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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 2 for Weekdays

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### Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Battle  
(People of the Parish)  
9am Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Northiam  
(Richard Beaty-Pownall RIP)  
10.45am Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June Battle  
(People of the Parish)  
2.30pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June -  
- Northiam (Service of Committal  
of Cyril Webster, RIP)

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

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31**  
The figure of Wisdom is God's companion in creation and in communicating with human beings.
- **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5**  
It is our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ that puts us at peace with God.
- **Gospel: John 16:12-15**  
The Spirit will help us understand more fully the teachings of Jesus.

### **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, 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.

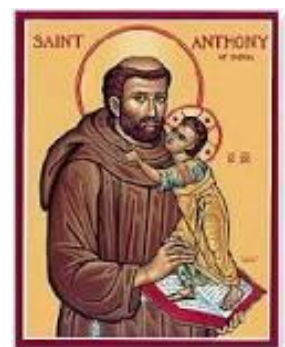
- The Parish Office will be closed from 11<sup>th</sup> June until 23<sup>rd</sup> June inclusive, please do not leave urgent messages on the answerphone or by e-mail during this time, as they will not be picked up.

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>
- **Cyril Webster RIP:** Following the funeral at Petts Wood, Cyril's Committal is this coming Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, at 2.30pm at St Teresa's, Northiam. Everyone is very welcome to attend.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Many apologies - I forgot to draw the winners for May!  
                     May winners are:           £12 - Julie Thorne,       £24 - Phoebe McAdie  
                     June winners are:       £12 - Eliya Masters,   £24 - Ann Noakes  
   Congratulations to you all!
- **Future Date for your Diary:** There will be another opportunity to join us for an hour of prayer, readings and music for all those affected by the war in Ukraine at 7pm, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Battle.

### Saints of the Week

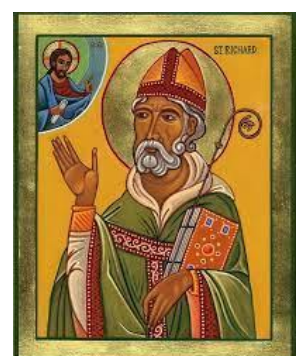
#### **Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor - 13<sup>th</sup> June**

St Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) was born in Lisbon (Portugal) and joined the Canons Regular of St Augustine and then the Franciscans at Coimbra. He became famous as a learned theologian, eloquent preacher and worker of miracles - he is still popularly invoked for finding lost objects. He is known as the 'Evangelical Doctor' and was canonised the year after his death.



#### **Memorial of St Richard of Chichester, Bishop - 16<sup>th</sup> June**

St Richard of Chichester (1197-1253) was born at Droitwich and educated at Oxford, Paris and Bologna. For a period he was Chancellor of Oxford University and legal advisor to the Archbishop of Canterbury, before being appointed bishop of Chichester in 1244. He lived simply and was generous to the poor. He died at Dover while preaching the crusade.



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Northiam (People of the Parish)

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(Intention of the Salter Family)

NO WEDNESDAY MASS

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
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### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ( CORPUS CHRISTI )

### Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20**

Melchizedek, as priest of God Most High, brings bread and wine and pronounces God's blessing.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

St Paul tells the Corinthians how Jesus gave his disciples bread and wine as a memorial of himself.

- **Gospel: Luke 9:11-17**

Jesus blesses and breaks bread, and hands it to his disciples to distribute among the crowds.

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- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

## Saints of the Week

### **Memorial of St Alban, Protomartyr of England – 20<sup>th</sup> June**

St Alban (+c.209, or c.254) was a citizen of Verulamium (now St Albans, Hertfordshire) who converted to Christianity, it is said after sheltering a fugitive priest. He was beheaded on Holmhurst Hill, where an abbey was later built. St Alban is the Protomartyr of England.



### **Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious – 21<sup>st</sup> June**

St Aloysius Gonzaga (1568-1591) belonged to one of the great Italian noble families and served as a page at several princely courts. At the age of 18 he embraced a life of poverty and obedience by joining the Society of Jesus. He showed great piety and died as a result of his heroic nursing of the plague-stricken in 1591. He has been declared protector of the students and patron of Christian youth.



### **Feast of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs – 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

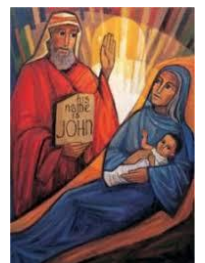
St John Fisher (1469-1535) was born at Beverley (Yorkshire) and studied at the University of Cambridge, which he eventually served as Chancellor. In 1504 he became Bishop of Rochester and proved to be a model bishop; indeed, St Charles Borromeo hung his portrait in his apartment with that of St Ambrose. Imprisoned after refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy, Pope Paul III created him a Cardinal. He was beheaded on Tower Hill, London on 22 June 1535.



St Thomas More (1477 - 1535) was born in London (England). He was a well-respected lawyer and humanist scholar and served as Chancellor to King Henry VIII. He was devoted to his family and managed to maintain his life of prayer amid his many duties. St Thomas retired from public life as the King attempted to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. He was eventually beheaded on Tower Hill on 6 July 1535. Blessed John Paul II declared him patron of politicians in 2000.

### **Solemnity of The Birth of John the Baptist – 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Born six months before Our Lord, St John the Baptist was the son of St Zechariah and St Elizabeth. He was the last and greatest of the prophets and, as the forerunner of the Saviour, he prepared for the coming of Christ. The celebration of his earthly birthday marks the coming of the new dispensation.



### **Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – 24<sup>th</sup> June**

"I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment" (Jesus to St. Margaret Mary).



## Memorial of The Immaculate Heart of Mary – 25<sup>th</sup> June

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today. We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.



### News from our Diocese

#### **Diocesan run events:**

- Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard, Saturday 25 June at 11.30am. Bishop Richard will be hosting an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst, RH14 9QH. Everyone is very welcome, to reserve your free place please sign up here: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/an04uoxn>
- The Diocese would like to find out what our Catholic community is doing to support refugees here and abroad. The following short questionnaire will enable Bishop Richard and our Central Office teams to build a picture of the wonderful work being undertaken across our community, as well as highlighting possible areas of need:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/mEwnrp9bgw>
- The World Meeting of Families happens every 3 years celebrating the wonder that lies within family life. Traditionally the event has been held in different locations across the world but with an eye to conserving the planet's resources this year we have been invited to celebrate this in our own local parishes 22-26 June 2022. To see what is on offer please visit w: [www.romefamily2022.com/en](http://www.romefamily2022.com/en). The Diocese has distributed prayer cards with a special prayer for families to pray together at home but there are lots of ways to get involved, to share your ideas for celebrating or find out more please  
E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)
- 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](mailto: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 :**

- Time Out: Individual self-led retreat. COST: £90 per person, per night. Tuesday 14 - Sunday 19 June (dates flexible - minimum 2 nights)  
A chance for some time away to process, to reflect and to pray. There is no set programme other than daily group Lectio Divina at 9:30am, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity to meet with a member of the monastic community for reconciliation or a chat. Places are limited so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available.

- **Praying the Liturgy: The Eucharist - 21 -23 June.** Led by Fr David Jarmy OSB. Cost: £220  
Since the Second Vatican Council enormous time and energy has been put into renewal of the liturgy - mainly through encouraging active participation. In recent years we seem to have reached another stage - where emphasis has changed to ask the question, How do I pray the Mass? What difference does this make to my life? This retreat will help you ask some of these questions and more importantly move into a deeper prayerful way of celebrating the Eucharist. We will be re-discovering some of the major teaching of the early Church Fathers and becoming more aware of the richness of symbolism which brings the Eucharist to life. "I am increasingly aware that the decisive question is not so much how believers experience the liturgy, but whether believers live from the liturgy" - Goffredo Boselli. The retreat will help you understand the eucharist more, fully interiorise it more effectively and live it more authentically.
- **Individual Guided Retreat: 11-17 July.** Cost: £110 per person, per night (minimum 2 nights / maximum 6 nights). Please contact us to check availability of your preferred dates.  
This is an opportunity to take time out for silence and reflection while at the same time having a daily meeting with a monk / spiritual director. This would ideally suit someone who is at key point in their life, to really get in touch with how God is speaking to them through this challenge and help discern the way the spirit is working to bring about life in a new way. This retreat would have a maximum of 10 participants, it would largely be held in silence and it would also follow the daily rhythm of the monastic office.
- **Icon painting course: 25-31 July.** Cost: £675 each - Residential £375 per person - Day guest  
Facilitated by Hanna Ward: Hanna is a Finnish born, British educated professional iconographer and illuminated manuscript painter, based in Surrey. The aim of the course is to provide an introduction to all aspects of traditional icon painting: drawing an image of Christ onto gessoed board and painting with natural and semi-precious pigments with egg tempera and using clay and loose leaf gold leaf for gilding. The aim is to understand the history, symbolism and meaning of icons and to gain the basic skills to be able to draw and paint them. The emphasis will be on copying and tracing an old image correctly and carefully onto the icon board and learning to paint from dark to light in a traditional iconographic way. Participants will be given a step-by-step guide through the various disciplines of this nearly 2000-year-old tradition. The aim is to paint six full days from Monday to Saturday and finish the icons during the retreat and have them blessed in the church on Sunday.
- **Book your place online at:** [worth.co.uk/retreats/booking-form-for-residential-retreats/](http://worth.co.uk/retreats/booking-form-for-residential-retreats/)  
For further information please contact E: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) or T: 01342 710318.

### **Vatican News**

#### **Pope laments terrorist attack on Catholic Church in Nigeria**

As the Church celebrated Pentecost Sunday, gunmen entered St. Francis Xavier Church in Owo, Nigeria and opened fire on worshippers. Initial reports suggest the attackers also set off explosives during the attack in Ondo State. In response, Pope Francis expressed his solidarity with the victims and sent his prayers. The Pope "prays for the victims and for the country, painfully attacked at a time of celebration, and he entrusts everyone to the Lord, that God might send His Spirit to console



them," said Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, on Sunday.

**Dozens dead and wounded:** Local doctors told Reuters news agency that at least 50 people were killed in the attack. Dozens of others were wounded and taken to hospitals in Owo. Doctors have appealed for blood donations on social media.

**Bishop's closeness:** Bishop Jude Ayodeji Arogundade, of the Diocese of Ondo, expressed his closeness to the victims and their families, according to Fr. Augustine Ikwu, the Communications Director for the diocese. Fr. Ikwu said fears are rising that many more people may die from their wounds, and lamented that the Church had been "violated." He denied initial reports on social media that the attackers had kidnapped the priest and other members of the congregation. "All the priests in the parish are safe and none was kidnapped," said Fr. Ikwu in a press release. "The Bishop of the Diocese is also with them at this trying time." He added that the Bishop also urges Catholics to "remain calm, be law abiding, and pray for peace and normalcy to return to our community, state, and country."

**Prayers for peace:** Fr. Ikwu said the identity of the attackers remains unknown, but that Nigerian security forces have been deployed in the area surrounding the church in Owo. He also invoked God's help to restore "peace and tranquility" in the country. "We turn to God to console the families of those whose lives were lost in this distressing incident, and pray for the departed souls to rest in peace," he said.

**President Buhari's response:** Meanwhile, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari issued a statement in response to the attack. He expressed condolences for the families of the victims, and ordered emergency agencies to assist the injured. "No matter what, this country shall never give in to evil and wicked people, and darkness will never overcome light. Nigeria will eventually win," read the President's statement.

**Pope to government leaders: 'Please do not lead humanity to ruin'**

*"I renew my appeal to those who govern nations: do not lead humanity to ruin. Please! Do not lead humanity to ruin!"*

Pope Francis issued this urgent appeal speaking after the recitation of the Regina Coeli prayer on Pentecost Sunday. Referring to the feast that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, he noted that 50 days after

Easter, peoples who spoke different languages met and understood each other. "But today, 100 days from the invasion in beloved Ukraine, the nightmare of a new war has again fallen on humanity," he decried. *"This is the denial of God's dream: peoples who fight, peoples who kill each other, persons whom - instead of growing closer - are forced from their homes."*

**Risk of escalation and need for ceasefire:** Decrying the ongoing conflict of which, he said, we are all well aware, thanks also to the coverage provided every day by the media, Pope Francis said he renews his appeal for the salvation of humanity, "while the fury of death and destruction continues to rage, and contrapositions are reignited, fuelling an escalation that is more and more dangerous for all." Urging those in power to change course, he called for "real discussions, concrete negotiations for a ceasefire and for a sustainable solution." "May the desperate cry of those who are suffering be listened to," he appealed. "May respect for human life prevail; may the macabre destruction of cities and villages stop." *"Let's please continue to pray and to tirelessly commit to peace."*

