

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,
BATTLE**

with

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**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays**

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Weekend 20th / 21st May 2023

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 20/05 6pm	Battle	The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Intention of Tony White
Sunday 21/05 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 21/05 10.45am	Battle		Monica Lees (Jane) Bergin, RIP, FM
Monday 22/05	NO MASS		
Tuesday 23/05 6pm	Battle	Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Eastertide	Joan Englefield, RIP
Wednesday 24/05 10am	Battle	Wednesday of Seventh Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Thursday 25/05 6am	Battle	Saint Bede the Venerable	No Intention
Friday 26/05 10am	Battle	Saint Philip Neri	No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Pentecost Sunday:

- **First Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

The Holy Spirit is poured out on the disciples of Jesus. This is the final act in the Easter mystery, which is now complete.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13**

The apostle Paul reflects on the gifts of the Spirit in the lives of believers and encourages us to play our part, whatever that may be, in building up the life of our community.

- **Gospel: John 20:19-23**

The risen Jesus makes himself present to his disciples and commissions them to carry on his work.

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, Dilys Fraser, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

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

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung RIP, Gerard Leahy, Mark Clemence RIP, Richard Widenka RIP, Jo Watkins.

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office on 01424 773125 if you would like these visits to recommence, with a Minister or with Fr Richard direct on 07578 725914 or email 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/>
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are Tins of Spaghetti Hoops; Jars of Coffee; Jars of Peanut Butter; 500 gm packs of Pasta; 500 gm packs of Rice (either normal or microwave); Jars of Pasta Sauce and Sweet Treats please. Thank you so much whatever we receive is much appreciated.
- **Volunteers needed please:** we are looking for volunteers to help set up before Mass on a Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church if you can help, thank you.
- **The Parish Music Group** are still mourning the departure of our Musical Director, John Reid and his lovely flute-playing daughter Vicky. We need to try to find a replacement singer (who can sight read) and another competent piano player and instrumentalist who could spare an hour on Tuesday evenings between 7.00 - 8.00 pm. to practice and join the 'orchestra' for the Sunday morning mass in Battle. If anyone wants to come and chat with us as to what is involved, they are very welcome to see us after mass on Sunday in Battle.

- **Parish 100 Club:** You will have noticed that I forgot to do the draw for April, so we have two months winners to announce!
Winners for the April draw are: £12 – Rachel Cassleton-Elliott, £24 – Madeleine Salter
Winners for the May draw are: £12 – Helen Ashing, £24 – David Wilson
Congratulations to you all!
- Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Circle: John de Waal will be speaking on the life of Cardinal Manning who was a 19th century contemporary of St John Henry Newman, on 22nd May, 7.30pm to 9pm, at Our Lady of Ransom church hall, Grove Rd., Eastbourne, opposite the Town Hall. This talk is part of the Faith Enrichment programme and has been arranged in conjunction with the Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle.
All are welcome to attend.
- 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

The Diocese is recruiting a part time Safeguarding Administrator based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The successful post holder will process Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for diocesan parishes, volunteers and teams with full training given. For an informal discussion about the role please contact the Safeguarding Office Manager, Bethany Arthur; T: 01293 651148 or E: safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk. For further details and to apply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/soa. The deadline for applications is 19 May 2023.

The Diocese is recruiting a part time Senior Administrator for the diocesan Tribunal, based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The Tribunal team handles marriage cases, including supporting those seeking marriage annulment. The successful post holder will report to the Judicial Vicar and must have excellent interpersonal skills and a pastoral approach. Role begins 1 September 2023. For further details about the role or to apply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/sat. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 26 May 2023. Interviews will take place Tuesday 6 June 2023.

Diocesan run events

- **Mental Health Champions**
Our Parish communities should be places of comfort and solace for the troubled and weary, and in today's society, one of the great struggles people face is mental ill health. Would you like to support mental wellbeing in your Parish, ensuring that it reaches out to those in need? Contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out more about the upcoming Mental Health Champion training days.
- **Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 14 June 2023 11am - 3pm.**
Bishop Richard looks forward to meeting all those of a more senior generation at our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead. Please bring your friends and a picnic for what is always a wonderful day of faith, friendship and recollection. For further information and to book, please go to the Diocesan website event calendar or click on the link : [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(14-Jun-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#).

- **St Richard's Catholic College - Principal required from January 2024 Group 6 NOR**, 1040 pupils (11-16) Salary range: L29-L35: 11-16 Mixed Voluntary Aided Catholic Comprehensive - Ashdown Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN40 1SE . Due to the retirement of the current Principal, the Governors are offering an exciting opportunity to recruit an inspirational and caring Catholic headteacher who will lead the school with passion, ambition and integrity, further developing and delivering our mission and strategic vision. Further details can be found in the attached advertisement or on the school website W : strichardsec.com
- To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Externally run events/items

- **Welcome to Homes for Ukraine webinar – Wednesday 28 June 2023 7.30pm**
During this online presentation “Welcome to Homes for Ukraine”, you will learn about SJOG Hospitaller Services, their Projects and History. You will have a chance to learn about SJOG “Homes for Ukraine” matching service, as well as who is eligible to be sponsored, and a typical portrait of a Ukrainian displaced individual you might expect to host. We will discuss some key considerations before deciding to host, the hosting process itself (including checks by your local authorities, DBS checks, and preparing your property), and your role as a host (including what is not expected of you). By participating in SJOG Homes for Ukraine, you can provide a safe and supportive environment for Ukrainian families in need and help them integrate into our community in the UK. We look forward to sharing more information with you about this important initiative. Join us for this presentation to learn more! Any questions please contact Tessa Ricketts, Caritas Social Action Network Adviser E: Tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk Booking link [Welcome to Homes for Ukraine webinar \(28-Jun-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Vatican News

Pope prays for ‘stable ceasefire’ between Israel and Palestinian militants

“May weapons be silenced, because arms can never obtain security and stability. Rather, they only succeed in destroying any hope for peace.”

Pope Francis launched that appeal on Sunday, as he prayed for peace in the Holy Land. Israel and Islamic Jihad militants in the Gaza Strip have traded blows since Tuesday, when an Israeli air strike killed three of the group’s top commanders. An Egyptian-brokered ceasefire came into effect on Saturday, and appeared to be holding on Sunday.



Prayers for peace

Speaking at the Regina Coeli prayer on Sunday, Pope Francis lamented the loss of life in the “armed exchanges between Israelis and Palestinians, in which innocent people have lost their lives, including women and children.” At least 13 civilians were reported killed in Gaza as a result of the strikes, including children as young as 4-years-old. The Pope expressed his hopes that the recent ceasefire might hold, and that both sides might lay down their weapons.

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