

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE
with
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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 27th August -
Battle (People of the Parish)

9am Sunday 28th August -
Northiam (People of the Parish)

10.45am Sunday 28th August -
Battle -

(Evelyn Maude Dyer RIP, FM)

Followed by gathering in Parish
Room for Fr Paul -

everyone very welcome!

10am Wednesday 31st August -
Battle (Celebrant's Intention)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
available after all Masses and
upon Request

THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekend 27th / 28th August 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29
Greatness and humility should walk together.
- **Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24
We are called to a heavenly kingdom, not an earthly one.
- **Gospel:** Luke 14:1. 7-14
We are blessed if we are prepared to look after the needs of those who are unable to repay us.

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, 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 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 directly to Fr Paul after Mass or let Maggie know of any future Intentions on 773125, e-battle@abdiocese.org.uk, or drop a note through the Presbytery door, thank you.



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- 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/>

This Weekend - 27th/28th August will be Fr Paul's last weekend with our Parish. There will be a get-together in the Parish Room after the Sunday Mass, please come along to show your thanks to Fr Paul for everything he has done for our Parish.

Fr Richard and the Parish Community would like to express our eternal thanks to him for providing our Parish with his wonderful service over the last two plus years. He has meant a great deal to us and has visited many of our sick and housebound to save them from feeling isolated and forgotten.

We wish him a wonderful, relaxing and peaceful retirement and time to enjoy his home and garden.

- **Dominic Leahy RIP:** Sadly, I have to announce the death of Dominic Leahy on Tuesday, may he rest in peace. Our thoughts are with his wife Margot and his family and friends, please remember them in your prayers. Details of his funeral will be announced in due course.
- **Readers needed please!** A huge thank you to all our regular readers that help out at every Mass. We are always on the look-out for new volunteers, and need holiday cover for the last two Sundays in September please. Please let us know if you are able to do this. Many thanks.
- **'Team Forge' (Ingrid Finch, Vicky Chainey & John Reid)** will again be completing the 'Moonlight & Memories' walk on 10 September, fundraising in aid of St Michael's Hospice. Look out for sponsorship forms at each church, we do hope for everyone's support.

'Service of Prayer for all those affected by the war in Ukraine'

7pm this Tuesday 30th August

Please join us if you possibly can

at Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Battle

This is a prayer service only, if you would like to donate, please do so through

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&Appeal=123770>

Saints of the Week

Memorial of The Passion of St John the Baptist - 29th August

The Gospels relate how St John fearlessly condemned Herod Antipas's unlawful marriage to Herodias, who had been previously married to his half-brother. The outraged Herodius had him imprisoned. In a moment of weakness Herod promised to grant the heart's desire of Salome, the



daughter of Herodias. She asked for St John's head, which was promptly fetched for her. Thus the Precursor of the Lord preceded his Master through his passion.

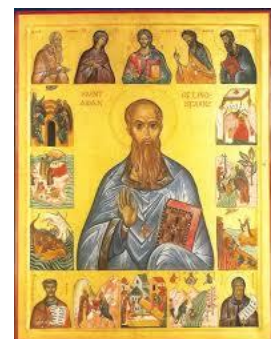
Memorial of St Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs - 30th August

This day commemorates the three canonised female martyrs of the English Reformation: St Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586), a native of York and convert to Catholicism, who sheltered priests and was pressed to death in her home town on 25th March 1586; St Anne Line (1567- 1601) from Dunmow, Essex who also harboured priests and was hanged at Tyburn on 27th February 1601; St Margaret Ward (+1588), born in Congleton, Cheshire, who worked in London and attempted to help a priest escape from prison. She was hanged at Tyburn on 30th August 1588. All three were canonised in 1970 amongst the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.



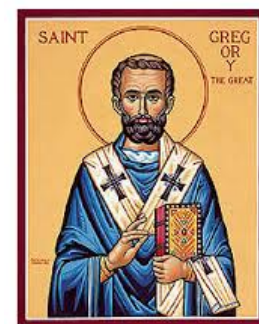
Memorial of St Aidan, Bishop, Missionary, and Saints of Lindisfarne - 31st August

St Aidan or Aedan (+651) was an Irish monk who joined the community at Iona and was sent to preach the Gospel in Northumbria. He was consecrated bishop and settled on the island of Lindisfarne, with the support of King St Oswald and his successor St Oswin. After St Aidan's death in 651, the 'Holy Island' of Lindisfarne continued to produce many saints instrumental in the evangelisation of northern England, until the monastery was devastated by Vikings. These saints include the bishops St Fina, St Colman, St Eata, St Eadfrith, and, of course, St Cuthbert (4th September).



Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor - 3rd September

St Gregory the Great (540-604) belonged to a Roman patrician family and served as a magistrate before embracing the monastic life. He acted as papal legate at Constantinople and was elected Pope in 590. He tightened church discipline and liturgical practice, reorganised the lands belonging to the Holy See and sent St Augustine to convert the Kingdom of Kent. He is consequently called the 'Apostle of the English' and, thanks to his theological and pastoral writings, is a Doctor of the Church.



- 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

We have recently returned from a truly beautiful experience and encounter as a Diocese together in Lourdes. One of the overwhelming aspects of joy that this journey brings is a glorious sense of community, a belonging to a wider family, amongst all who journey together.



With this in mind, we would like to offer each Parish the opportunity to bring Lourdes home to your community in the form of Parish Family Groups - "Our Parish Community" . This represents a pastoral opportunity to build a sense of family and community in Christ within

the wider "Parish family", getting to know each other, building relationships and affirming our faith together. Please contact E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

➤ **Grandparents Formation Day - Wednesday 14 September**

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley for our annual day for Grandparents to hear from a member of the Sycamore team on the importance of Grandparents in handing on the faith. The day begins with morning prayer at 11am (coffee from 10.30am) and concludes at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Contact E:

katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

➤ **Marriage Anniversaries Mass - Saturday 8 October** If you are celebrating an anniversary of particular importance to you, please join us at Arundel Cathedral for a celebratory Mass with Bishop Richard. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to recognise the important vocational calling to marriage and to share in your joy. Booking is essential. Contact E:

katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

➤ **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.

➤ **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

➤ **Beginning Experience Weekend - 14 to 16 October 2022:** If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please contact Freda T: 01322 838415 or Maura M: 07795 498445 or E: johnabrotherton@gmail.com

➤ **'Sharing the Church's Story' Conference - Saturday 17 September 2022 10am - 6pm** Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a one-day conference at Friends House, Euston Road, London called 'Sharing the Church's Story'. Come and join 1000 Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK and a host of dynamic speakers including the internationally renowned speaker and author, Bishop Robert Barron. So, whether you are a volunteer, parent, catechist, clergy, religious, or just want a boost for your faith

life, then this conference is for you. Register/find out more? W:

www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

Externally run Diocesan events at Worth Abbey:

➤ **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.

➤ **TIME OUT: Self-led individual retreat: 7-9 October Cost £180 per person**

Spend a few days at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than an optional daily Lectio Divina session, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity for a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.

➤ **The Wisdom of St Benedict: 14-16 October Cost £220 per person**

Led by Fr Martin McGee - Fr Martin will explore the riches of St Benedict's Rule, a guide to living out the Christian life in all its fullness.

Stability—Becoming rooted in Christ;

Humility—Learning how to become oneself;

Lectio Divina—Finding nourishment in Gods' Word;

Christian leadership—Serving Christ in others.

For more information and to book and pay for your place visit W: www.worth.co.uk or email E: retreats@worth.org.uk or call T: 01342 710318.

➤ **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>

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will be visiting Worth on pilgrimage. This is a very special once in a lifetime event that will provide an opportunity for people, of all ages and backgrounds, to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. You can also book to stay at Worth during this time and learn more about St Bernadette.

➤ 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.

- **CAFOD school volunteers required:** Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life, whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office at St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS. T: 01483 573273 M: 07710 094448 E: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk W: www.cafod.org.uk.

Vatican News

Pope expresses sorrow for Nicaragua, says dialogue should be basis for a respectful coexistence

With words full of pain, Pope Francis spoke out at Sunday's Angelus about the events of recent weeks in Nicaragua, where the Church, its priests and bishops, the media, and NGOs have been caught up in a series of harassing and persecutory actions because they are suspected of supporting the opponents of Daniel Ortega's Sandinista government:

"I am following closely, with concern and

sorrow, the situation in Nicaragua, which involves both people and institutions," the Pope declared, adding, "I would like to express my conviction and my hope that, through open and sincere dialogue, the basis for a respectful and peaceful coexistence can still be found." The Pope then invoked the intercession of Mary Immaculate, the "Purísima" so dear to the people of Nicaragua: "Let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Most Pure, to inspire such a concrete will in the hearts of all."

The suffering of the Church of Nicaragua: Dialogue, a call to respect, and prayer: This is the appeal of Pope Francis, as he joins his voice to that of international institutions and the Churches of America and Europe concerned about what is happening, following the closure of a series of Catholic broadcasting stations, the halting of the work of NGOs, the expulsion from the country of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mother Teresa, and the suspension of ecclesiastical activities, the arrest of priests, and most recently - last Friday night - the forced removal, turned into house arrest, of the bishop of the diocese of Matagalpa, Bishop Rolando Álvarez. The Bishop, together with several priests and lay people, had been confined under surveillance in the diocesan curia since the beginning of August. Police claim the Bishop had tried to organize violent groups and incited acts of hatred to destabilise the government. Bishop Álvarez had also initially tried to pray in the street, carrying the Eucharist in a monstrance, but was stopped by police officers. "We want to do God's will, we are in his hands," wrote the 55-year-old prelate in a tweet while he was still in Matagalpa. Today his health has deteriorated, although his morale remains strong. In Managua, he was able to see his family and meet the vice-president of the bishops' conference, Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes, who had a long talk with him.

The appeals of the international community: The conditions of the bishop of Matagalpa, the imprisonment of the priests and lay people who were with him, and the social tension in the country, have also drawn the concern of the international community. The United Nations has raised concerns of a serious "obstruction of democratic and civil life" in Nicaragua, while the



Organisation of American States (OAS) and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) have warned of "persecution" and "criminalisation." They all call on the Ortega government to protect universal human rights and to return freedom to those arbitrarily detained. In numerous messages that are arriving from the bishops' conferences throughout the world, there is also the invitation - reiterated today by Francis - to pray and to be actively close to the Central American country, and to recognize the underlying witness of faith and community that it is offering at a time of trial. Most recently, the Cuban bishops, along with the Panamanian and Venezuelan bishops' conferences have raised their voices in the same sense. Bishop Álvarez has himself expressed confidence in the prayers of all in the face of this difficult situation. "Aware that prayer is the Christian's strength," he said, according to local media reports, "the invitation is to continue to implore Christ to intercede and watch over this small flock of His."

Pope Francis to attend first-ever 'Vitae' Summit in the Vatican

The Vatican announced on Friday that the Vitae Global Foundation will hold its first summit meeting at the Casina Pio IV on 31 August and 1 September. Pope Francis is expected to take part in a portion of the summit, which also enjoys the support of Queen Sofia of Spain. A press statement said internationally-renowned artists and entertainers will gather to discuss how to "leverage the arts, media, and entertainment to trigger a cultural transformation that promotes the common good, universal values, and an encounter between people."



Inspiring hope, unity, diversity: Artists, actors, actresses, and musicians will hold meetings to share their thoughts on strategies and creative proposals to advance the goal of inspiring a change in the world. Unity, hope, and the appreciation of diversity are among the main goals of the change which the summit aims to inspire. The founder and president of the Vitae Foundation, Luis Quinelli, has held several meetings with Pope Francis in recent years, along with members of the organisation's leadership team. The Pope has often spoken about the role of artist in improving society, saying they act as "guardians of beauty, ambassadors of a culture of encounter, and witnesses of hope for all humanity."

Creating a better world: Mr. Quinelli said the summit hopes to highlight the work of various organisations and individuals toward improving culture. "In a polarised society charged with negative messages and conflicts," he said, "the Vitae Foundation has set out to unite artists and influential global leaders to start a conversation on how to bring hope and the common good back into fashion through the arts, in order to positively impact people's hearts and spirits." The Argentine-born founder of Vitae added that the event will also help create a network among artists geared toward working together to craft a message that will "inspire us toward a better world, based on the universal values that foster encounter and hope."

About the Vitae Foundation: The Vitae Global Foundation is a non-profit organisation made up of artists, executives, and world leaders who aim to make a positive impact on people through the arts, mass media, and entertainment. According to the foundation, Vitae has promoted various cultural projects and initiatives in recent years which have "positively impacted hundreds of thousands of people around the world, generating multiple points of rapprochement, and embracing differences to combat the polarisation and hatred that threatens today's society."