

## Saints of the Week

### **The Feast of St Thomas, Apostle - 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

St Thomas (first century), called 'the twin', is chiefly remembered for doubting the reality of the resurrection until he saw the Lord for himself. Once he was satisfied, he made a heartfelt profession of faith: 'My Lord and my God.' St Thomas, who probably suffered martyrdom as a result of preaching the Gospel in India, comforts us when our faith is weak, encourages us to persevere and demonstrates that 'every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty' (Benedict XVI).

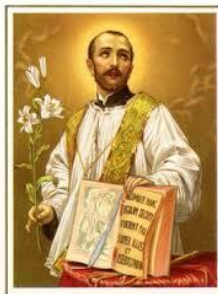


### **St Elizabeth of Portugal - 4<sup>th</sup> July**

St Elizabeth of Portugal (1271-1336) was the daughter of King Peter III of Aragon and was named after her great-aunt, St Elizabeth of Hungary. She endured an unhappy marriage with the King of Portugal but performed many works of charity and peacekeeping. As a widow she lived near the Poor Clare convent at Coimbra.

### **St Antony Zaccaria, Priest – 5<sup>th</sup> July**

St Antony Mary Zaccaria (1502-1539) was born in Cremona (Italy) and founded the Clerks Regular of St Paul (Barnabites) in 1530, one of the new congregations that pushed forward the reforms of the Catholic Reformation. St Antony died at the young age of thirty-six as a result of his unceasing apostolic labours.



### **St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr – 6<sup>th</sup> July**



St Maria Goretti (1890-1902) was born in Corinaldo near Ancona (Italy), the third of six children, and became known for her cheerfulness and piety. When she was twelve, she was a victim of an attempted rape and was mortally wounded as she defended her virginity. She forgave her murderer shortly before she died in hospital. The culprit was imprisoned and experienced a conversion of heart; he was present at St Maria's canonization in 1950 and ended his days as a Capuchin brother.

**God Bless**

**1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2018**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**Cycle B for Sundays and**  
**Solemnities**

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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 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE - SUN 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**

**SAT:** 30<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm INTENTION OF TIM COOK  
**SUN:** 1<sup>st</sup> 9.00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – ST TERESA'S  
10.45am INTENTION OF VINNY HOURIHANE – BATTLE  
3.00pm REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION –  
ST MARY MAGDLENE CHURCH, BEXHILL  
**MON:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am HOLY SOULS  
**TUES:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am DOUGLAS ASHING, R.I.P.  
**WED:** 4<sup>th</sup> NO MASS  
**THURS:** 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am INTENTION OF MAUREEN BEETHAM  
**FRI:** 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00am CELEBRANT'S INTENTION  
**SAT:** 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am CELEBRANT'S INTENTION  
6.00pm INTENTION OF HEATHER STANDEN  
**SUN:** 8<sup>th</sup> 9.00am JOHN & EILEEN KNOWLES, R.I.P. – ST TERESA'S  
10.45am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – BATTLE  
3.00pm CONFIRMATION CEREMONY AT  
ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, SEA ROAD, BEXHILL

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

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### Introduction to the Scripture Readings

#### **First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

Death is not of God's making, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living.

#### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15**

As you are rich in every respect, may you abound in charity, remembering that Jesus became poor so that we might become rich.

#### **Gospel: Mark 5:21-43**

Jesus brings good health to a woman who, for twelve years, has suffered from a haemorrhage, and restores to life a young girl, just twelve years old.

### Events and Feast Days This Week

**Tuesday** is the feast of St Thomas, Apostle.

**Wednesday** is the memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal.

**Thursday** is the memorial of St Antony Mary Zaccaria, Priest.

**Friday** is the memorial of St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr.

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

*From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael:* Elsa Oliver, Margaret Thunder, Ingrid Reeves, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Daphne Kilner, Pauline Fraser, Martin Guiver, Jean Jameson, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Tom Healy, Jeanne Cogdell, Philip Francis, Maureen Dixon, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Lucienne Corner, Maureen Beetham.

*From St Teresa's:* Derek Robinson, Keith Bourne, Roland Frank, Barney O'Neill, Terry & Audrey Evans, Gerard & Joy Scothern & their family, Martin Mooney, Kathleen Courtney, June Nottage, Felicity Youten.

### Offertory

The collection for the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June was £255.69 in Battle and £109.05 in Northiam. £145.26 was collected for Peter's Pence. Thank you all for your generosity.

### Deanery Confirmation - Invitation to Join the Music Group

Our Deanery Confirmation service is to be held at 3pm on Sunday 8 July 2018 at St Mary Magdalen Church, Sea Road, Bexhill. Singers and instrumentalists are invited to join the music group from the parish of Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Battle to form a Deanery Group for this important event in the life of our young people. Practice will be held on Tuesday 3 July, from 7pm to 8pm at St Mary Magdalen. We hope as many as possible will feel able to come and support our young Confirmands in this way.  
*The Battle Music Group*

### Sacramental Programmes

#### **First Communion:**

If you wish to enrol in the First Communion programme for next year, please ask Fr Tony for an application form, or contact the Parish Office.

#### **Confirmation:**

**This Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 3pm** in St Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill – Confirmation Rehearsal.

**Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm** in St Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill – Confirmation Ceremony with Bishop Richard.

Please pray for our nine candidates during this week:

**Anthony, Emma, Gabriel, Isobel, Phoebe, Julia, Malachy, Delicia, Bertie**

We welcome our newly confirmed back to Battle at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, when they will receive their certificates.

### Healing Mass

Our annual Healing Mass will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm, at St Teresa's in Northiam, to coincide with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Mass will be followed by a Strawberry Tea. If you need a lift, please write your name on the list at the back of the Church.

### Parish Book Club

This Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, the Book Club will meet to discuss 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman, at 2pm in the Parish Room. The next Book Group meeting will be in September.

### Battle UCM – Union of Catholic Mothers

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th July, in the Parish rooms where we will have our annual Beetle Drive, we have invited Hollington Foundation as our guests and hope to enjoy a fun afternoon. All ladies of the Parish welcome, for further information please contact Chris 01424 774302 or Terri 01424 853384.

### PACT – Need for Volunteers

PACT are looking for volunteers for the Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire area. The role in mentoring in the prison and community. PACT need more volunteers to support ex-prisoners, prisoners' children and families and also prisoners themselves. For more information contact Kelly.Rodgers@prisonadvice.org.uk or call 07876 836232 (Kelly is the Volunteering Co-ordinator for Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire).