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with
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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Weekend 14th / 15th May 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Acts 14:21-27**
The first Christians were badly treated, but Paul and Barnabas lifted their spirits. We all go through many hardships, they said, on our way to glory.
- **Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5**
There is to be no more suffering in God's new creation. Heaven will no longer be remote when God comes to dwell among humankind.
- **Gospel: John 13:31-35**
Jesus helped his disciples to understand true glory. Selfless love was to be their rule of life.

Weekend Mass Times

- 6pm Saturday 14th May - Battle
(People of the Parish)
- 9am Sunday 15th May -
Northiam (Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion)
- 11am Sunday 15th May - Battle
(Intention of Mark Clemence)
- 3pm Sunday 15th May - Battle
An Hour of Prayer for those
affected by the War in Ukraine
- 2.30pm Wednesday 18th May -
Battle (Memorial Service for
Averil Mackie RIP)

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

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, Felicity Youlten.

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 welcome to Fr Rajesh and Fr Chris to our Parish this weekend:** Fr Rajesh will be celebrating the 6pm Mass at Battle, and Fr Chris will be celebrating the Sunday Mass (15th May) at Battle at the **later time of 11am**. There will be a Liturgy of The Word and Holy Communion Service at St Teresa's at the usual time of 9am on Sunday 15th May.
- **Memorial Service for Averil Mackie RIP, Wednesday 18th May 2.30pm:** Many of you will remember Clive and Averil Mackie, who were regular Mass attenders at Battle. Please come along on Wednesday to celebrate the life of Averil - everyone is welcome.

An Hour of Prayer for the those affected by the war in Ukraine

Sunday 15th May, 3pm April 7pm, at Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Battle

So many innocent people have been affected by the war in Ukraine, please come and join us for a special service of prayer and song for all the Ukraine people, everyone welcome!

- **Missio - Mill Hill Missionaries (Red Boxes):** In 2021, Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael raised £853.85 through our Red boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network (APF/Missio), Pauline Jaricot will be beatified on 22 May this year. This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God. Pauline's life helps us to see how every prayer however short, and every contribution, however small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Thank you for being part of Pauline's legacy. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more about Pauline, and how your support of Missio changes lives for the better."
- **Polish Memorial Service, Netherfield:** The annual Remembrance Service at the Polish Monument at Netherfield will be held on Sunday 29th May at 3pm, in memory of the young Polish airmen who died on this spot in May 1941, R.I.P. All are welcome to attend.
- **Bexhill SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** The Bexhill SVP Conference are organising a pilgrimage to Aylesford on June 14th and we would like to offer the opportunity for Battle parishioners to join us.
- Now we are in May, make a note in your diary as a reminder about the monthly SVP Afternoon Tea and Cake event on May 30th at 3pm in St Martha's Church Hall, Little Common.

We are looking forward to seeing our guests again who came to our first event and hopefully many new ones joining us for the first time. Please tell your family, friends and neighbours about the tea and bring them with you for an enjoyable afternoon. The event is free and any donations will go towards the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. We look forward to seeing you, call 07783 598238 if you have any questions or by email popsy57@outlook.com.

News from our Diocese

- **Invited: Season II - Growing in Faith:** Season II of Invited, the Diocesan Mission, started on Monday 18th 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 5th 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: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>
- **Mary's Meals 'Pray in May' campaign.** We ask parishes and faith communities to pray this month for our work. Maybe include the charity in your bidding prayers or encourage parishioners to pray the rosary. There are plenty of resources to help with all of this on the website W: [Pray In May | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](http://Pray In May | Mary's Meals UK (marysmeals.org.uk))

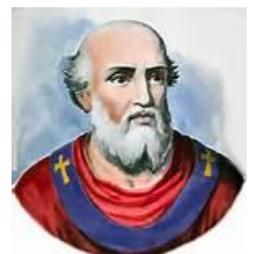
Diocesan run events:

- **theASCENT Information Sessions 24th May at 7.30pm**
An opportunity for Parents, Catechists and Priests to learn more about theASCENT project and the huge impact it is having on young lives. Meet the team, as well as young people who are already taking part, to have all your questions answered. Join one of our Zoom sessions to discover more about this fantastic project for teenagers in year 10, 11 and 12. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for joining instructions.
- **Grandparents Day Wednesday 8 June at West Grinstead 11am to 3pm:**
Our Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead for Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. The day begins at 11am with coffee available from 10.30am. This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Further information and sign-up details can be found on the Diocesan website under events W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>
If you would like to find out more please contact E: katherine.bergin@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>

Saints of the Week

Memorial of St John I, Pope, Martyr - 18th May

St John I (+526) was an elderly archdeacon at the time of his election as Bishop of Rome in 523. His brief pontificate was caught up in the violent politics of the age. He was sent by the Gothic King of Italy, Theodoric, who was an Arian heretic, on a mission to Byzantium to secure mutual toleration between Catholics and Arians, and to try to bring the Eastern and Western Churches closer together. Theodoric suspected him of conspiring with the eastern Emperor and imprisoned him. St John died shortly afterwards and is venerated as a martyr.



Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop - 19th May

St Dunstan (909-988) belonged to a noble family and served as Abbot of Glastonbury (Somerset) and Bishop of Worcester and London and finally Archbishop of Canterbury. He was zealous in building churches, promoting monastic life and restoring ecclesiastical discipline. He was buried at Canterbury Cathedral.



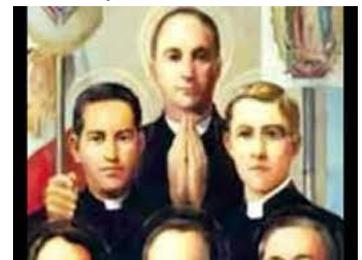
Memorial of St Bernadine of Siena, Priest - 20th May

Born in 1380, near Siena, Bernardine entered the Franciscan Order. He journeyed throughout Italy, preaching of God's mercy; he encouraged devotion to the holy name of Jesus. He died in 1444 during a preaching tour at Aquila, where he was buried.



Memorial of St Christopher Magallanes and Companions, Martyrs - 21st May

The Feast recalls the martyrdom of twenty-two priests and three laymen in Mexico between 1915 and 1937. These witnesses include St Christopher Magallanes (Cristóbal Magallanes Jara, 1869-1927) who as a priest founded a seminary in his hometown of Totatiche and ministered zealously in the face of persecution. He was heard to shout from his cell: "I am innocent and I die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico".



- 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.

Vatican News

Church a faithful companion on path to European unification

Adapting to changing circumstances "should be embraced with courage and determination," says Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, SJ, in a statement on "Faithfulness to European values" released on the occasion of Europe Day 2022. Celebrating "peace and unity in Europe," the Day marks the anniversary of the 1950 Schuman Declaration, which proposed the pooling of the French and West German coal and steel, leading to the first European community, the European Coal and Steel Community.



Envisaging change to preserve inspiration and values: Europe Day, Cardinal Hollerich notes in his statement, was inspired by the desire to preserve peace and security, and to achieve sustainable growth and stability; and founded on shared values including freedom, respect for human dignity and human rights, democracy and the rule of law, solidarity, and subsidiarity. "Today," he adds, we may live in a world where faithfulness to this inspiration and these values again means to envisage change for the European Union." The Cardinal points especially to two "directions for change," concerning the Conference for the Future of Europe, which closes on Monday; and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

A positive impact: Cardinal Hollerich highlights the "creativity and freshness" of the proposals set to be presented to European institutions on Monday by the Conference for the Future of Europe. The 49 proposals, with concrete suggestions for their implementation, are the fruit of "an audacious experiment in citizens' participation," an experiment that the European bishops hope will continue. *"As Church, we are ready to play an even more active role in it."*

In his statement, Cardinal Hollerich says expectations are high for the institutions of the European Union to act on the proposals, saying "Europeans wish a respectful, responsible, social, and sustainable economy."

Membership in the European Union: Sadly, the Cardinal notes that the 2022 commemoration of Europe Day is taking place as war once again rages in Europe. "Since the beginning of the aggression of Ukraine by Russian forces," he says, the bishops "have been praying and hoping for peace." He takes note of the humanitarian, financial, and military support that European nations have offered to Ukraine, as well as the desire of many European citizens for "significantly closer cooperation in defence and security matters. In this context, Cardinal Hollerich takes up Ukraine's application for EU membership, saying, "This request deserves a positive and realistic response." Similarly, other European nations, such as Moldova, Georgia, and other European nations that have made similar requests in the past "need a credible accession perspective."

Wholeheartedly embracing European unification: Cardinal Hollerich concludes his statement with the affirmation that the Catholic Church has never stopped "wholeheartedly" embracing "the process of European unification and its underlying values," even if it has occasionally expressed reservations on isolated policy issues." On this Europe Day, he says, "we wish to encourage the political leadership in the institutions and Member States of the European Union to take up the new challenges and opportunities ahead."

Pope: Let's pray for peace that is never obtained with weapons

Pope Francis has again appealed for peace, entrusting his prayers to Our Lady. "Spiritually kneeling before the Virgin, I entrust to her the ardent desire for peace of so many people, who in various parts of the world, suffer the senseless disaster of war," he said. The Pope was speaking to men and women of goodwill during his remarks after the Regina Coeli prayer in St. Peter's Square at noon. Noting that at this very hour, many faithful gather around the venerated image of Mary in the Shrine of Pompeii, to address to her the Supplication that flowed from the heart of the Blessed Bartolo Longo, he said he too kneels before the Virgin in supplication for the gift of peace.



"To the Blessed Virgin," the Pope said, "I present in particular the sufferings and tears of the Ukrainian people."

"In the face of the madness of war, let us continue, please, to pray the Rosary for peace every day."

And, he continued asking for prayers for the leaders of nations:

"That they may not lose their 'feel' for their people who want peace, and know well that weapons will never bring it."