

**29th DECEMBER 2019**  
**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
 Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities  
 Year 2 for Weekdays

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK: SAT 28<sup>th</sup> DEC 2019 – SUN 5<sup>th</sup> JAN 2020**

**SAT: 28<sup>th</sup>** 6.00pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
**SUN: 29<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am JOHN & MARY HOWE & THE DECEASED  
 MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY – ST TERESA'S  
 10.45am LILIAN PARSONS, R.I.P. – BATTLE  
**MON: 30<sup>th</sup>** NO MASS  
**TUES: 31<sup>st</sup>** NO MASS  
**WED: 1<sup>st</sup>** 12noon JOHN SALTER, R.I.P.  
**THURS: 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10.00am HOLY SOULS  
**FRI: 3<sup>rd</sup>** 10.00am CANON JOHN STAPLETON, R.I.P.  
**SAT: 4<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am CELEBRANT'S INTENTION  
 6.00pm FRANCIS McHUGH, R.I.P.  
**SUN: 5<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – ST TERESA'S  
 10.45am MARY & COLEMAN FAHERTY – BATTLE

**Introduction to the Scripture Readings**

**First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14**

It is in the family that we first live out our baptismal calling to love.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21**

Let the message of Christ, in its richness, find a home with you.

**Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23**

Jesus is called out of Egypt to form a new people of God.

**Events and Feast Days This Week**

**Wednesday** is New Years Day and is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

**Thursday** is the memorial of St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church.

**Saturday** is the Most Holy name of Jesus.

**Advance Notice – White Flower Day**

There will be a White Flower appeal for SPUC on the weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Without the support of the Catholic Community, SPUC's political and educational work, as well as its pro-life support services, would be seriously affected.

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**22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2019**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
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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 21<sup>st</sup> – SAT 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**SAT: 21<sup>st</sup>** 6.00pm GRACE McADIE, R.I.P. & VERA MALLOY, R.I.P.  
**SUN: 22<sup>nd</sup>** 9.00am SID MORRIS, R.I.P. – ST TERESA'S  
 10.45am STEPHEN & SARAH MILLER, R.I.P. – BATTLE  
**MON: 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10.00am HOLY SOULS  
**TUES: 24<sup>th</sup>** **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 6.00pm VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS  
 10.00pm NIGHT MASS - PEACE IN THE WORLD –  
 PRECEDED BY CAROLS AT 9.40pm  
**WED: 25<sup>th</sup>** **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 9.00am DAWN MASS - PEOPLE OF THE PARISH –  
 PRECEDED BY CAROLS AT 8.40am - ST TERESA'S  
 11.00am DAY MASS - PEOPLE OF THE PARISH - BATTLE  
**THURS: 26<sup>th</sup>** **ST STEPHEN'S DAY**  
 10.00am FOR THOSE IN MINISTRY, ESPECIALLY  
 ALTAR SERVERS  
**FRI: 27<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am REV EMMANUEL AGIUS, R.I.P.  
**SAT: 28<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am CELEBRANT'S INTENTION

**Introduction to the Scripture Readings – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14**

The Lord gives a sign of his presence with this people: the maiden is with child.

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

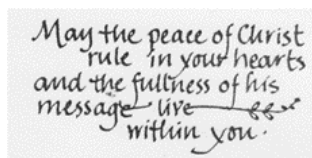
Jesus was proclaimed Son of God through his resurrection from the dead.

**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24**

Joseph's dream and God's dream.

## Events and Feast Days This Week

**Wednesday** is the **Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)**. Holy day of obligation.



### Introduction to the Scripture Readings (Night Mass)

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7**

We rejoice at the light in the darkness, for a child is born to us who will bring peace.

#### **Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

God's wonderful grace is revealed and we are called to lead lives worthy of it.

#### **Gospel: Luke 2:1-14**

Mary gives birth to her firstborn son and the shepherds are summoned by the angels to recognize our Saviour lying in the manger.

**Thursday** is the Feast of St Stephen, Deacon and Martyr of the Church. If you are an Altar Server, do come along to our St Stephen's Day Mass at 10am to renew your commitment to St Stephen.



**Friday** is the Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist.



**Saturday** is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

**Next Sunday** is

**The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.**



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

**From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael:** Margaret Thunder, Ingrid Reeves, Jean Jameson, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Jeanne Cogdell, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Eileen Scott, Madeleine Salter.

**From St Teresa's:** Keith Bourne, Audrey Evans, Gerard & Joy Scothern & their family, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster.

## Offertory

The collection for the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December was £238.85 in Battle and £76.15 in Northiam. Thank you all for your generosity.

## Christmas Ministries - We still need:

**Vigil Mass:** 2 Welcomers/Ushers and 3 Extraordinary Ministers.

**Night Mass:** 1 more Welcomer/Usher and 1 more Extraordinary Minister.

**Christmas Morning:** 1 more Welcomer/Usher and 2 more Extraordinary Ministers.

## Crib Collection 2019

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib is used exclusively within the diocese and will be given out through emergency grants to help local children and families.

## Adoration During the Christmas Holiday

There will be no Adoration on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December or 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Adoration will resume on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## Christmas Cards

If you wish to leave Christmas cards for other parishioners, they can be left in the concertina file at the back of the Church. Please file by surname and use the right letter for each name. Check it from time to time as there may be some cards waiting for you to collect.

## A Note from the PPT & Finance Committee

The collection at the Christmas Masses is your personal gift to the Priest, they do not receive a salary from the Church/ Diocese but rely on the generosity of parishioners who make their gift through the Christmas Collection. For non Gift-Aiders, there are some envelopes at the back of the Church, these can be placed in the collection at any Sunday Mass through Advent if you are going to be away at Christmas.

## Altar Servers – St Stephen's Day Mass 26<sup>th</sup> December

If you are an Altar Server, please do come along to our St Stephen's Day Mass at 10am to renew your commitment to St Stephen.



I wish you all a  
**'Very Happy & Holy Christmas'**  
Fr Tony