

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 2nd April -
Battle (People of the Parish)
9am Sunday 3rd April -
Northiam (People of the Parish)
10.45am Sunday 3rd April -
Battle

(Intention of Mark Clemence)

3pm Sunday 3rd April - Lenten
Prayer with Benediction & an
opportunity for Sacrament of
Reconciliation

7pm Tuesday 5th April - Battle
An Evening of Prayer for Ukraine
10am THURSDAY 7th April -
Battle (Celebrant's Intention)

Sacrament of Reconciliation after
6pm Mass Saturdays

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Weekend 2nd / 3rd April 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**
One phrase among many from this magnificent reading jumps out at us when God says, "there is no need to think about what was done before".
- **Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**
Paul reflects on what God's forgiveness means for us.
- **Gospel: John 8:1-11**
A woman who has been caught in the act of committing in a serious sin is not condemned by Jesus. Instead, she is told to go and sin no more.

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, Rosemary Parkes, Suzanne McAdie.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen & Cyril Webster, Dominic Leahy, Rodney Atkinson, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Jack Morgan, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Tony Reid, Fr Peter Cullen.

- 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, 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk with a Minister or with Fr Paul, who is happy to make home visits.
- 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/>

Evening of Prayer for the People of Ukraine - Battle - Tuesday 5th April 7pm

So many innocent people have been affected by the war in Ukraine, please come and join us for a special evening of prayer and song for all the Ukraine people, everyone welcome!

EASTER MASS TIMES 2022

Sunday 3rd April		
Mass	9.00am	Northiam
Mass	10.45am	Battle
Lent Prayer with Benediction & opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation	3.00pm	Battle
Tuesday 5th April		
An Evening of Prayer for Ukraine	7.00pm	Battle
Passion (Palm) Sunday 9th / 10th April		
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Battle
Mass	9.00am	Northiam
Mass	10.45am	Battle
Wednesday 13th April		
Chrism Mass at Arundel Cathedral	6.00pm	Arundel Cathedral
Maundy Thursday 14th April		
Morning Prayer and Office of Readings	10.00am	Battle
Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching followed by Night Prayer	7.00pm	Battle
Good Friday 15th April		
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ	3.00pm	Battle
Holy Saturday 16th April		
Morning Prayer and Office of Readings	10.00am	Battle
The Easter Vigil & First Mass of the Resurrection	8.00pm	Battle
Easter Sunday 17th April		
Mass	9.00am	Northiam
Mass	10.45am	Battle

- **On Holy Thursday, the Washing of the Feet** as part of the Mandatum has now been restored. We need twelve volunteers to have their feet washed, please sign up on the list at the back of the Church, thank you.
- **Ecumenical Early Morning Prayer for Holy Week:** The services will take place at St Mary's at 8am from Monday to Thursday inclusive, followed by breakfast. We shall be leading the service on Maundy Thursday morning. Please come along if you can.

- **Good Friday - Prayer Around the Cross:** You are invited to join us for our Service of Music and Prayer from Taizé on Friday 15th April, 8 pm, at St. Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs Church, Magdalen Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6ET. We will dedicate our Service to the people of Ukraine. Anyone wishing to help lead the music is asked to come to a practice beforehand at 7 pm.

- **CAFOD**

- **DEC/CAFOD - Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**

More than half a million people have fled their homes to escape conflict in Ukraine - leaving behind jobs, belongings and loved ones, they need shelter, food and water. Life for the people of Ukraine has completely changed. Homes, schools and hospitals have been destroyed. With your help, we can be ready to support the families who are in

desperate need. Any donation you can give will make a difference to the Ukrainian people and will be matched by the Government, thus doubling your donation.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>



- The Diocese is currently considering how best to support the incoming Ukrainians and will be liaising with central government and local authorities over this. It is thought that once the people start arriving, Parishes will be able to sponsor individuals or families through the Diocese and discover specific ways in which they can help them - very practical things like help with buying school uniform for their children or clothes for themselves, teaching the children some English or accompanying them to Citizens Advice Bureaux and so on.
 - **Lent 2022 Fundraising Challenge:** This year's challenge is to walk 5kilometres per day in Lent - 200km in all - to help eradicate hunger in the world: a daunting task, but sadly a necessary one. TEAM FORGE (Vicky Chainey, Ingrid Finch & John Reid) have once again accepted the challenge, and hope to raise at least £500 for this essential work - so far, the current total is £300 - thank you so much to everyone that has donated so far. Donations may be made in the usual way via:

[Team Forge CAFOD Walk Against Hunger | Walk against Hunger | CAFOD](#)

(Gift Aid if possible), or by cash to any Team Forge member.

News from our Diocese

- **Invited: Season II - Growing in Faith:** Season II of Invited, the Diocesan Mission, is arriving shortly! The Episode 1 will be available on Easter Monday, 18 April with Diocese-wide zooms happening each Thursday evening. We have a wonderful line-up of speakers and testimonies ready for you this series as we journey through the Easter season towards Pentecost. Jesus' resurrection is only the beginning - this Eastertide we look to the Early Church for inspiration on how to be true followers of Christ. For more information, please visit W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>
- We are very pleased to let you know that we have opened online applications for the 2022 **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 29 July - 4 August 2022** by Air, or for those who need assistance: 28 July - 5 August 2022 by Redshirt Coach / Jumbulance / Helper Coach. Online applications for all those who do not require any assistance in Lourdes or on the journey can

be found on our website lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk or you can [click here](#).

Paper applications for those who require assistance will be posted out in the new year. If you or someone you know would like to receive an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form, please email office@ablourdes.org with the name and postal address. The closing date for online applications is 30th April 2022.

We are receiving several applications from Pilgrims who will require assistance to join this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage, but at this point we are short of Helpers, Nurses and Doctors to assist with their Pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions anyone has prior to applying. The application form they should use is available on our website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

- **Worth Abbey Retreats this Spring**

Time Out: individual self-led retreats: 6 - 8 May, 17 - 19 June and 18 - 22 July, Cost: £90 pp, per night. A chance for some time away to process, to reflect and to pray. There is no set programme other than group Lectio Divina at 9.30am, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity to meet with one of the community for reconciliation or a chat. These dates are set aside from the normal retreat programme to offer a bit of sanctuary for your own private retreat, with plenty of time to visit the Abbey Church for private prayer and reflection or explore the beautiful Worth Abbey estate. Book your place: www.worth.co.uk/retreats or E: retreats@worth.org.uk T: 01342 710318

Saints of the Week

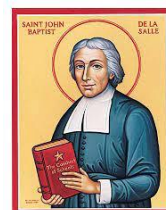
Commemoration of St Vincent Ferrer - 5th April

Born at Valencia in Spain, in 1350 to an English father and Spanish mother. He joined the Dominican Order at the age of 17 and became renowned as an effective preacher among Christians, Jews and Muslims. Many miracles were attributed to him. He died in 1419 while preaching in Brittany and was buried at Vannes.



Commemoration of St John Baptist de la Salle - 7th April

St John Baptist de la Salle (1641-1719) was born at Rheims (France). He opened free schools for poor children and introduced new teaching methods, earning him the title 'Father of Modern Pedagogy'. He founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle Brothers), which made a great contribution to popular education. He was declared patron of schoolteachers in 1950.



Next week sees the beginning of Holy Week



- 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.

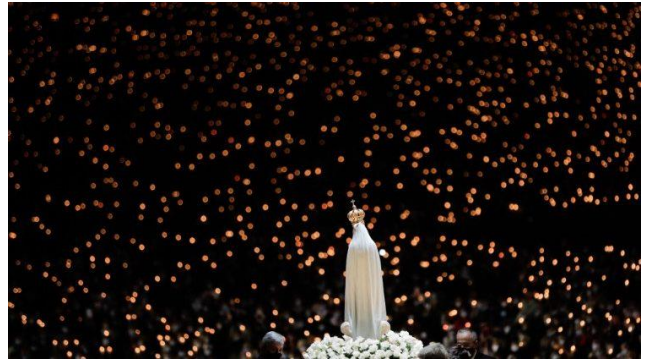
Vatican News

Theological significance of Act of Consecration explained

As children turn to their Mother, so mankind entrusts itself to Mary, Queen of Peace, in the midst of the storm, of a war unleashed a month ago between Russia and Ukraine.

"To you, we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world."

These words of the Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary resound Friday at around 6:30pm, local time, in St Peter's Basilica, when the Pope presides over the Rite of Reconciliation with individual confession and absolution. The same Act of Consecration is being prayed Friday by all the bishops of the world. At Fatima, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner, performs the act as Pope Francis' special envoy.



Conforming to the heart of Mary: Pope Francis' decision to consecrate Russia, Ukraine and the whole of humanity to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is in keeping with the tradition of the Church's Magisterium, which has always looked to Our Lady as the one to whom one can entrust oneself in times of trial. In an interview with Vatican News, Mariologist Father Stefano Cecchin, OFM, President of the International Pontifical Marian Academy, underlined the theological significance of this consecration.

"To find peace we must conform to the heart of Mary, a heart that loves immensely," he said. In October 2020, when meeting the teachers and students of the Marianum Pontifical Theological Faculty in Rome, the Pope invited them to remain "always attentive to the signs of the Marian times that run through our era." According to Father Cecchin, Pope Francis' decision to renew this act of consecration at this historic moment stems precisely from this attention: "When there are wars in a family, one entrusts oneself to the Mother."

Burundi: President Ndayishimiye visits Pope Francis in the Vatican.

Pope Francis received the President of the Republic of Burundi, Évariste Ndayishimiye, in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace on Saturday. *Collaboration between the Church and the Burundian State, social commitment of the Church in Burundi, national reconciliation and reconstruction, and the fight against poverty. These are some of the themes President Ndayishimiye of Burundi discussed with Vatican News soon after visiting Pope Francis on 26 March.*



Gratitude to Pope Francis: Later the President met with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Holy See's Secretary of State. He also met Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, the Secretary for Relations with States. After meeting with Vatican authorities, President Ndayishimiye gave an exclusive interview to Vatican News. The Burundian President began by expressing his gratitude to Pope Francis, "who is also committed to the efforts that Burundi is making for its development," he observed. Commendable efforts to reconcile Burundians President Ndayishimiye told Vatican News that he presented to Pope Francis Burundi's national projects and the country's socio-

political situation. The Pope was particularly pleased with the reconciliation efforts underway among the Burundian people. The Holy Father also appreciated the cordial relations of the churches in Burundi. The President explained that Burundi organises an assembly that brings together all Church representatives of the country twice a year. These spend the week praying and discussing together in a spirit of ecumenical and interreligious fraternity. The Pope encouraged Burundian Churches to stay this unique course of the dialogue. The Burundian President also indicated that he counts on the Catholic Church for the reconciliation process currently underway in his country. After long years of conflict, Burundians are now ready and poised for persons who will inspire their march towards reconciliation. "We need the Church to reconcile our people," the President said.

The Catholic Church, very involved in Burundi: In presenting the country's socio-political situation, the President noted that Burundi is a country where most of the population is young. He especially praised good relations and the collaboration between the State and the Church, which supports the country in various developmental efforts such as education, health and other socio-cultural areas. In Burundi, Mr Ndayishimiye continued, the Catholic Church has taken the lead on many fronts. He narrated how since the early days of the missionaries, Catholics have always worked for the country's development. For example, Caritas Burundi -the humanitarian arm of the Catholic Church, is very involved in various poverty alleviation projects. The President commended Catholic parishes for being involved in the country's development agenda. "As relations are good, I hope that we will continue to develop this sense of partnership with the Church," said the Burundian President.



Overcoming a painful past: Having come from a painful past, Burundi is set and determined to work towards rebuilding itself. "Burundi is a country with a very painful history, littered with massacres, killings, social conflicts and violence, of which the people truly tired. In 2005, we started our journey towards restoring our society. We did not completely overcome these challenges because post-electoral tensions persisted even after 2005. But, in 2020, the transparent and democratic elections we held indicate our resolve to build a new democratic state. Those elections had no tensions and inspired a huge turnout of voters. Today, everyone says they are tired of the tensions. Everyone feels that it is time to fully rebuild our nation," emphasised President Ndayishimiye.

Ensemble tout est possible - Together, everything is possible: "Burundians are now working hand in hand as expressed in the country's slogan, " Together everything is possible" (Ensemble tout est possible). We have created cooperatives where citizens work together. This also creates great social cohesion. The President said the country will not allow politics to get in the way." "The common enemy we have now is poverty. There is no more time for distraction,"

Visitors will find a changed country: The Burundian President concluded with a word of hope to the international community, inviting visitors not to hesitate to visit his country. Burundi today is not the same as it was before, he repeated. "We are a country that is starting to develop and will no longer be distracted by conflicts. We want to live in peace with our neighbours and all other countries. I invite tourists to come and visit Burundi to see how this country that was in conflict is now a destination country," said the President. Mr Ndayishimiye closed the interview with Vatican news by appealing to his compatriots to unite as one and conquer poverty.