

Ministers' Rotas

Only a few people have offered to carry out Ministries at the Christmas Liturgies. Several parishioners are involved in the Ministries of Music – playing instruments, singing and also Serving from the Altar. Therefore, the following Ministers are needed from other Ministers in the congregation.

Vigil Mass: 2 Welcomer/Ushers, 3 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Early Midnight: 1 more Welcomer/Usher, 2 more Readers and 1 more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Christmas Morning: 1 more Welcomer/Usher, 2 Readers and 3 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Please let Terri know, preferably by email terri23ann@aol.co.uk but if not, available by phone 01424 853384 as soon as possible.

Christmas Mass Times

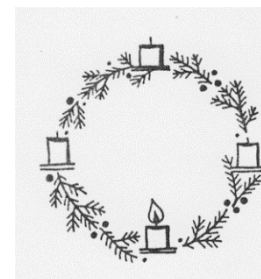
Tuesday 24 th December	Christmas Eve	6pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	Battle
		10.30pm	Night Mass <i>Preceded by Carols at 10.10pm</i>	Battle
Wednesday 25 th December	Christmas Day	9am	Dawn Mass <i>Preceded by Carols at 8.40am</i>	Northiam
		11am	Day Mass <i>Preceded by Carols at 10.40am</i>	Battle
Thursday 26 th December	St Stephen's Day <i>We invite all our Altar Servers to this celebration of their Patron Saint's Feast Day</i>	10am	Stephens Day Mass	Battle
Friday 27 th December	St John the Baptist	10am	Mass	Battle
Saturday 28 th December	The Holy Innocents	10am	Mass	Battle
Sunday 29 th December	Feast of the Holy Family	6pm	Vigil Mass	Battle
		9am	Mass	Northiam
		10.45am	Mass	Battle
Wednesday 1 st January	New Year's Day	12noon	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Mass	Battle

God Bless - Fr Tony

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1st DECEMBER 2019
FIRST 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 30th NOVEMBER – SAT 7th DECEMBER

SAT: 30th 6.00pm INTENTION OF HUGH LOBO
SUN: 1st 9.00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH - ST TERESA'S
10.45am DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE POWELL FAMILY – BATTLE
MON: 2nd 10.00am NORMAN, MILLICENT & GILLICHRIST MOORE, R.I.P. (F.M.)
TUES: 3rd 8.00am ADVENT ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP
10.00am HOLY SOULS
WED: 4th NO MASS
THURS: 5th 10.00am PEGGY & JIM BARNES, R.I.P.
10.30am-12noon ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRI: 6th 8.00am ADVENT ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP
10.00am REV PHILIP DE PUTON, R.I.P.
12noon PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – ST TERESA'S
SAT: 7th 9.00am FIRST RECONCILIATION (FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME)
10.00am CELEBRANT'S INTENTION

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

We climb the mountain of God separately, but we meet at the summit.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

We are in the night, but we can see the dawn is coming.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Pray, think, care, and then you will be awake, ready for God in all things.

Events and Feast Days This Week

Tuesday is the memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest.

Wednesday is the memorial of St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor.

Friday is the memorial of St Nicholas, Bishop.

Saturday is the memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor.

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, Terry & Audrey Evans, Gerard & Joy Scothern & their family, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster.

Offertory

The collection for the weekend of 23rd & 24th November was £244.71 in Battle and £120.80 in Northiam. Thanks to the teas & coffees provided by some of the parents, plus other donations, we collected £122.29 towards our CAFOD gift of a cow. Thank you all for your generosity.

Deanery Penitential Services

- 5th December at 7pm – St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonards-on-Sea
- 8th December at 3pm – St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill

Cards for Prisoners of Conscience

There is an opportunity to write greetings cards to send to Prisoners of Conscience this Saturday & Sunday 7th/8th December, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We will be at 26 Mount Street with cards and pens, ready to help with suggested greetings. We will buy the stamps and post the cards and we just ask for a contribution of £1.50 per card to cover costs. There will be tea and biscuits or mince pies. Friends, neighbours and members of the other Battle churches will be very welcome.

Faith & Friendship Circle

The next meeting of the Faith and Friendship Circle will be on **Tuesday 10th December at 2:45pm for 3pm**, at Terri's home, we will have our Prayers followed by a Christmas Afternoon Tea. Anyone wishing to attend, please let either Terri: 853384 or Chris:774302 know so that transport can be arranged.

Parish 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the November draw:

£15 – Patricia Hutchinson, £25 – Kate Grun

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK: SATURDAY 7th – SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

SAT: 7th 6.00pm DAVID REYNDORS, R.I.P.
SUN: 8th 9.00am BARNEY O'NEILL, R.I.P. - ST TERESA'S
10.45am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – BATTLE
MON: 9th 10.00am HOLY SOULS
TUES: 10th 8.00am ADVENT ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP
9.00am THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE PARISH
WED: 11th NO MASS
THURS: 12th 10.00am SHIRLEY RIDDALL, R.I.P.
10.30am-12noon ADORATION OF THE
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FRI: 13th 8.00am ADVENT ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP
10.00am DOROTHY CHASTY, R.I.P.
SAT: 14th 10.00am CELEBRANT'S INTENTION
6.00pm PEGGY LOVETT, R.I.P.
SUN: 15th 9.00am BARNEY O'NEILL, R.I.P. – ST TERESA'S
10.45am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am – 9.50am

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

The spirit of the Lord will rest on the offspring of Jesse, and he will judge the wretched with integrity.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Christ came to bring salvation to all, pagans as well as Jews.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way for the Lord through baptism and repentance.

Events and Feast Days This Week

Monday is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Co-Patron of our Parish.

Wednesday is the memorial of St Damasus I, Pope.

Thursday is the memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

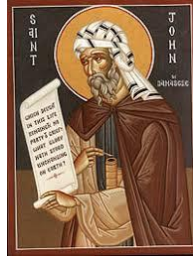
Friday is the memorial of St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr.

Saturday is the memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor.

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