

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 7<sup>th</sup> May - Battle  
(Monica Lees (Jane) Bergin  
RIP, FM)

9am Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May -  
Northiam (Amelia Brasier &  
Annie Wood, RIP, FM)

10.45am Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Battle  
(Intention of Mark Clemence)

**NO WEDNESDAY MASS**

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

## FOURTH 'GOOD SHEPHERD' SUNDAY OF EASTER Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading:** Acts 13:14. 43-52  
Despite opposition, many of the people of Antioch respond to the preaching of Paul and Barnabas and become Christians.
- **Second Reading:** Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17  
St John has a vision of the hosts of believers in heaven, too many to count, from every nation on earth.
- **Gospel:** John 10:27-30  
Jesus the good shepherd speaks to this sheep and leads us into eternal life.

### **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](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/>
- **Welcome to Fr Rajesh and Fr Chris:** Next Saturday (14<sup>th</sup> May), Fr Rajesh will be celebrating the 6pm Mass at Battle, and Fr Chris will be celebrating the Sunday Mass (15<sup>th</sup> May) at Battle at the **later time of 11am** - please make a note in your diary! There will be a Liturgy of The Word and Holy Communion Service at St Teresa's at the usual time of 9am.
- **Coffee and Cake:** Our first coffee and cake social meeting was a great success and enjoyed by all who came along. There was lots of catching up and everyone agreed how lovely it was to be able to meet up again. Angela has very kindly agreed to host the next one too, which will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June after the 10am Mass - please feel free to bring a friend along too!
- **Bexhill SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** The Bexhill SVP Conference are organising a pilgrimage to Aylesford on June 14<sup>th</sup> and we would like to offer the opportunity for Battle parishioners to join us. Please see the attached for details or contact Chris Jones for more information email : [popsy57@outlook.com](mailto:popsy57@outlook.com), Mobile: 07783 598238 Home: 01424 602914
- 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:popsy57@outlook.com).

### News from our Diocese

- **Invited: Season II - Growing in Faith:** Season II of Invited, the Diocesan Mission, started on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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>
- **National Marriage Week 9-15 May:** The theme this year is "Celebrating Commitment". All married couples are invited to take a moment during the week to focus on the gift of their marriage and to discern some of the elements that might make their marriage stronger. Within each of our parishes we have many couples with wonderful experiences to share - why

not meet for a chat to support each other. An alternative might be to consider forming a "Teams of Our Lady" group which will enrich your marital spirituality all year round! If you would like to find out more about ways to enrich Marriage and Family life within your parish please do contact E: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

- **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 11 or 24 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](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for joining instructions.
- **Ministry of Consolation Wednesday 18 May at St Bernadette's, Crawley 10am to 3.30pm**  
We are looking forward to bringing the members of the Ministry of Consolation together on this day to share ideas and build our network through getting to know each other. We will also have ongoing formation and Bishop Richard will be saying Mass and commissioning the new members of our team. If you would like to find out more please contact E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **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](mailto: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>
- Vacancy for RC Chaplain, part-time at HMP Lewes - please click on the link below for details [55129 - Roman Catholic Priest, Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister, Lay Chaplain Chaplain - MoJ \(tal.net\)](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events/55129-Roman-Catholic-Priest-Deacon-Religious-Brother-or-Sister-Lay-Chaplain-Chaplain-MoJ-(tal.net))

### **Saints of the Week**

#### **Memorial of St John of Avila, Priest, Doctor - 10<sup>th</sup> May**

The Apostle of Andalusia and the spiritual advisor of St. Teresa, St. Francis Borgia, St. John of the Cross, St. Peter of Alcantara, and others. He was born on January 6, 1499, at Almodovar del Campo, Spain. After studying law at the University of Salamanca, he left the university to be a hermit. He then went to Alcala, where he was ordained. John drew great crowds with his fiery denunciations of evil and his many sermons. A brief imprisonment by the Inquisition in Seville made him even more popular. His



missionary efforts were centered on Andalusia, and his letters and other writings have become Spanish classics. John was canonized in 1970.

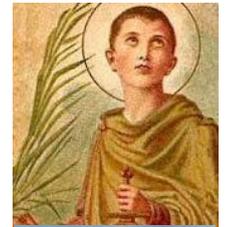
### Memorial of The Carthusian Martyrs - 12<sup>th</sup> May

Sts. John Houghton, Robert Lawrence, Augustine Webster & 15 Blessed Companions. The Community is now at Parkminster, West Grinstead



### Memorial of St Pancras, Martyr - 12<sup>th</sup> May

St Pancras (+c.304) was, according to legend, only fourteen years old when he was martyred during the reign of Diocletian. He was buried on the Via Aurelia and a basilica erected over his tomb. His cult spread quickly. Ancient churches were dedicated to him in Canterbury and London.



### Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima - 13<sup>th</sup> May

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima (Portugal) on the thirteenth day for six consecutive months in 1917. She brought a message of peace and reparation for sin, encouraging devotion to her Immaculate Heart and the recitation of the Holy Rosary.



### Feast of St Matthias, Apostle - 14<sup>th</sup> May

St Matthias (first century) was chosen by lot to take the place of Judas among the Twelve (Acts 1:15-26). He was present at the first Pentecost and, according to various traditions, went on to preach in Judaea, Cappadocia and Ethiopia. He was martyred possibly by means of the axe or halberd with which is often depicted in art.



- 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

#### **Pope Francis: 'Use and possession of nuclear weapons inconceivable'**

In a meeting with the Japanese Prime Minister on Wednesday morning before the General Audience, Pope Francis reiterated his position of total opposition to the use and possession of nuclear armaments. According to Holy See Press Office Director, Matteo Bruni, during their conversation that lasted about 25 minutes, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and the Pope talked about nuclear weapons and about how their use and possession is inconceivable.



**Long-standing opposition to nuclear arms:** It is not the first time that Pope Francis has expressed this view. Marking the 75th anniversary of the nuclear attack on Hiroshima, he sent a message to organisers of the anniversary commemoration, recalling that he had prayed at the

Hiroshima peace memorial during his 2019 visit to Japan and met with survivors.

"It has never been clearer that, for peace to flourish, all people need to lay down the weapons of war, and especially the most powerful and destructive of weapons: nuclear arms that can cripple and destroy whole cities, whole countries," he said.

During his 2019 visit to Japan, Pope Francis described the possession or deployment of atomic weapons as immoral. He has also repeatedly called for their abolition and expressed his support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Addressing participants in an International Symposium on "Prospects for a world free of nuclear weapons and for integral disarmament" in November 2017, the Pope stated: "Unless this process of disarmament be thoroughgoing and complete, and reach men's very souls, it is impossible to stop the arms race, or to reduce armaments, or - and this is the main thing - ultimately to abolish them entirely."

### **Marking 80 years of diplomatic relations**

A statement released by the Holy See Press Office following the meeting said after his meeting with the Pope, the Japanese Prime Minister met held talks with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State, accompanied by Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States. The statement revealed that

"During the cordial talks at the Secretariat of State, satisfaction was expressed for the bilateral collaboration, evoking the 80th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Japan." In this context, the statement continued, the contribution of the Catholic Church in many sectors of Japanese society was noted and appreciated. International issues were also addressed, with particular attention to the war in Ukraine, emphasising the urgency of dialogue and peace and the wish was expressed for a world free of nuclear weapons.



### **Meet the New US Ambassador to the Holy See**

Ambassador Joseph Donnelly is the new US Ambassador to the Holy See and is ready to work together to promote human rights. In an interview with Vatican News at his residence, the Ambassador shared about his recent encounter with Pope Francis, his appointment, and his mission ahead. Ambassador Donnelly presented his credential letters to Pope Francis on 11 April in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace.



The Ambassador's main task will be to liaise between the Holy See and the US Government.

Diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the United States of America were established between Pope St. John Paul II and US President Ronald Reagan on 10 January 1984.

Ambassador Donnelly, married with two children - and a new grandchild, was appointed to serve as the 12th US Ambassador to the Holy See on 24 January and was confirmed by the US Senate in February 2022.

"My family and I are proud to be members of the Catholic faith, and through my years of public service, the Church has been a core part of my life and my values."