# OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities Year 1 for Weekdays

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Seventh Sunday of Easter Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Saturday 11/05 6pm	Battle	Seventh Sunday of Easter	No Intention
Sunday 12/05 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 12/05 11am	Battle		No Intention
Monday 13/05	NO MASS		
Tuesday 14/05 6.30pm	Battle	Saint Matthias, Apostle	No Intention
Wednesday 15/05 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Thursday 16/05 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Friday 17/05 10am	Battle	Friday of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Saturday 18/05 6pm	Battle	Pentecost	People of the Parish
Sunday 19/05 9am	Northiam		No Intention
Sunday 19/05 11am	Battle		Morgan, Ignatius & Jane Finucane RIP, (FM)
There will be a retiring collection this weekend for World Communications Sunday			

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Pentecost Sunday**

- First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
  - Having received the Holy Spirit, the disciples spoke in the languages of all nations about the marvels of God.
- Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

When the Holy Spirit is a guide in the ways of goodness, no earthly power can pass judgement.

• Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus describes the coming of the Holy Spirit as empowering followers in their witness.

# 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, Ruth Ayres, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence. From St Teresa's: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster,

Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Felicity Youlten.

Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons RIP, Katie Spall RIP.

- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday in the Parish Room at 10am with Lindsey. New members always welcome! Please stay for a relaxed coffee and chat afterwards too. Contact the office for more information: 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Battle Foodbank** needs this week are Treats (not chocolate); Jars of Marmite; 500gm bags of Sugar; Decaf Tea; Cat and Dog Food please Toiletries, Baby and Household items are always appreciated. Thank you so much.
- We need more Readers for the Sunday 11am Mass at Battle please. It doesn't have to be every week, but we are very short of people to cover if our regular readers are away, and it would be lovely to give new people a chance if they wish. Please let Fr Richard, Kate or the office know, if you would like to put your name down. Very many thanks.
- Christians in Battle United Pentecost Service, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm at Battle Baptist Church: If anyone would like to get involved, please let Kate know and she can pass your name on. Here are potential roles:
  - Musicians/singers; Welcomers/stewards; Help with refreshments;
  - Readers (bible reading); To lead Intercessions
- Advance Notice: There will be no weekday Masses the week of  $20^{th} 24^{th}$  May.
- Parish 100 Club: Congratulations to the winners of the April draw:

£12 - Martin Guiver £24 – Zofia Sherwood

Congratulations to the winners of the May Draw too!:

£12 – Robert Mulligan £24 – Flora Weller

#### Rwanda Action Plant and Cake Sale:



Thank you to everyone who came to our sale on Tuesday. People were so generous and we made an amazing £1140 for our charity. This money will be invested into our workshops in Rwanda, where we train young disabled people to have a career and



help them towards independent living. For anyone who wasn't able to come on Tuesday, we do have an online Craft shop which can be found at <a href="www.rwanda-action.org">www.rwanda-action.org</a>

- CAFOD & SVP A Year of Encounter: With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125, e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk, thank you.
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am 12.30pm.
- Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

#### **News from our Diocese**

#### Diocesan run events/news

- Centre in Crawley: Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training event, we are repeating the day. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands-on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: Liturgy of the Word with Children Leaders' training (18-May-2024) · ChurchSuite Events If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Katherine Bergin, Diocesan Advisor E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk Poster attached for display in your parish.
- ➤ Mental Health Awareness Seminar Saturday 15 June 10-4pm, Burgess Hill. Cost £30 Being aware of the challenges and signs of the struggle many people have with their mental health is becoming more and more important in our modern world. We are pleased to announce that in association with Mental Health England we are running a one day course in mental health awareness. The course has been heavily subsidised by the Diocese. For

registration please follow the link via the QR code or through the attached booking link: Mental Health Awareness Seminar (15-Jun-2024) · ChurchSuite Events.

If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

### **External Events**

- ➤ Living Faith Theology Conference The Trinity: Transforming relationship Sunday 12 May 12.45 4.15pm. Suggested Donation: £10 £20 (waged), £5 (unwaged): One of a series of conferences at St Joseph's parish hall, Milton Road, Brighton, to help you explore the Catholic faith in greater depth. The goal is to provide content that stretches mind and heart, leading to greater transformation in Christ, and a fuller living out of his saving mission in the world today. The speaker will be Rev Dr Martin Poulsom SDB, Senior lecturer of Theology at the University of Roehampton. The day will begin with lunch: please bring a dish to share or a packed lunch. No booking necessary. Info: claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk
- ➤ Young Adults Walking Pilgrimage Saturday 25 May 9.30-4.30pm: Starting at St Wilfrid's Church Hailsham. Visiting St Pancras Arlington and Michelham Priory. Please bring a packed lunch. Wear suitable clothes & footwear. Info E: garyobrien4@yahoo.co.uk Please see the attached poster for sharing in your parish.

## **Vatican News**

# Pope: Pray Rosary for Our Lady's intercession in wars lashing our world

Pope Francis entrusted to the Blessed Mother people suffering from wars and conflicts around the world, and invited the faithful to rediscover the great value of praying the Rosary. He made the appeal at his Wednesday General Audience in St. Peter's Square.



The Pope recalled that Wednesday, 8 May, marks the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and falls in the month of May, which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Today, he noted, the Church raises the prayer of supplication to Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii.



"I invite everyone," he insisted, "to invoke Mary's intercession, so that the Lord may grant peace to the whole world, especially to the dear and martyred Ukraine, and to Palestine, Israel, and Myanmar."

The Holy Father went on to entrust young people, the sick, the elderly, and newlyweds to Our Lady.

Before imparting upon everyone his Apostolic Blessing, Pope Francis made a request: "I urge everyone to value praying the Holy Rosary this May."