

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE
with
ST TERESA OF LISIEUX, HORNS CROSS

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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 2 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 19th September
- Battle (Jeanne Cogdell, RIP)

9am Sunday 20th September
- Northiam (Terry Evans, RIP)

10.45am Sunday

20th September - Battle
(Evelyn Maude Dyer, RIP, FM)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
after 6pm Mass Saturdays

Private Prayer Sessions - Battle
Monday, Wednesday
Friday 10am - 11am

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Home Mission Day

Weekend 19th/ 20th September 2020

- **When You Join Us at Mass this Weekend**

So that we can all feel safe, please observe the instructions of the stewards, and ensure that you wear a face covering at all times when in Church. A steward will guide you at Communion time and the Priest will place Holy Communion on your hand. You may place your Offertory Thanksgiving in the collection plate which will be available as you leave the church.

We need to follow the Government and Diocesan Guidelines on social distancing, so if you know you intend to join us at Mass in either of our churches one weekend, it will be a great help if you let us know so that we can allocate you a place, preferably by e-mail to battle@abdiocese.org.uk, or phone 01424 773125 by 9am on Thursday or earlier in the week if possible, as the office closes at lunchtime on Thursday. If you are new to the Parish, please let us know and we will send you a New Parishioner Form. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions for the weekend Masses.

- Mass Intentions passed to Fr Tony earlier this year will be said by Fr Paul privately, unless you would specifically like them to be said at one of the weekend masses, in which case you will need to contact the Parish Office.
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.
- In cases of special need Fr Raglan Hay-Will may be contacted in Eastbourne on 01323 723222.
- **Baptisms and other Sacraments** - Please contact the Parish Office with any requests.
- **Church in Battle Open for Private Prayer.** The church is our spiritual home, and parishioners are encouraged to attend if they can on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am - 11am. More stewards please!** Let Maggie know by e-mail: battle@abdiocese.org.uk if you can spare an hour on any of these mornings.
- **If you cannot attend Mass** and wish to follow a local live Mass, Fr Eamonn Monson from St Mary Star of the Sea in Hastings, will stream his 10am Mass on You Tube (in the search bar type in Eamonn Monson). Arundel Cathedral streams Mass here [live stream](https://www.churchservices.tv). <https://www.churchservices.tv> is also a source of streamed Masses.

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

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Jean Jameson, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Eileen Scott, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim Ayres, Jack Morgan, Richard Widenka.
From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Gerard & Joy Scothern & their family, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster.

- **Offertory**
There is a Special Collection this weekend for The Home Missions. Next weekend (26th /27th September) there will be a Special Collection for Education of Future Priests.
- **Advance Notice - First Holy Communion Celebration in Battle**
Sunday 4th October will be First Holy Communion Day in our parish family. At the 10.45am Sunday Mass, MILLHEN, KELYN and EVELYNN along with KIRINDI and ELI will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. Please remember them and their families at this very special time for them and for our whole parish family.
- **Richard and Kate Grun** ask for your prayers for their grandchildren Eleanor and Henry who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 20th September in their Church in Hampshire.
- **Parish 100 Club**
The winners of the September draw are:
Rachel Cassleton-Elliott - £25, Deanna Holland - £15
Congratulations to you both!

Saints of the Week

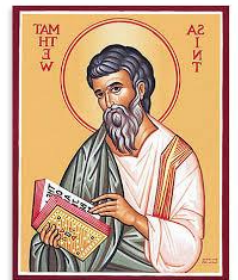
Memorial of Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs – 20th September

The Korean Martyrs testify to the presence of the faith in that region from the 18th century and the terrible persecutions during the 19th century. Outstanding among them were St Andrew Kim Tae-gon (1821-1846), the first Korean-born priest who was tortured and beheaded near Seoul in 1846, and St Paul Chong Ha-sang (c.1794-1839), a lay catechist who was crucified on 22 September 1839. More than 8,000 Christians from all walks of life lost their lives during the persecution and 103 of them were canonised in 1994.



The Feast of St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist – 21st September

St Matthew (first century), also called Levi, was the son of Alphaeus. He worked as a tax collector for the Romans, a despised profession, when he was called by the Lord at Capernaum. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ called him to be an Apostle. After the Ascension he may have travelled to Persia or to Ethiopia; wherever it was, he was martyred. St Matthew's Gospel stands first in the New Testament, and his name appears among the other Apostles in the Roman Canon.



Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham – 24th September

England's premier Marian shrine dates back to 1061, when a wealthy widow, Richeldis de Faverches, was inspired by a vision to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth in Walsingham, Norfolk. This remained a vibrant pilgrimage centre until its destruction in 1538, although the shrine was later revived by both Catholics (1897) and Anglicans (1922). Formerly, 24 September was kept as the Memorial of Our Lady of Ransom, when prayers were offered for the 'ransom' of England, 'Our Lady's Dowry'.



Memorial of Ss Cosmas and Damian – 26th September

St Cosmas and St Damian (date uncertain, perhaps + c.300). According to tradition, whose historical reliability is unclear, they were twins who worked as doctors and were known as the Anargyri ('the silverless') on account of their practice of not charging for their services. They brought many of their patients to Christ but were finally condemned to death under Diocletian around the year 300 and suffered at Cyrrhus (Syria). Their basilica in Rome, not far from the Colosseum, was built in the 6th century by Felix IV and their names appear in the Roman Canon.



The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm. If you have yet to do so, please send Maggie in the office your updated contact details, as we would prefer not to have to send too many letters but use e-mail for contact if possible.

The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

Snowflake Night Shelter

The situation regarding Rough Sleeper/Homeless provision for this winter is still under review. Advice from the Director, Covid-19 Rough Sleeping Taskforce at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in July, confirmed in August, states "Government advice therefore continues to be that all communal night shelters should remain closed at the present time". Parishioners will appreciate that the Snowflake Trustees have been working closely with Hastings BC Housing Department to consider the support needs of Rough Sleepers/Homeless this winter and how Snowflake can assist in providing support. We are advised that the areas which would be of the most benefit would be for the Snowflake Trust to provide meals for those in Temporary Accommodation and also to undertake welfare checks.

We envisage having either one or two weekly meals in a town centre venue, which would provide an opportunity both for welfare checks and enable a member of the Hastings Housing Team to book people who have nowhere to stay into temporary accommodation. We have been offered Personal Protective Equipment by another charity and will be following Public Health England's safety requirements regarding Covid-19. On all other days, meals would be provided by the Snowflake Trust as requested by Hastings Housing Department.

There will also be welfare checks carried out by phone - training (and phones!) will be delivered by Hastings Borough Council to Snowflake Volunteers willing to undertake this outreach work.

Whilst formal arrangements are - and will - remain unclear for some time yet, the trustees ask that (prospective) volunteers let them know as soon as possible (by email to info@snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk) if they would be able/willing to:

1. Provide welfare checks by phone
2. Help with the provision of meals
3. Both

Further details will be available shortly on the website www.snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk, or please email me, John Reid, via the parish office battle@abdiocese.org.uk.