

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 24th April - Battle

(Mr Pedro Fernandes RIP &
Mr Epiphany Fernandes RIP)

9am Sunday 25th April - Northiam

(Jennifer Keeling RIP, FM)

10.45am Sunday 25th April

- Battle

(Intention of Theresa Salter)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
after 6pm Mass Saturdays

Private Prayer Sessions
**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**

FOURTH 'GOOD SHEPHERD' SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekend 24th / 25th April 2021

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter discovers his gift of healing. Only by the name of Jesus, he declares, can any of us be saved.

- **Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2**

Whatever the future may hold, we have the assurance of being God's beloved children. Our vocation is to grow in the Father's likeness.

- **Gospel: John 10:11-18**

Like a good shepherd, Jesus is dedicated to our care and protection. He willingly laid down his life for the flock, as well as for others not yet in his fold.

- If you feel you need to contact Fr Paul for any reason, his phone number is: 01323 670156. In cases of special need Fr Raglan Hay-Will may be contacted on 01323 723222.
- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

(Special Ministers), please be aware that during the current lockdown, they are unable to visit. Once the current situation changes please contact the office if you would like these visits to recommence, 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.

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, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Richard Coombs, Dilys Fraser, John Reid.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Gerard Scothern & his family, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Dominic Leahy.

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

Una Wade, Margaret C, Weislaw, Rowena, Henry Cheung, Ralph Balcombe, Frances Cresswell, Maureen Hanson RIP, John Brooman RIP, Jack Morgan, Janet T, Guy Hooper, Sophie Tegg, Helen.

- 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/>
- **Mill Hill Missionaries - Red Boxes, Battle**
In 2020, our community of Battle raised £1451.03 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Battle are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The Missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks and tell us that they pray for us all.
- **CAFOD - Walk for Water Lent Challenge - Success by Team Forge 196!!**
Team Forge averaged 25,185 steps throughout Lent, a total of 1,158,510 steps in all, the equivalent of more than 450 miles! We also raised just over £1,400 for CAFOD in the process, and we thank everyone who supported us so generously. We have tried to thank supporters individually, but if we have missed anyone, please forgive us, but we have tried! We missed our donation target by £560 so as donations can still be made either to one of us, or via the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/team-forge-196> please help if you can.
Many thanks from John, Vicky & Ingrid
- **Vatican pays tribute to Prince Philip**



In a homily during a remembrance service for Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who died on 9 April, Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher recalls the Prince's honourable and faithful service to the Queen, his country and the world.

Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher opened his homily during the service with "an image far from this place, in the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, from the prelude of his epic-poem *Evangeline*":

"This is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlock's, Bearded with moss, and in garments green, indistinct in the twilight, Stand like Druids of eld, with voices sad and prophetic. Stand like harper's hoar, with beards that rest on their bosoms. Loud from its rocky caverns, the deep-voiced neighbouring ocean Speak, and in accents disconsolate answers the wail of the forest."

Archbishop Gallagher notes that the forest described in the poem would be full of immense trees of different varieties. In walking through the forest one would "note their presence with awe", he said. "It seems they have always been there". Returning to the forest for many years you take their presence for granted, he adds. "You hardly notice them; they are so much part of the landscape, but when they fall, by human hand or force of nature, it is a mighty sound, an earthquake at the heart of the forest. When you return you find an apparently irreparable gap in the fabric of the forest, that will take an eternity to fill", said Archbishop Gallagher.

"The passing of Prince Philip is such an event in the forest of our contemporary history and society", said Archbishop Gallagher. He described Prince Philip as being a constant: "always there, a few steps behind, but always present", he noted.

Prince Philip was "present in so many ways and on so many occasions and scenes", said Archbishop Gallagher, adding that however, "for most us he has remained indelibly, through many changes and years, the Prince Consort. A role, not an office, at the side of a Queen who reigns but does not rule".

Archbishop Gallagher went on to say that "Paul's dynamic vision of the Christ's redemptive action is also the unfolding of the Kingdom for which Jesus prays to the Father: 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven.' The Apostle teaches: 'He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death'." he added.

"I think St Paul and Prince Philip would have hit it off very well", said Archbishop Gallagher, "both straight talkers with a penchant for a little controversy", he explained.

Prince Philip's achievements are remarkable, continued Archbishop Gallagher. He spoke of the Prince's naval career and noted that he was patron of over 800 charities and organisations.

The first years of Elizabeth and Philip's marriage, particularly in Malta, are believed to have very happy almost carefree. "The latter was to change upon the death of the King in 1952, when the Princess Elizabeth was 26 years old", said Archbishop Gallagher.

"From that moment on until his death Philip was always there", he noted. It is clear that the Duke shared the Queen's commitment to the Commonwealth, helping in the early decades helping to sustain the great project which was the transition from Empire to Commonwealth. He also stood by his wife steadfastly in the darker moments, like the *Annus Horribilis*!

Archbishop Gallagher then said that "our perceptions of this Service of Remembrance, and what we will see transmitted from Windsor this afternoon will differ, but the eyes of Christian faith invite us to witness the contrasts of which St Paul wrote: perishable - imperishable, weakness - power, mortality - immortality. And we will make our own the

Apostle's words of praise: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".

Concluding his homily, Archbishop Gallagher noted that "indeed, Prince Philip lived a life of multiple contrasts and some could be reconciled only with difficulty, while others understandably provoked resentment and pain". However, he continued, the faith we celebrate this Easter cuts through all that, "resolving differences and enlightening darkness and dissipating doubts".

"For the Naval Commander, the Consort, the Father of a great family, for the leader in benevolence and education the battle is over, and all is quiet again in the forest, concluded Archbishop Gallagher. "The great tree may have fallen but it leaves its mark and encourages fresh growth towards the heavens".

Saints of the Week

Memorial of St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr – 28th April

Born in France in 1803, he did pastoral work there for a few years after ordination, and then entered the Marist Society and was sent to Oceania. There was considerable resistance to missionaries at that time, though he did receive a few converts into the faith before he was clubbed to death on the island of Futuna in 1841.



Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe – 29th April

Born at Siena in 1347, she became a member of the Order of St Dominic. She was filled with an active love for God and neighbour: she strove to bring peace to the quarrelling factions and cities of Italy, and to restore the rights of the papacy, at that time in exile in Avignon. She was contemplative and ascetic, and her many writings are remarkable for their spirituality and theology.



Memorial of St Pius V, Pope – 30th April

St Pius V (1504-1572) was born as Michael Ghislieri in Piedmont and joined the Dominican Order. Elected Pope in 1565, he enforced the decrees of the Council of Trent, organised a successful crusade against the Turks, published the Roman Catechism, and revised the Missal and Breviary. He also tried to counter Protestantism, and excommunicated Elizabeth I of England in 1570. Canonised in 1712, he is buried at Santa Maria Maggiore, Rome.



Memorial of St Joseph the Worker – 1st May

This feast was instituted in 1955 by Pope Pius XII on a day when labour was celebrated in many countries. Jesus was himself the 'son of the carpenter' and St Joseph presents a wonderful example of how even the most seemingly menial work can be sanctified.



- 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.