

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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THE TWENTY EIGHTH IN ORDINARY TIME Weekend 8th / 9th October 2022

Weekend Mass Times

- 6pm Saturday 8th October - Battle (Brian Knowles, RIP)
9am Sunday 9th October - Northiam (Intention for Those Buried in the
Cemetery on the Anniversary of Its Consecration, FM)
10.45am Sunday 9th October - Battle (Martha Thompson, RIP, FM)

Weekday Masses at Battle

- NO MASS Monday 10th October
6pm Tuesday 11th October - Battle (No Intention)
10am Wednesday 12th October - Battle (Stephen Grun, RIP)
6am Thursday 13th October - Battle (No Intention)
10am Friday 14th October - Battle (No Intention)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17**
Cured of leprosy in the River Jordan, Naaman takes some soil of Israel home with him so that he can worship in his own land the God of Israel.
- **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13**
Paul may be in chains but that will never be the fate of the word of God.
- **Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**
Of ten lepers cured by Jesus, only one returns to give thanks: Jesus praises his faith.

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, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly.

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 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 Richard, who is happy to make home visits, on 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the new letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125, e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk, 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/>
- **Change of Sunday Mass Time to 11am:** We have had lots of feedback so far concerning changing the Sunday Mass time to 11am, but please keep your thoughts coming, they are all very helpful, thank you.
- **Reading at Mass** - We are still in need of volunteers for reading at the Sunday Mass - thank you to everyone that has volunteered for the Saturday evening, it's a great help.
- **CAFOD Family Fast Day - World Food Crisis Appeal**
Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Sincere apologies to all members - I totally forgot about this, so now we have 4 months in one go! Congratulations to all our winners!
 - July: £12 - Robert McAdie £24 - Robert Mulligan
 - August: £12 - Abigail Masters £24 - Hazel Lobo £50 - Anne Auger
 - September: £12 - David Wilson £24 - Mary Wilson
 - October: £12 - Pauline Bedford £24 - Paul Weller
- **Team Forge** - many thanks for the generous support for St Michael's Hospice following our completion of the 'Moonlight & Memories' walk recently. Sponsorship funds are still coming in, and when all monies have been received, it looks like we will have raised well over £500. Vicky Chainey, Ingrid Finch & John Reid

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER - the intention of our usual Mass at 6pm will be for **those affected by the war in Ukraine**. This will be followed at 7pm by a separate Service to which local folk attending the other churches will be invited. Everyone is invited to attend in support of those affected by the war.

- **Battle Music Group** - we meet at 7pm on Tuesday evenings for one hour in the church in Battle and everyone is invited. All are welcome (no auditions!) and we are particularly hoping that we can increase the number of singers and instrumentalists as we plan further services for those affected by the war in Ukraine, and knowing that Advent and Christmas services are not too far away. Please join us if you can.
- Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? The Governing body of St Richard's Catholic College in Bexhill is looking to recruit a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors come from a variety of backgrounds and have different skills, knowledge and experiences, and are keen to ensure Catholic education is supported. If you would like to know more please check out the following websites: abdiocese.org.uk/educationservice/governance and/or strichardsc.com or contact Alison Horan, Chair of Governors for an informal chat on ahoran@strichardsc.com
- **Battle Foodbank - Needs and Updates:** This week the Foodbank needs Tins of Soup, Tomatoes, Cold Meat and Fish; Small bags of Sugar; Biscuits; SweetTreats; Jars of Marmite and Peanut Butter and Boxes of 40's teabags. Please put items in the basket at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity.
- **Hospitality Volunteers needed - Can you spare a couple of hours once every few weeks on a Wednesday lunchtime 12:30 - 2:30pm?** The Foodbank is going to restart hospitality for clients offering tea and coffee, this stopped during the Covid lockdown. We need volunteers to cover the hospitality - this would entail arriving about 12.30 to set up and then serve tea/coffee and biscuits and chat to clients from 1.00 to about 2.30. If you can help please contact Sally Perry (Battle FoodBank Manager) email: sparrygb@gmail.com or email chrisamullis@gmail.com

Saints of the Week

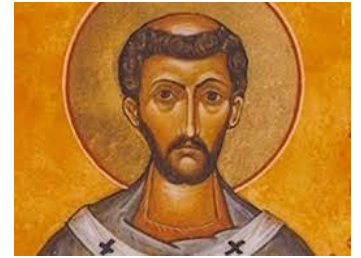
Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest - 9th October

Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was born in London, educated at Trinity College, Oxford and embarked on a highly successful career as a Fellow of Oriel College and Vicar of the University Church of St Mary's. A prominent member of the Oxford Movement, he became a Catholic in 1845; soon afterwards, he was ordained priest and introduced the Congregation of the Oratory into England. He lived at the Birmingham Oratory, continuing his ministry as a pastor, writer and educationalist, and in 1879 was created Cardinal Deacon of San Giorgio in Velabro by Leo XIII. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010.



Memorial of St Paulinus of York, Bishop - 10th October

St Paulinus (+644) was one of the second band of missionary monks sent from Rome to assist St Augustine of Canterbury in 601. After labouring for many years in Kent, he was consecrated first bishop of York in 625 and did much to evangelise Northumbria, baptising King St Edwin at Easter 627. He was eventually driven from York and spent his final years administering the See of Rochester.



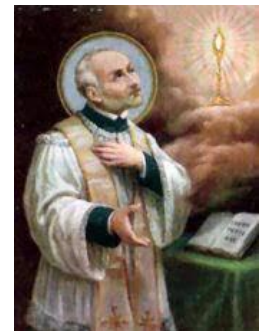
Memorial of St Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs - 10th October

St Denis (+c.258) is venerated as the first bishop of Paris and patron of France. He is said to have been sent to Gaul by Pope Fabian and to have been beheaded at Montmartre with Rusticus, a priest, and Eleutherius, a deacon. Some writers wrongly identified him with Dionysius the Areopagite, mentioned in Acts 17:34, who was claimed as author of a series of works of mystical theology actually written in the fifth century. The great Abbey of Saint Denis in Paris is the resting place of many Kings and Queens of France.



Memorial of St John Leonardi, Priest - 10th October

St John Leonardi (c.1542-1609) was born near Lucca (Italy) and after training as a pharmacist, was ordained a priest. This allowed him to bring to people the 'medicine of God,' Jesus Christ. He founded the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God and also helped establish the College of 'Propaganda Fide' in Rome, which trained missionaries. He died of influenza while ministering to the Roman populace. He was chosen as patron of pharmacists in 2006.



Memorial of St John XXIII, Pope - 11th October

John XXIII made many passionate speeches during his pontificate. His views on equality were summed up in his statement, "We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike." He made a major impact on the Catholic Church, opening it up to dramatic unexpected changes promulgated at the Vatican Council and by his own dealings with other churches and nations. In Italian politics, he prohibited bishops from interfering with local elections, and he helped the Christian Democratic Party to cooperate with the socialists. In international affairs, his "Ostpolitik" engaged in dialogue with the communist countries of Eastern Europe. He especially reached out to the Eastern Orthodox churches. His overall goal was to modernise the Church by emphasising its pastoral role, and its necessary involvement with affairs of state. He dropped the traditional rule of 70 cardinals, increasing the size to 85. He used the opportunity to name the first cardinals from Africa, Japan, and the Philippines. He promoted ecumenical movements in cooperation with other Christian faiths. In doctrinal matters, he was a traditionalist, but he ended the practice of automatically formulating social and political policies on the basis of old theological propositions.



Memorial of St Wilfrid, Bishop – 12th October

St Wilfrid (originally spelled Wilfrith, c.634-c.710). Born a Northumbrian noble, he entered religious life as a teenager and studied at Lindisfarne, at Canterbury, in Gaul, and in Rome; he returned to Northumbria in about 660, and became the abbot of a newly founded monastery at Ripon. In 664 Wilfrid acted as spokesman for the Roman position at the Synod of Whitby, and became famous for his speech advocating that the Roman method for calculating the date of Easter should be adopted. Wilfrid spent the next few years in Selsey, where he founded an episcopal see and converted the pagan inhabitants of the Kingdom of Sussex to Christianity. Wilfrid died in 709 or 710. After his death, he was venerated as a saint.



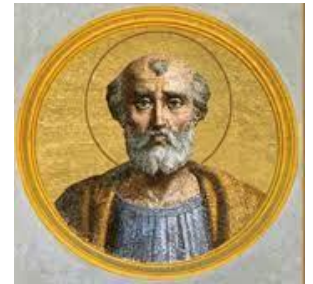
Memorial of St Edward the Confessor, King – 13th October

St Edward (c.1005-66) was the son of King Ethelred 'the Unready' and spent nearly thirty years as a political exile in Normandy, his mother's homeland. He succeeded as King in 1042 and was subsequently famed for his life of prayer, chaste marriage and love of the poor. He built St Peter's Abbey in Westminster, where he and most of England's monarchs were buried.



Memorial of St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr – 14th October

St Callistus (+222) was a former slave who became Bishop of Rome in 217. He fought heresy and preached God's mercy for repentant sinners, despite meeting the criticism of 'rigorists' such as Tertullian. He is perhaps best remembered for the Roman catacomb that bears his name, where many of the victims of anti-Christian persecution were buried. St Callistus himself is venerated a martyr, although the manner of his death is uncertain.



Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor – 15th October

St Teresa (1515-1582) was born in Avila (Spain). She joined the Carmelite convent at Avila and, after a quarter of a century as a nun, began to reform the Order, with the help of St Peter of Alcántara and St John of the Cross. She founded seventeen reformed houses in Spain and, despite her busy life of administration, reached the highest 'mansions' of union with God. Her outstanding works of ascetical and mystical theology led her to be declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.



- 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

- **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.

- **Anti-Slavery week runs from the 17-23 October** this year with specific focus on Anti-Slavery day on Tuesday 18 October 2022.

The Catholic and Anglican churches in Sussex and Surrey have formed an Ecumenical coalition to help to raise awareness of this prevalent but almost hidden criminal activity and are holding Slavery on our Doorsteps awareness evenings in Sussex at St Peters Church, West Street, Shoreham at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 October and in Surrey at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftsbury Rd, Woking at 7.45pm on Monday 17 October. No need to book. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming an Anti-Slavery Ambassador please contact Tessa Ricketts, Social Action Adviser at E: Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

- **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 at Worth Abbey:

- **Benedictine individually guided retreat 26-30 October Cost: £110 per person, per night (min 3 nights):** An opportunity to participate in a contemplative retreat, to share in community and to follow the monastic office. The retreat would suit someone seriously journeying in the spiritual life or someone in discernment, at a transition point in life or needing to make an important decision. The experience will include a daily individual meeting with a prayer / spiritual guide. There will be a balance of silence and engagement with an optional daily group Lectio Divina session and one conversational meal a day.
- **St Bernadette: 21-24 October Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy**
The Relics of St Bernadette will journey to our Diocese this October visiting: [St Dunstan's in Woking](#) 21st-22nd, [Arundel Cathedral](#) 22nd-23rd, [Worth Abbey](#) 23th-24th. People across our faith family are invited to attend; to find out more about this very special undertaking please visit the tour website W: stbernadette.org.uk. Watch the Tour trailer here <https://youtu.be/PFRMIvD9AiI>
- Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available. For more information and to book and pay for your place/s visit W: www.worth.co.uk or email E: retreats@worth.org.uk or call T: 01342 710318.

Vatican News

Pope appeals to Putin to stop war and Zelensky to be open to serious peace offers

We publish below a working translation of Pope Francis' address in Italian before leading the recitation of Sunday's midday Angelus prayer in Saint Peter's Square.

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

The course of the war in Ukraine has become so serious, devastating and threatening, as to cause great concern. Therefore, today I would like to devote the entire reflection before the *Angelus* to this. Indeed, this terrible and inconceivable wound to humanity, instead of healing, continues to shed even more blood, risking to spread further.

I am saddened by the rivers of blood and tears spilled in these months. I am saddened by the thousands of victims, especially children, and the destruction which has left many people and families homeless and threaten vast territories with cold and hunger. Certain actions can never be justified, never! It is disturbing that the world is learning the geography of Ukraine through names such as Bucha, Irpin, Mariupol, Izium, Zaporizhzhia and other areas, which have become places of indescribable suffering and fear. And what about the fact that humanity is once again faced with the atomic threat? It is absurd. What is to happen next? How much blood must still flow for us to realize that war is never a solution, only destruction? In the name of God and in the name of the sense of humanity that dwells in every heart, I renew my call for an immediate ceasefire. Let there be a halt to arms, and let us seek the conditions for negotiations that will lead to solutions that are not imposed by force, but consensual, just and stable. And they will be so if they are based on respect for the sacrosanct value of human life, as well as the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each country, and the rights of minorities and legitimate concerns.

I deeply deplore the grave situation that has arisen in recent days, with further actions contrary to the principles of international law. It increases the risk of nuclear escalation, giving rise to fears of uncontrollable and catastrophic consequences worldwide.

My appeal is addressed first and foremost to the President of the Russian Federation, imploring him to stop this spiral of violence and death, also for the sake of his own people. On the other hand, saddened at the immense suffering of the Ukrainian people as a result of the aggression they have suffered, I address an equally confident appeal to the President of Ukraine to be open to serious proposals for peace. I urge all the protagonists of international life and the political leaders of nations to do everything possible to bring an end to the war, without allowing themselves to be drawn into dangerous escalations, and to promote and support initiatives for dialogue. Please let the younger generations breathe the salutary air of peace, not the polluted air of war, which is madness!

After seven months of hostilities, let us use all diplomatic means, even those that may not have been used so far, to bring an end to this terrible tragedy. War in itself is an error and a horror! Let us trust in the mercy of God, who can change hearts, and in the maternal intercession of the Queen of Peace, as we raise our Supplication to Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompei, spiritually united with the faithful gathered at her Shrine and in so many parts of the world.

