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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 16th July - Battle
(Special Intentions of
Paul & Flora)

9am Sunday 17th July - Northiam
(People of the Parish)

10.45am Sunday 17th July -
Battle - (John Ammon RIP)

10am Wednesday 20th July -
Battle (Intention of
Shakira Black and her parents)

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

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekend 16th / 17th July 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10**
Abraham and Sarah unwittingly offer hospitality to God and receive God's blessing.
- **Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28**
Paul unites his own sufferings with those of Christ for the Church.
- **Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**
On being welcomed into their home, Jesus teaches Martha and Mary the meaning of true hospitality.

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, Margot Leahy.

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 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/>
- **Jack Morgan RIP:** It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jack, who died peacefully in his sleep during Monday night, after a very short illness. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends, and our thoughts and prayers are with them - especially his daughter Frances, who we all came to know and love during her regular visits to her dad. He will forever be remembered for his cheeky hugs and terrible jokes! Rest in peace Jack.

Saints of the Week

Memorial of St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr - 20th July

St Apollinaris (first or second century) may have been a native of Antioch. He eventually became first bishop of Ravenna (Italy). He was tortured and martyred for the faith and his cult became popular in many places.



Memorial of Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor - 21st July

St Lawrence (1559-1619) was born at Brindisi (Italy) and joined the Capuchins in Verona. A talented theologian and gifted linguist, he travelled around Europe and became particularly associated with missions to the Jews and Protestants. In 1601 he led the Imperial Army during the capture of Székesfehérvár (Hungary) from the Turks, holding only a crucifix. Having served as Minister General of the Capuchins, he died in Lisbon on 22nd July 1619, his sixtieth birthday. Blessed John XXIII declared him a Doctor of the Church in 1959.



Feast of St Mary Magdalene - 22nd July

St Mary Magdalene (first century), originally from Magdala in Gallilee, was one of the Lord's most intimate disciples and is often associated with the woman from whom he drove out seven demons. She remained with the Lord during his last agony on the cross and, according to St Mark and St John, was the first to see him after the resurrection. Tradition relates that she spent her last years as a hermit in Provence (France).



Memorial of St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe - 23rd July

Born in Sweden in 1303, married in 1316 to Ulf Gudmarsson, a member of high Swedish society. It was a happy marriage and the devout couple brought up eight children, including St Catherine of Sweden. After Ulf's death in 1344 she lived with even greater asceticism; she received revelations and appealed to the kings of Europe and the Pope for peace and the restoration of the papacy to Rome. She journeyed to Rome for the Holy Year in 1350, and lived



there for the rest of her life in poverty. She asked the Pope to approve the foundation of a religious community (now known as the Bridgetines), but this was not approved until after her death, in 1373.

- 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:

➤ **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 24 July 2022**

The second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is on Sunday 24 July 2022 with the theme: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Pope Francis has requested that we use this day to honour those who have further steps on their life journey and particularly Grandparents. He says "Along with old age and white hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise him still (cf. vv. 14-20). We will come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!" you can read his inspiring message here:

[Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 2022 \[24 July 2022\] - Activities of the Holy Father Pope Francis | Vatican.va](#)

➤ **A Day at the Seaside for Young Adults (18-35) (rescheduled) Saturday 20 August at Our Lady Star of the Sea, East Preston at 11am**

A day at the seaside with Fr Stephen Ortiger! Fr Stephen, a Benedictine monk who is currently working in Parish Ministry is looking forward to celebrating Mass and then spending the day with the young adults of our Diocese. After Mass we will walk along the sea front to a beach side cafe where we will share lunch together.

Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

➤ To find out about events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

➤ 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:

➤ **The Abbot and Monks invite you to the Worth Abbey Festival - 'A Place of Beauty and Joy'. Bank Holiday Monday 29 August 2022 from 1pm - 4.30pm Admission Free**

This special Open Day will celebrate the beauty that is Worth, sharing the monastic offices with the monks in the Abbey, including music from the Abbey's resident, internationally acclaimed organist. There will be a guided walk through the Worth estate with pauses for prayers and reflection, tours throughout the day exploring the historic rooms in Worth School, visits to St Bruno's Retreat Centre and the Open Cloister programme of weekday and

weekend retreats, activities for children and afternoon refreshments on the South Terrace overlooking the Sussex High Weald. Families welcome - plenty of car parking.

For more information visit W: worthabbey.net or email E: pilgrims@worth.org.uk or call T: 01342 710370.

➤ **Finding Stillness: 20-23 September Cost £330 per person**

'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46). Come to Worth Abbey and encounter this refreshing and empowering stillness. Through the Benedictine tradition, discover how stillness can be part of your everyday life and how transformative it can be. The retreat will include: teachings in lectio divina and stilling the mind, as well as an opportunity to have a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community. To book and pay for your place for either event go to W: www.worth.co.uk For further information contact us: T: 01342 710318 E: retreats@worth.org.uk

Vatican News

Pope to young people: 'Offer the world a new face for Europe'

Pope Francis has urged young people to present to the world a new face of Europe.

The Pope's words came in his message sent to the European Union Youth Conference, taking place 11-13 July in the Czech Republic's capital of Prague, in which he spoke about educating young people to create a better world.

New face of Europe: In particular, the Holy Father recalled the Global Compact on Education, launched in September 2019, and how the initiative promotes an alliance between educators around the world to educate the younger generations in fraternity, as a way to work toward a better continent. "As young Europeans," he stressed, "you have an important mission. If in the past your ancestors went to other continents, not always for noble interests, it is now up to you to present the world with a new face of Europe." In the message published on Monday, the Holy Father told young people to work toward excellence, but in a way that always considers helping and welcoming others and protecting the environment. The Holy Father urged them to protect the environment, and encouraged them to read his 2015 encyclical [Laudato sì](#). He warned against institutions that keep the status quo, but may not work toward a true betterment of the world. *"Don't let yourselves be seduced by the sirens that propose a life of luxury reserved for a small slice of the world. Instead, have that "broad outlook" that can take in all the rest of humanity, which is much bigger than our little continent. May you aspire to a life of dignity and sobriety, without luxury and waste, so that everyone in our world can enjoy a dignified existence."*

Conscientious objection' to 'senseless' war: Pope Francis also lamented the ongoing "senseless war" in Ukraine, following numerous wars fought on the continent. He recalled that the desire for a united Europe in the past led to a period of peace spanning some seven decades.

"Now we must all commit ourselves to putting an end to this dreadful war, where, as usual, a few powerful people decide and send thousands of young people to fight and die. In cases like this, it is legitimate to rebel!"



"Someone has said that, if the world were ruled by women, there would not be so many wars, because those who have the mission of giving life cannot make death choices," the Pope said. In a similar vein, he added, "I like to think that if the world were ruled by young people, there would not be so many wars." Those who have their whole life ahead of them, the Pope suggested, do not want to ruin it and throw it away, but to live it to the full.

Blessed Franz Jägerstätter: "I would like to invite you to get to know the extraordinary figure of a young objector, a young European with "a broad outlook", who fought against Nazism during the Second World War," the Pope said, noting, "His name was Franz Jägerstätter, and he was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI."

"Franz was a young Austrian who, because of his Catholic faith, made a conscientious objection to the injunction to swear allegiance to Hitler and go to war. As a boy, he was cheerful, likeable and carefree, but as he matured, thanks also to his wife, Franziska, with whom he had three children, he changed his life and developed profound convictions. When called to arms, he refused, because he felt it was unjust to kill innocent lives." Blessed Franz's decision, the Pope acknowledged, "triggered harsh reactions" towards him from his community, the mayor, and even members of his family. "A priest tried to dissuade him for the sake of his family. Everyone was against him, except his wife Franziska, who, despite knowing the price to be paid, always stood by her husband and supported him to the end. Despite cajoling and torture, Franz preferred to be killed than to kill," the Pope said. "He considered the war totally unjustified. If all the young men called to arms had done as he did, Hitler would not have been able to carry out his diabolical plans," the Pope said. "To triumph," he added, "evil needs accomplices." Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, the Pope told the young people, was executed in the same prison where his contemporary, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a young German Lutheran theologian and anti-Nazi, was also imprisoned and met the same tragic end. The Pope noted that these two young men with a "broad outlook" were killed "because they remained faithful to the ideals of their faith to the end."

Meaning of life comes from seeking the Truth: In his message, the Pope focused on different dimensions of education, including knowledge of oneself, of others and of creation, and lastly, of the beginning and end of all things. "Dear young Europeans," he said, "I invite you to look upwards and beyond, to keep seeking the real meaning of your life, where you come from and where you are going, and the Truth, because we cannot live authentically if we do not seek the Truth. Walk with your feet firmly planted on the earth, but with a broad gaze, open to the horizon, open to the sky." The Holy Father encouraged them to read his post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation [*Christus vivit*](#), addressed especially to young people, to help them in their endeavours. Pope Francis concluded by calling on the young people to work toward a better society and world.

"May you be generative! Young people capable of generating new ideas, new visions of the world, of the economy, of politics, of social coexistence, but above of new paths to be travelled together. And may you also be generous in generating new lives, always and only as the fruit of love! The love of husband and wife, the love of family and children, but also love of Europe, so that it can be for everyone a land of peace, freedom and dignity."