

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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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 30th July - Battle
(Service of Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion)

9am Sunday 31st July - Northiam
(Intention of thanks to
Sheila Kaye Smith Society)

10.45am Sunday 31st July -
Battle - (Jack Morgan, RIP)

10am Wednesday 3rd August -
Battle (Jack Morgan RIP)

Followed by coffee & cake in the
Parish Room - all welcome!

Sacrament of Reconciliation
after 6pm Mass Saturdays

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekend 30th / 31st July 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**
The Preacher reflects on the vanity of human endeavour.
- **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11**
Paul tells the Colossian Christians to let their thoughts be on heavenly things.
- **Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**
Jesus warns us to be on our guard against avarice of any kind.

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, Margot Leahy.

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 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.
- 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/>

Exciting Announcement!

**We are really pleased to welcome our new permanent Parish Priest, Fr Richard Blythen. Fr Richard will be moving into the Presbytery and will start celebrating Masses within our Parish of Battle and Northiam from September. He is really looking forward to joining our community and getting to know everybody -
I know you will all make him very welcome!**

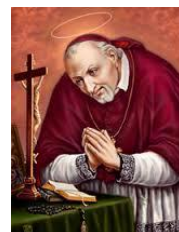
A little background history: Father Richard was born in Nottingham in 1962, studied Electrical and Electronic Engineering in Manchester and moved to Camberly upon graduation in 1984, working on strategic communication systems for the Royal Navy. In 1987 he joined Saint John's Seminary and was ordained Deacon at Saint Paul's, Haywards Heath and ordained Priest at Saint Dunstan's, Woking. He served as curate at Woking before moving to Saint Leonards on Sea prior to being appointed Parish Priest of Knaphill. He joined the Royal Navy in 2005, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, before being appointed to Addlestone in 2011.

- **Don't forget coffee and cake** in the Parish Room this Wednesday 3rd August, after Mass - everybody very welcome!
- **Jack Morgan RIP:** Just to let people know so they can say a special prayer for my Dad - his funeral is on Wednesday 27th July at 11am in the Abbey church next to the care home. I know masses are being said for my dad in Battle which is wonderful, and I will ring people to give them my thanks, Frances.
- **Readers needed please!** A huge thank you to all our regular readers that help out at every Mass. We are always on the look-out for new volunteers, and need holiday cover for the last two Sundays in September please. Please let us know if you are able to do this. Many thanks.

Saints of the Week

Memorial of St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor - 1st August

St Alphonsus Ligouri (1696-1787) was born in Naples (Italy) and became a priest after training as a lawyer. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), which specialised in preaching missions, and in 1762 was appointed Bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti. He faced much physical suffering and divisions within his Order. His numerous writings, especially on moral theology, earned him the title of Doctor of the Church.



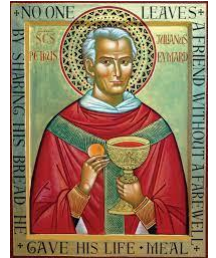
Memorial of St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop - 2nd August

St Eusebius (+371) was born in Sardinia and brought up in Rome. Around 340 he was named bishop of Vercelli in Piedmont and spent much of his episcopate fighting the Arian heresy, which caused him to be exiled for six years. He is thought to have been the first bishop to live together with many of his clergy in community, and is honoured as co-founder of the Augustinian Canons.



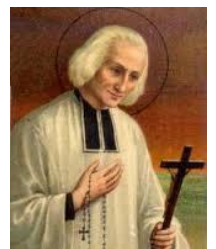
Memorial of St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest - 2nd August

St Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868) was born at La Mure, Isère (France) and joined the Marist Fathers. He dedicated his life to promoting Eucharistic devotion and founded both the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. Canonised in 1962, he is known as the 'Apostle of the Eucharist'.



Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest - 4th August

St John Mary (Jean-Baptiste-Marie) Vianney (1786-1859) was born at Dardilly, near Lyons (France) and, despite finding his seminary studies difficult, was ordained a priest and spent forty-two years as Curé (parish priest) of Ars. Despite encountering much opposition, he reformed the parish, spent hours in the confessional and centred his life on the Holy Eucharist. Pius XI declared him patron of parish clergy.



Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major - 5th August

In 431 the Council of Ephesus declared the Blessed Virgin to be the 'Mother of God' (Theotokos) and shortly afterwards Pope Sixtus III dedicated the restored Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome in her honour. According to tradition its location had originally been indicated by a miraculous shower of snow on 5th August, in the middle of the Roman summer, hence the title 'Our Lady of the Snows'. The basilica is considered the most important church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the festival of its dedication renews our links with Rome.



Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord - 6th August

The Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor came to strengthen the faith of the disciples, for trying times lay ahead: the Son of Man would be put to death and all that the human eye could see was weakness, humiliation and suffering. Beyond the shame of the cross, however, is the light and glory of Easter, and it is this that the Transfiguration reveals. It shows the disciples, and us, Christ's divinity - he who is Light from Light - and anticipates the glory of heaven.



- 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

- **Young Adults (18-35) Events: Starting on Monday 19 September at 7.30pm**
Join the Diocesan young adults community as we go on a journey to explore God's call on our lives. Our young adults meet online every fortnight for bible study and good conversation however, we will soon compliment these sessions with a series of guest speakers, joining us bi-monthly to help us discover the plans that God has for us. Starting on 19 September, Dr Pia Matthews discusses Human Flourishing. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.
- **Young Adults Day at the Seaside with Fr Stephen Ortiger - Saturday 20 August 11am - 3pm:** Mass at Our lady Star of the Sea, East Preston, followed by a walk on the beach and a shared lunch at a beachside café. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@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".

- 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

- **"Who Cares?" New group for The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton - next meeting is at 1.30pm - 4pm on Sunday 7 August 2022**
A support group offering a safe place and support, without prejudice, to those impacted people going through divorce, separated and divorced. This is a self-help group run by others who have experienced this loss and change in their lives and are on a recovery journey. We will meet monthly at St John the Evangelist, 3 Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2PJ. The theme for the meeting will be Communication Skills. There is also plenty of time for a chat over tea and cake!
Contact details E: Carolinevdb55@gmail.com and E: TeacherSue@hotmail.co.uk

- **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: johnabrotherton@gmail.com
- **'Sharing the Church's Story' Conference - Saturday 17 September 2022 10am - 6pm**
Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a one-day conference at Friends House, Euston Road, London called '*Sharing the Church's Story*'. Come and join 1000 Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK and a host of dynamic speakers including the internationally renowned speaker and author, Bishop Robert Barron. So, whether you are a volunteer, parent, catechist, clergy, religious, or just want a boost for your faith life, then this conference is for you. Register/find out more? W: www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

Externally run Diocesan events at Worth Abbey:

- **Finding Stillness: 20-23 September Cost £330 per person**
'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46). Come to Worth Abbey and encounter this refreshing and empowering stillness. Through the Benedictine tradition, discover how stillness can be part of your everyday life and how transformative it can be. The retreat will include: teachings in lectio divina and stilling the mind, as well as an opportunity to have a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.
- **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.
- **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, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS. T: 01483 573273 M: 07710 094448 E: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk W: www.cafod.org.uk.

Vatican News

John Paul II: 'I come to proclaim your dignity and support your destiny'

Pope Francis travelled last Sunday to Canada for his 37th Apostolic Journey where he will primarily meet with representatives of the indigenous peoples who live in Canada. On several occasions, his predecessor Pope John Paul II met with representatives of the indigenous peoples living in Canada, praising their culture, upholding their rights, and acknowledging that, 'the hour has come to bind up wounds, to heal all divisions'. Pope Francis is about to begin what he has described as a "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada. In the background, however, are two other visits of Pope Saint John Paul II in 1984 and 1987. He undertook his first Apostolic Journey to Canada in 1984, landing in Québec on 9 September and returning to Rome from Ottawa on 20 September. During his twelve-day journey through Canada he met with representatives of indigenous peoples who live in Canada on a few occasions in which he manifested his respect and admiration for their culture and defended their rights.



Pope in Canada: 'Healing can now begin'

Pope Francis on Monday will travel to the Sacred Heart First Peoples Church in Edmonton on the first full day of this Apostolic Visit to Canada. His visit is being eagerly awaited by parishioners who attended Mass on Sunday, listening attentively to a homily given by Sacred Heart's pastor, Fr Susai Jesu, OMI. There to greet the Pope on Monday will be Elder of the church, Fernie Marty, a Catholic, born in Edmonton, who belongs to the Papachase First Nation. "I feel blessed to live in both worlds," he told Vatican News' Marine Henriot, during the final preparations to welcome Pope Francis. "My mother made sure I was baptised at birth, and my mother's family made sure I stayed close to our Indigenous culture. I was able to blend these two cultures that I was born into," he said.



Healing and Reconciliation: Pope Francis has said that he is undertaking this "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada, in the hopes of contributing to the "process of healing and reconciliation with the country's indigenous peoples." During his Angelus address on 17 July, he said, "Unfortunately, in Canada, many Christians, including some members of religious institutes, have contributed to the policies of cultural assimilation that, in the past, have severely harmed indigenous communities in various ways." In April this year, the Pope met with Canadian Indigenous delegations, expressing his profound sorrow and asking for pardon for the suffering inflicted by some members of the Catholic Church.

An important visit: Speaking about the atrocities of the past, Fernie Marty said, "it is very important that he [the Pope] comes here so that the healing process will start for many of us. As the world's media descends on Edmonton for the Pope's penitential pilgrimage, he commented that "it's exciting and a little nerve wracking with all the media and stuff, but most of all I'm good with everything." "Our chief is very open to it; I know he'll be here tomorrow," the elder said. "I think he is the only chief who is going to be here tomorrow. It is good for the Pope to see that there's going to be a chief here for his visit to our Sacred Heart Church. Him being here in Canada where all the atrocities happened; that is very, very important."