

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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend 24th / 25th September 2022

Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 24th September - Battle (Douglas Ashing, RIP)

9am Sunday 25th September - Northiam (People of the Parish)

10.45am Sunday 25th September - Battle (James Fraser, RIP)

Weekday Masses at Battle

NO MASS 26th September - Battle

6pm Tuesday 27th September - Battle (Jean Newlands, RIP)

10am Wednesday 28th September - Battle (Intention of Helen Ashing)

NO MASS 29th September - Battle (Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - Battle's Patronal Feast Day)

10am Friday 30th September - Battle (Martha Thompson, RIP, FM)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading:** Amos 6:1. 4-7

The prophet denounces the complacency of wealthy people who live a life of luxury and pleasure while ignoring the dangers into which the society around them is falling.

- **Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 6:11-16

The writer encourages the young leader of the community to take Jesus as his example and so live up to the demands and responsibilities of his position.

- **Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells the story of the fate of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus, warning his listeners of the danger of neglecting those who are in need of help and assistance.

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.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Rodney Atkinson, 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 through the Presbytery door, 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/>
- **Change of Sunday Mass Time:** Fr Richard is thinking of changing the Sunday Mass time to 11am, please let us know if this would suit you better. Thank you to all who have already given feedback, any further comments would be gratefully received.
- **Reading at Mass** - we have very few parishioners undertaking this important Ministry in the Church. Full assistance will be given to anyone interested in joining our small team. Please come forward and let Fr Richard know of your interest.
- **Team Forge does it again!** - last weekend, Team Forge (Ingrid Finch, Vicky Chainey & John Reid) successfully completed the 'Moonlight & Memories Walk 2022', raising funds for St Michael's hospice. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their very generous support and gently make the point that we are happy to receive your sponsorship money as soon as is convenient! Ingrid, Vicky & John
- **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

- **Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) Invitation to webinar:** Thank you for your recent generous support for seafarers and fishers on Sea Sunday. As a follow up, Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on **Tuesday 27th September from 7.30pm to 9pm GMT** to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If you would like to attend, please register in advance at www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment
- **Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 17th October 2022. £699.00 per person sharing.** Price includes 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Saints of the Week

Memorial of Sts Cosmas and Damian Martyrs - 26th September

St Cosmas and St Damian (date uncertain; perhaps + c.300). According to tradition, whose historical reliability is unclear, they were twins who worked as doctors and were known as the Anargyri ('the silverless') on account of their practice of not charging for their services. They brought many of their patients to Christ but were finally condemned to death under Diocletian around the year 300 and suffered at Cyrrhus (Syria). Their basilica in Rome, not far from the Colosseum, was built in the sixth century BY Felix IV and their names appear in the Roman Canon.



Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest - 27th September

St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) was born in Gascony (France) and ordained a priest at the early age of twenty. Legend says he endured a period of captivity in Tunis; at any rate, after being falsely accused of theft, he dedicated himself to evangelising the poor, the unfortunate and the suffering. He founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission (Lazarists) and, together with St Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity. These congregations, together with the well-known Society of St Vincent de Paul, continue his charitable work today.



Memorial of St Wenceslaus (Waclaw), Martyr - 28th September

St Wenceslaus (Wenceslas, Vaclav) (907-929) was born in the castle of Stochov near Prague and became Duke of Bohemia in 921. The popular carol 'Good King Wenceslas' speaks of his strong faith and concern for the poor. However, he faced many trials in governing as a Christian prince and was finally murdered at the instigation of his brother, Boleslav, on 27th September 929. According to legend, his final words were, 'Brother, may God forgive you.'



Memorial of St Laurence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs, Martyrs of the Philippines -

28th September

These sixteen Dominican martyrs suffered at Nishizaka Hill, near Nagasaki (Japan) in September 1637 during the persecution of the Tokugawa shogunate. Many of them were bound and hanged upside down, causing a slow death. They included St Lawrence (Lorenzo) Ruiz (c.1600-1637), a lay member of the Dominican Confraternity of the Holy Rosary and a father of three, who is the first Filipino Saint.



Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - 29th September Battle's Patronal Feast Day

The Feast celebrates the three archangels named in Sacred Scripture, reminding us of the angelic world and of their constant ministrations to the world.

St Michael (meaning 'Who is like God') is venerated as captain of the heavenly army, victor over Satan, protector of the Church and helper of the sick and dying.

Today's feast originated as that of the dedication of a Roman Basilica in his honour.

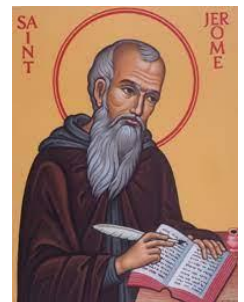
St Gabriel (meaning 'Strength of God') announced both the birth of St John the Baptist (to Zechariah) and of Jesus Christ (to the Blessed Virgin Mary). His greeting at the Annunciation, 'Hail, full of grace,' has become one of the most familiar prayers.



St Raphael (meaning 'God heals') took care of Tobias on his journey, as described in the book of Tobit, and is often associated with the angel of the sheep pool (Jn 5:1-4). He is a patron of the blind, travellers and physicians and nurses.

Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor - 30th September

St Jerome, (Hieronymus) (c.342-420) was born in Strido (now in Croatia, then part of the Roman province of Dalmatia) and studied in Rome, where he was baptised. He retired for a while to Syria to live as a hermit and learnt Hebrew at the hands of a rabbi. Between 382 and 385 he was in Rome as secretary to Pope Damasus, who commissioned him to revise the Latin version of the Bible. He went to Bethlehem to concentrate on this work, together with the writings of Scriptural commentaries and theological works.



Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor - 1st October (St Theresa of Lisieux)


St Thérèse Martin (1873-1897) was born at Alençon and, aged fifteen, entered the Carmel of Lisieux, thus joining two of her sisters. Although she died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, such was the influence of her spiritual writings and her 'little way' that she was declared a Doctor of the Church by Blessed John Paull II in 1997. She is also Patron of the Missions and Co-Protectress of France (with St Joan of Arc).



- 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

- **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".
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- **We can abolish slavery in our lifetime! Monday 17 October 11am - 12.30pm** If you learn about modern slavery and how you can make a difference you can engage in the fight against this modern day scourge. Do join the Abolition Initiative's Kick Off Event for Antislavery Week at the Ropetackle Centre, Shoreham. For more details on this and other anti-slavery events please contact Tessa Ricketts, Social Action Adviser E: tessa.ricketts@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>

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: johnbrotherton@gmail.com

Externally run Diocesan events at Worth Abbey:

- **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>
- 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, Meroon, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS. T: 01483 573273 M: 07710 094448 E: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk W: www.cafod.org.uk.

Vatican News

Pope appeals for prayers and closeness to people of Ukraine

Pope Francis said he spoke yesterday to Cardinal Konrad Krajewski who was in Ukraine on his fourth humanitarian and pastoral mission to the nation.

The Cardinal, who heads the Dicastery for the Service of Charity, gave the Pope an update and impressions on what Pope called the "terrible situation in tormented Ukraine." Cardinal Krajewski has travelled frequently to Ukraine to bring help to the people and show the Pope's closeness to



all there. Recalling his phone conversation with the Cardinal at the conclusion of Wednesday's General Audience, the Pope expressed his profound sorrow over hearing about the suffering of the people, the savagery, the horrendous acts, and tortured bodies they are discovering again there. He asked everyone to draw close to this "noble and martyred" people who have suffered terribly.

The modern-day miracle of the fishes and devotion in Ozernoe, Kazakhstan

Until Pope Francis visited Kazakhstan last week and brought attention to the faith and culture of the local Catholic population, many may not have been aware of nor associated Kazakhstan, south of Russia, as a site of a modern-day miracle of the fishes. As a result, Ozernoe has earned international attention, despite the fact that throughout the 20th century, it had already been a beloved site of Kazakh Catholic devotion.



During his Apostolic Visit, Pope Francis remembered the miraculous site throughout his discourses with affection.

Moreover, the beautiful icon of the Madonna, named 'The Mother of the Great Steppe,' which was blessed in the Cathedral in Nur-Sultan, will find its home at the beloved national shrine of Ozernoe. Vatican News spoke to local Church official, Msgr. Piotr Pytlowany, about Ozernoe's history, and its meaning to Kazakh Catholics and



all the faithful of Central Asia. God's answer - enough fish to feed other parts of Kazakhstan "After the Second World War, people of northern Kazakhstan experienced hunger. And what they could do, was just to pray to the Almighty," he told us. Prior to the miracle, Fr. Piotr explained, people were praying the rosary. He recalled that at the time, under the Communist regime, there were no priests and no Masses were celebrated.

Monsignor Piotr Pytlowany: "During spring, when the snow started to come down, a small lake appeared. And to the surprise of many, in this lake, there were so many fish. There were enough for the people of this region, and even for people from other parts of Kazakhstan. The majority of people understood it as an answer of God for our prayers."

This miracle took place on 25 March 1941, as the people were starving during the Second World War, as nourishment was going toward battle lines. "After many years, this fact was especially inspected by our Metropolitan Archbishop [of Astana] Tomasz Peta, and together with other people, they constructed a small church," he said. At this moment, he said, this church is our national shrine, where "for many years, people have received another food, not fish, but spiritual food."

"People are fed there by spiritual food. And what I find especially beautiful in Ozernoe is that the devotion of people who pilgrimage to Ozernoe is directed not toward a statue or image, but for them is very important to experience the spiritual presence of Our Lady."

The beginning of Christianity in these territories, he explained, began in the 5th century, noting its development, continued over the centuries. The growth of Catholic Church in particular,

Monsignor Piotr pointed out, was connected to the Franciscan friars who came to the Central Asian country in the 13th century.

Ready for more pilgrims from afar: There are pilgrims who are not only Catholic inhabitants of Kazakhstan, not only Kazakhstanis, but also from abroad and afar. For instance, many travel from bordering Russia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan. However, others make the journey from Poland, Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine, and even some from the United States, and Italy. As the shrine is located amid Kazakhstan's vast steppes and open fields, some joke the beloved pilgrimage site has the largest square before it, ready to accommodate growing devotion of pilgrims.

The history: On 19 March 1990, faithful obtained permission to build the church, and in May, they began construction. Fr. Tomasz Peta (now Archbishop of Maria Santissima in Astana) arrived and became its first parish priest. Before Christmas of the following year, the Statue of Our Lady arrived in Ozernoe. Cardinal Josef Glemp blessed the church on 9 Aug. 1992, and Bishop Jan Pavel Lenga would later consecrate it. In Autumn of 1994, the priests of Kazakhstan and Central Asia decided to choose Our Lady of Ozernoe as a patroness of the Catholic Church in Central Asia. On the anniversary of the miracle, on 25 March 1996, perpetual adoration continued from the morning to the evening, and on 25 June, Bishop Lenga consecrated the nation to Our Lady in front of the statue of Our Lady of Ozernoe. During Pope St. John Paul II's 2001 visit to Kazakhstan, he consecrated Kazakhstan to Our Lady in front of this same statue which had been brought to the nation's capital for the occasion.

Continuing the miracle: Some observed the miracle, in a way, continuing even as recent as 2017. In the spring of that year, the miraculous lake started to grow again, and in the winter, numerous fish appeared there once again. Some Kazakhstani Catholics also attribute this event to the 100th-anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.