

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

with

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 16th October -
Battle (People of the Parish)

9am Sunday 17th October -
Northiam

(Theodore & Sheila Fry RIP, FM)

10.45am Sunday 17th October -
Battle - (For the People of
Maidenhead and Windsor)

10am Wednesday 20th October -
Battle - (Celebrant's Intention)

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

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend 16th / 17th October

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11**

The Lord calls us to commit ourselves to him.

While that might involve suffering, there is the promise of joy to come.

- **Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16**

In following Jesus, Christians follow someone who, like them, has experienced the difficulties and hardships of life. We can be comforted that he is merciful.

- **Gospel: Mark 10:35-45**

Jesus is a different leader - rather than seek glory, he seeks to be a servant and to sacrifice his life to save others.

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy has now restarted during the 10.45am Mass at Battle. If you have any children that have missed this during the restrictions and would like to join into these sessions again, please bring them along.

Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Maureen Hanson RIP, Jack Morgan, Guy Hooper, Di Bean RIP, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Harold Atkins RIP, Henry Cheung, Sam Baker.

- If you feel you need to contact Fr Paul for any reason, his phone number is: 01323 670156.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, John Reid, Anthony Gibbons, Rosemary Parkes, Suzanne McAdie.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Gerard Scothern & his family, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen & Cyril Webster, Dominic 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, 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk with a Minister or with Fr Paul, who is happy to make home visits.
- 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/>
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Preparation for next year's First Holy Communion will begin in October. Any children who are now in year 3 at primary school are eligible to join the programme which will involve them and their parents in regular meetings in the coming months. If any parents wish to enrol themselves and their children in the programme, please contact Fr Paul directly when you come to Mass in the next few weeks and obtain the registration form from him. The final details and meeting dates have yet to be arranged but now is time to start the ball rolling for next year.
- **Missio (APF) World Mission Sunday - Mill Hill Missionaries Red Boxes in Battle:** It is time for the annual count, if you currently have a Red Box and would like it emptied, please bring it along to Mass. Suzanne will be at the Saturday evening Mass this weekend, 16th October, and will be able to take your boxes with her to be emptied. If you have trouble getting to Mass or bringing your box, please let the office know and we can arrange collection. Martin & Christine Mooney are the organisers for the Red Boxes at St Teresa's, so please hand your boxes to them at the Northiam Mass. Many thanks. This will coincide with World Mission Sunday for which there will be a Second Collection.
- **Thank you!** A huge thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our collection for the Food Bank at our Harvest Festival Mass last weekend, and to the collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day - the total collected was £134.10.
- **Fr Pat:** If anyone wishes to send any Christmas greetings to Fr Pat in Kenya, please drop them in to the office before the weekend of 6th/7th November at the latest. Eddie will be flying out to visit him the following week and he can take them with him. Hopefully Fr Pat will be able to visit our Parish again next year.

News from our Diocese

- **Grandparents' Groups:** Within the Diocese we have several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. Remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to find likeminded people and unlimited support ? It's a bit like that, chat over issues such as how to help your Grandchildren without upsetting your own children...or their spouse !! How to pass on your faith and find strength in praying about it all together. If you are interested in joining or creating a group in you parish please do contact Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Loving father, we pray for all grandparents.

Help them to reflect your unconditional love in their relationship with their families. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and patience to enable them to support their families and be there to encourage, advise and inspire, in their turn, their children's children. May they be for their Grandchildren a safe refuge of consistency, offering witness to all of a life which is inspired by Gospel values, enriched by prayer and fuelled by the hope of the eternal kingdom.

- **FINDING STILLNESS (Residential and online) led by: Fr Peter Williams OSB**

- 29th-31st October
- 8th-11th November
- 13th-16th December

An opportunity for individuals to come to Worth (either in person or remotely) and enjoy the space and the stillness whilst, at the same time, taking part in joint daily lectio, a daily reflection on the rule of St Benedict plus some input on silent prayer. There is also opportunity for 1:1 meetings with Fr Peter, if you wish. A section of the retreat will be silent. Further information and booking is available at www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme . Places are limited so it is advised to book early.

- **QUIET FRIDAY at Worth Abbey**

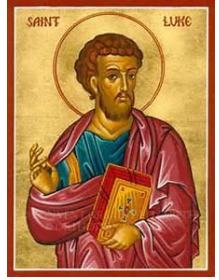
- 12th November
- 10th December

Led by a member of the monastic community and usually on the second Friday of each month (with the exception of August). A time for stillness and solitude and to enjoy the attractive grounds and Quiet Garden. You are also warmly invited to join the monastic community for midday prayer in the Abbey Church, followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Tea and Coffee available but please bring your own packed lunch. Arrivals from 10:15am for a 10:45am start, until 3:30pm; based in Compass House. Booking is essential via the website www.worth.co.uk/retreats or by calling 01342 710318. Cost: £15 per person

Saints of the Week

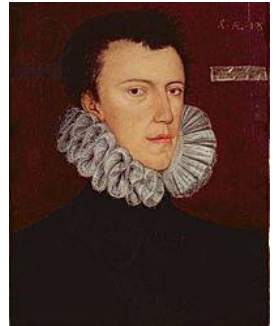
Feast of St Luke, Evangelist – 18th October

St Luke (first century) was a Greek, possibly from Antioch, who trained as a doctor. He converted to Christianity, became a disciple of St Paul and wrote both a Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. His vivid descriptions of the childhood of Jesus has led some to believe that he was close to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is believed to have died in his old age, and may have been martyred; he is patron of doctors and artists.



Solemnity of St Philip Howard, Martyr, Patron of the Diocese – 19th October

Saint Philip Howard, 20th Earl of Arundel (28 June 1557- 19 October 1595) was an English [nobleman](#) and Co-Principal Patron of the Diocese. He was [canonised](#) by [Pope Paul VI](#) in 1970, as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church, as Tertullian famously stated in the 2nd century. St Philip Howard, with so many of the martyrs of the Reformation, chose the suffering of the cross over worldly acclaim. Why? Because Christ was his first love. May he be yours and mine too.



Memorial of St John Capistrano, Priest – 23rd October

St John Capistrano (1386-1456) was married in his youth but it was later annulled. He gave up a promising career in order to become a Franciscan and became a popular preacher in Italy and beyond, often being entrusted with papal missions. He preached a crusade after the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453 and exhorted the victorious Christian Troops at the battle of Belgrade in 1456. He died shortly afterwards of the plague at Ilok (Croatia).



- The office remains 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 to pre-COP26 meeting: You owe your best efforts to future generations

Pope Francis received participants of the 2-day pre COP26 parliamentary meeting co-organised by the Italian Parliament and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall on Saturday morning as it concluded in Rome, and encouraged them to work for the common good and for the future of the next generations. The meeting's aim was to set the floor for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference, hosted by Italy and the UK and scheduled to run in Glasgow from 1 to 12 November.

COP26 will bring together leaders from across the globe to advance climate action and



promote implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement, the world's major legally-binding international treaty on climate change. Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin is scheduled to participate as are many faith-based groups and religious leaders.

In his address, Pope Francis recalled having just signed a Joint Appeal, together with various religious leaders and scientists in view of the Summit. That document, he said, is the result of months of intense dialogue, and the Appeal is based on the "awareness of the unprecedented challenges that threaten us and life on our beautiful common home... and the necessity of an even *deeper solidarity* in the face of the global pandemic and of the growing concern" in that regard.

Convergence of religious leaders: He noted that a spirit of fraternity marked the process highlighting "an impressive convergence of all our different voices on two points. First, our sorrow at the grave harm inflicted on the human family and its common home; and second, the urgent need for a change of direction, in order to move decisively and firmly away from the *throwaway culture*, prevalent in our society, towards a culture of *care*. In order to rise up to this challenge, he said: humanity needs to undergo genuine conversion and do so with steadfast determination. It is a responsibility, he added, that is especially "incumbent upon those called to positions of great responsibility in the various sectors of society." Pope Francis told those present that the Joint Appeal that he is symbolically presenting to them includes a number of commitments that pertain to the realms of action and education.

Educational challenge: In fact, he continued, we are facing a significant *educational challenge*, since "all change requires an educational process aimed at developing a new universal solidarity and a more welcoming society". "The challenge to promote an education for an integral ecology is one to which we, the representatives of the religions, are firmly committed," he said.

Political challenge: "At the same time," he continued, "We appeal to governments to adopt without delay a course of action that would limit the average global temperature rise and to take courageous steps, including the strengthening of international cooperation. Specifically, we appeal to them to promote a transition towards clean energy; to adopt sustainable land use practices, preventing deforestation and restoring forests, conserving biodiversity, favouring food systems that are environmentally friendly and respectful of local cultures, working to end hunger and malnutrition, and to promote sustainable lifestyles and patterns of consumption and production." Reflecting on how such a transition implies a more integral and inclusive model of development, "one grounded in solidarity and responsibility," the Pope said that everyone has a role to play to meet this challenge. Politicians and government leaders are called to act with "wisdom, foresight and concern for the common good: in a word, the fundamental virtues of good politics." Laws must be rolled out in light of the common good and in respect for other fundamental principles such as the dignity of the human person, solidarity and subsidiarity, he explained. And he noted that it is not just a matter of discouraging and penalizing improper practices, but of encouraging new paths to pursue: "paths better suited to the objectives we seek to achieve."

"These are essential elements to be considered as we strive to meet the goals set out in the Paris Agreement and to contribute to the positive outcome of COP26", Pope Francis said. He concluded reminding participants at the parliamentary meeting that we owe our best efforts to future generations so "they can live in hope."