

## **Peace Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.



## **Events & Feasts of the Fortnight**

### **The Baptism of the Lord, 12<sup>th</sup> January**



Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### **St Antony, Abbot, 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Born in Egypt, about 260 AD. When his parents died, he gave his inheritance to the poor, and went into the desert, where he lived a life of penance. Many came to follow him, and he is known as the father of monks. He supported those who suffered for the faith under the persecutions of Diocletian, and helped St Athanasius in his fight against the Arians. He died in 356.



### **St Agnes, 21<sup>st</sup> January**



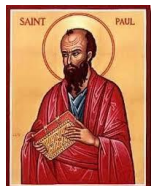
St Agnes (+c.304) came from a noble Roman family. According to a 5<sup>th</sup> century legend, she was about 13 years old when she suffered martyrdom by being stabbed in the throat, after refusing to be married to a pagan. She was buried on the Via Nomentana and her name is included in the Roman Canon. She is often shown with a lamb, a symbol of her purity and a play on her name (which in Greek means 'chaste') and the Latin word agnus, meaning lamb.

### **St Vincent, 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

St Vincent was a deacon of the Church at Saragossa. He was brutally tortured and martyred at Valencia, in Spain, during the persecution of Diocletian, in about 304. His cult grew quickly and both St Augustine and St Leo preached sermons in his honour. He is the proto-martyr of Spain.



### **Conversion of St Paul, 25<sup>th</sup> January**



This Feast commemorates the conversion of Saul of Tarsus while he was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians. He was blinded by a light and thrown from his horse to the ground, hearing the words, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'the Risen One spoke to Paul, called him to apostolate and made him a true Apostle, a witness of the Resurrection, with the specific task of proclaiming the Gospel to the Gentiles, to the Graeco-Roman world. **God Bless Fr Tony**

**12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities**  
**Year 2 for Weekdays**

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## **OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL BATTLE with ST TERESA OF LISIEUX NORTHIAM**

The Presbytery, 14 Mount Street, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0EG

### **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: SAT 11<sup>th</sup> – SAT 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**SAT:** 11<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm REV BRIAN JONES, R.I.P.  
**SUN:** 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – ST TERESA'S  
10.45am THOMAS & MARY CONROY, R.I.P. – BATTLE  
**MON:** 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION  
**TUES:** 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am HELEN MURPHY, R.I.P.  
**WED:** 15<sup>th</sup> NO MASS  
**THURS:** 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am BERTRAM 5<sup>th</sup> EARL OF ASHBURNHAM  
FOUNDER & BENEFACTOR OF BATTLE CHURCH  
**FRI:** 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am THE FIELDING FAMILY, R.I.P. (F.M)  
**SAT:** 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am INTENTION OF MADELEINE SALTER

***Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am – 9.50am***

### **Introduction to the Scripture Readings:**

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7**

Isaiah offers a beautiful description of the Messiah, who comes to serve the cause of right and bring healing to humanity.

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38**

St Peter tells a Roman soldier, whom he baptised, how Jesus had gone about doing good and healing.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

Jesus, at his baptism, receives the Holy Spirit and is proclaimed to be God's beloved Son.

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### Events and Feast Days This Week

**Today** is **The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** – the Christmas Season ends today. The crib will remain in place until 2<sup>nd</sup> February, The Presentation of the Lord.

**Monday** is the memorial of St Hilary, Doctor of the Church.

**Friday** is the memorial of St Antony, Abbot.

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

**From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael:** Margaret Thunder, Ingrid Reeves, Jean Jameson, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Eileen Scott, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson.

**From St Teresa's:** Keith Bourne, Audrey Evans, Gerard & Joy Scothern & their family, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster.

### Offertory

The collection for the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> January was £249.90 in Battle and £105.10 in Northiam. Thank you all for your generosity.

### Sacramental Programmes

**First Communion:** The next meeting of the First Communion Group is on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm, in the Presbytery.

### Congratulations to Fr Desmond

We send our best wishes to Fr Desmond Baker who, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm, in St Mary Magdalen, Bexhill, will celebrate his Golden Jubilee Mass.

### Jeanne Cogdell RIP

We pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jeanne Cogdell. We pray too for her family and friends mourning her loss. Her Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, at 12.30pm at Battle. Her body will be received into the Church on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm.

### Cards for Prisoners of Conscience

Many thanks to those who came to write cards on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, and our apologies to those who were hoping to come on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. This had to be cancelled at short notice due to illness. We are planning to hold another card-writing session from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 26 Mount Street (opposite the Church) and we hope very much that you will be able to come then. *Our Lady Immaculate Justice and Peace Group*

19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PEACE SUNDAY**

**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities**

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK: SAT 18<sup>th</sup> – SUN 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**SAT: 18<sup>th</sup>** 6.00pm DOUGLAS ASHING, R.I.P.

**SUN: 19<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – ST TERESA'S  
10.45am ROBERT MICHAEL, R.I.P. – BATTLE

**MON: 20<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am PATRICIA GUIVER, R.I.P.

**TUES: 21<sup>st</sup>** 12.30pm REQUIEM MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE  
SOUL OF JEANNE COGDELL

**WED: 22<sup>nd</sup>** NO MASS

**THURS: 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10.00am RON SCOTT, R.I.P.

**FRI: 24<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am MARY & GEORGE SHERWOOD, R.I.P.

**SAT: 25<sup>th</sup>** NO MORNING MASS  
6.00pm INTENTION OF STEPHEN GASCHE

**SUN: 26<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am BARNEY O'NEILL, R.I.P. – ST TERESA'S  
10.45am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH - BATTLE

### Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6**

In this, the second of the "Servant Songs", a mysterious servant is called upon to be a light to the nations.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

At the start of his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul sends greetings to "the holy people of Jesus Christ".

**Gospel: John 1:29-34**

John the Baptist points to Jesus as the one who "existed before me" and who is to "baptise with the Holy Spirit".

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**Today is Peace Sunday**

**Monday** is the memorial of St Fabian, Pope and Martyr.

**Tuesday** is the memorial of St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr.

**Wednesday** is the memorial of St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr.

**Friday** is the memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Martyr.

**Saturday** is the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul.