effective responses for the many brothers and sisters who are suffering. The first thing that any plan must achieve, he pointed out, is the attention to the people and their essential needs. In this regard, he recalled the three "Ts" in Spanish that popular movements strive for, namely, "Tierra, Trabajo y Techo, or "Land, Work and Housing". Any plan or theory that comes to replace this, the Pope warned, will lead to more suffering and discarding of people. The Argentine Pope hoped that the debates of the judges will serve to transform the reality of those who most need justice. While thanking them for their efforts, he urged them to always seek the good of their homeland and of the people. The meeting of the Argentinian Chapter of the Pan-American Committee of Judges for Social Rights and Franciscan Doctrine was organized by Judge Roberto Andrés Gall, Chairman of the Committee. It was attended among others, by Argentine Archbishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, and Judge Carlos Balbín, coordinator of the Argentine Chapter of the Pan-American Committee.

Pope prays for peace in Myanmar

Pope Francis on Sunday prayed, once again, for Myanmar. Addressing those gathered for the Angelus in St Peter's Square, he implored from God "the gift of peace" for the "beloved land" which has suffered through so much pain in recent years.

The Pope prayed that "the hands of those who live there may no longer wipe away tears of pain and



death, but may join together to overcome difficulties and work together for the coming of peace." Six months ago the military seized control of the government in Myanmar. Since then, protesters have taken to the streets, in what have often been deadly protests. Min Aung Hlaing is the leader of the coup and has received international condemnation and sanctions for his alleged role in the military's attacks on ethnic minorities. Since the coup, over 200,000 people have been displaced. Myanmar's treatment of the Rohingya minority has been internationally condemned. Myanmar considers them illegal immigrants and denies them citizenship. Over decades, many have fled the country to escape persecution. Thousands of Rohingya were killed and more than 700,000 fled to Bangladesh following an army crackdown in 2017.