

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

with

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Let Us Not Forget

Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 13th November -
Battle (People of the Parish)

9am Sunday 14th November -
Northiam (The Holy Souls)

10.45am Sunday 14th November -
Battle (Deceased members of
the Parsons Family)

NO WEDNESDAY MASS
THIS WEEK

Sacrament of Reconciliation after
6pm Mass Saturdays

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Weekend 13th / 14th November 2021

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3**

There will come a time of great suffering and distress, but the Lord will protect his faithful people.

- **Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14. 18**

Christ has offered himself as the supreme sacrifice to forgive all sin, and awaits the fulfilment of God's kingdom and glory.

- **Gospel: Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus speaks to his disciples about the coming of the Son of Man in glory and its consequences.

- If you feel you need to contact Fr Paul for any reason, his phone number is: 01323 670156.
- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office if you would like these visits to recommence, 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk with a Minister or with Fr Paul, who is happy to make home visits.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Maureen Hanson RIP, Jack Morgan, Guy Hooper, Di Bean RIP, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Sam Baker, Trish Archutowski RIP, Gillian Mitchell RIP. Please also remember David Amies and his family.

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

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, John Reid, Anthony Gibbons, Rosemary Parkes, Suzanne McAdie.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Gerard Scothern & his family, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen & Cyril Webster, Dominic Leahy.

- Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions, 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.
- 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/>

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy has now restarted during the 10.45am Mass at Battle. If you have any children that have missed this during the restrictions and would like to join into these sessions again, please bring them along.

- **We welcome Fr Simon and Fr Rajesh from Bexhill** who will be celebrating Masses with our community this weekend: Fr Simon on Saturday and Fr Rajesh on Sunday. Sadly, Fr Baker is unable to cover as usual, as he has had an accident and is recovering, please remember him in your prayers.
- **Remembrance Sunday** - On November 11th, and this Sunday we pause in silence to remember those who died in war, and to pray for the victims of aggressions and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community may rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the beatitudes.
- **Wednesday 17th November** - There will be no Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at Battle this Wednesday.
- **Next weekend (20th /21st November)** is The Feast of Christ the King and is also National Youth Sunday - but did you know that it has been declared World Youth Day by Pope Francis? The theme for this year is: **"Arise! I make you a witness of what you have seen"** inspired by Jesus' words to St Paul in Acts 26:16.
- **Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7pm - Parish Advent Taizé Service**
This service has become a much-welcomed ecumenical Advent event, drawing Christians of the town together in our candle-lit church as Christmas approaches - the beautiful, prayerful chants and hymns this year will focus on the underlying theme of 'Hope' and invoke the light and wisdom and healing of the Holy Spirit. The storm of the pandemic invited all of us, whether we like it or not, to rethink how we live in our world. So, we should look to Our Blessed Lord, not only to give us strength, but also to give us patience and the ability to endure - better things are yet to come! *Battle Music Group*

- **Music Group in Battle:** We meet for practice for an hour each week beginning at 7pm on Tuesday evenings in church. Now that we are back singing at Mass, it would be wonderful if more parishioners were able to join the group - especially as we are now planning for our Advent Taizé-type service, and beginning to get ready for Christmas! Singers and instrumentalists alike will be made very welcome - no auditions, all you need is a smile, so everyone is invited! *Battle Music Group*
- There is still time to hand your Red Box in to the Church for counting. Please let the office know if you have trouble bringing yours in.

News from our Diocese

- **Station Masses For those who have Died:** This last year has been a very challenging time for everyone, especially when our thoughts and prayers turn to those we have lost, whether through the time of the pandemic or before. Many of us have found it difficult to get to Church through lockdowns, to sit with the Lord and to share our thoughts or find comfort in His embrace. The limited numbers permitted at funerals may have meant that we were unable to be with friends and family at that special moment. With these challenges in mind, you are warmly invited to join a Station Masses this November for the intention of those lost. Join Bishop Richard as he offers Mass for your intentions, for your friends and loved ones. There will be Mass said in each Deanery across the Diocese throughout November 2021. Here are the details for your Deanery Mass:
 - Friday 19th Nov: Epsom & Redhill Deanery Station Mass at 7.30pm, Sacred Heart Caterham (Fr Sean Finnegan)
 - Monday 22nd Nov: Crawley Deanery Station Mass at 7pm, St John's parish, Horsham.
 - Tuesday 23rd Nov: Cathedral Deanery Station Mass at 6.30pm, Arundel Cathedral
 - Wednesday 24th Nov: Worthing Deanery Station Mass at 6 pm, St Michael's, Hayling Rise, Worthing
 - Thursday 25th Nov: Woking Deanery Station Mass at 7pm, St Dunstan's parish, Woking
 - Monday 29th Nov: Mayfield Deanery Station Mass at 7pm, St Mary's parish, Crowborough
- **Young Adults' (18-30's) Advent Retreat: 3rd-5th December** It is a Christian tradition to use the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare oneself for the celebration of Jesus' birth. This weekend retreat will provide an opportunity to start your preparations for the Advent season, including talks, small group discussions, opportunities for reflection and prayer. All this revolving around the rhythm of prayer of the Benedictine community of Worth Abbey. This retreat is offered by The Open Cloister, Worth Abbey in collaboration with The Wellspring Community, Brighton. For more information visit www.worth.co.uk/retreats or contact our youth adviser lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk
- **PACT: Operation Elf:** *Bishop Richard writes: 'In the last part of this difficult year, we can begin to look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. For those families where a parent is in prison, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. Through Pact's Operation Elf, parishes and individuals can support prisoners to give a gift to their child, sharing a little love and joy and strengthening the family bond. This simple act can nurture the hope that redemption and a fresh start is possible.'*

Register at parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk, buy a Gift card with the value of £10, and post to PACT. Full guidance and details at www.prisonadvice.org.uk Thank you.

Saints of the Week

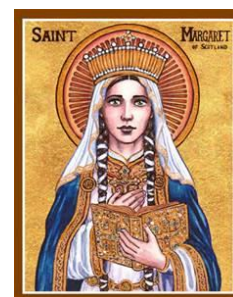
Memorial of St Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor – 15th November

St Albert the Great (1206-80) was born in the Swabian town of Lauingen (Germany) and studied at Padua and Paris. He became a Dominican and taught theology; his pupils included St Thomas Aquinas. In 1260 he was appointed bishop of Regensburg but resigned two years later and returned to academic pursuits. The encyclopaedic breadth of his writings earned him the title of 'Universal Doctor' and patron of students of the natural sciences.



Memorial of St Margaret of Scotland, Queen – 16th November

St Margaret (1046-93) was the granddaughter of King Edmund Ironside of England but was born while in exile in Hungary. In 1070 she married King Malcolm III of Scotland and had eight children, three of whom reigned as Kings of Scotland, including St David I. Remarkable for her piety and works of charity, St Margaret co-founded Dunfermline Abbey and organised ferries at North and South Queensferry for pilgrims crossing the Firth of Forth on the way to St Andrews. She is the secondary Patron of Scotland.



Memorial of St Gertrude, Virgin – 16th November

St Gertrude (1256-c. 1302) was born in Eisleben (Germany) and joined the Benedictine convent at Helfta. She showed great talent in her philosophical and literary studies but is best known for her mystical writings. She had a marked devotion to the Holy Souls in Purgatory and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which later developed into its modern form with the visions of St Margaret Mary.



Memorial of St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop – 16th November

St Edmund (c.1175-1240) was born in Abingdon (England) and studied at Oxford and Paris. He lectured for a time at Oxford, before becoming a treasurer at Salisbury and then, in 1233, Archbishop of Canterbury. With the help of a strong team, which included St Richard of Chichester, he did much to reform ecclesiastical discipline and defend the rights of the Church. He died in 1240 at Soisy (France), while on his way to Rome, and was buried at nearby Pontigny. He gave his name to the Order of St Edmund, founded at Pontigny in 1843, and Colleges at Oxford, Cambridge and Old Hall Green.



Memorial of St Hilda of Whitby, Religious – 17th November

St Hilda (614-680) was born into the Northumbrian royal family and baptised by St Paulinus at the age of thirteen. She eventually decided to enter the religious life, aged thirty-three, and became superior of the double monastery (men and women) at Hartlepool. She later moved as Abbess to the double monastery at Whitby, where she hosted the famous Synod in 663-64 which reconciled the differences between Roman and Irish usages. St Hilda died in 680 and her supposed relics were in later years claimed



by Glastonbury and Gloucester.

Memorial of St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop – 17th November

St Hugh (c.1140-1200) was born at Avalon in Burgundy (France) and first entered the Augustinian Canons, before moving to the stricter Carthusian Order. After ten years at the Grande Chartreuse, he was sent to Witham in Somerset (England) to take charge of the recently-founded Charterhouse there. In 1186 he was reluctantly appointed Bishop of Lincoln and proved to be a holy and reforming pastor. He died at this residence at Lincoln's Inn, London, in 1200 and his symbol is a swan, a reference to the swan of Stowe that became his companion and guarded him as he slept.



Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary, Queen – 17th November

St Elizabeth (1207-31), daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary, was born at either Sárospatak (Hungary) or Bratislava (then Hungary, now in Slovakia). She married Ludwig IV, Landgrave of Thuringia (Germany), and had three children. St Elizabeth was widowed at the age of twenty and devoted herself to the poor and the sick. She founded a hospital at Marburn and was a Third Order Franciscan.



Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles – 18th November

The dedication of these two major basilicas allows us to express our communion with the Church in Rome. Both basilicas were completed in the fourth century and commemorated the two great Apostles: St Peter's on the Vatican Hill was built above the tomb of the first Pope and St Paul's outside the Walls was likewise erected over the final resting place of the Apostle of the Gentiles.



- The office remains open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

Vatican News

Pope to visit Cyprus and Greece in early December

The Holy See Press Office officially announced on Friday that the Pope will embark on a 5-day Apostolic Journey to Cyprus and Greece in early December. The visit will see him spend 2-4 December in Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus. He will then head to Greece on 4 December, visiting Athens and Lesbos until 6 December, when he will return to Rome. According to the Holy See Press Office, the Pope is undertaking the Apostolic Journey to Cyprus and Greece upon the invitation of the countries' civil authorities and Bishops' Conferences. The full schedule of the visit will be released in due course.



Second papal visit to Cyprus: Pope Francis' visit to Cyprus will see him follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, Benedict XVI, who made an Apostolic Journey to the Mediterranean island nation in 2010. The vast majority of Cypriots identify as Greek Orthodox, but the nation has a vibrant Catholic community of around 11,000 faithful. Many of them trace their roots back to Crusaders who settled there after the fall of Jerusalem in the 12th century. St. Paul stopped off in Cyprus in the first century AD, and converted the island's Roman governor Sergius Paulus to Christianity. Tradition holds that St. Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead, fled to

Cyprus fearing persecution and was ordained as Bishop of Kition by the Apostles Barnabas and Paul. His tomb lies under the Byzantine-era church of Saint Lazarus in the southern city of Larkaka.

Returning to Lesbos: The Pope's trip to Greece will be his second, following his 1-day visit to the Greek island of Lesbos in 2016. During that trip, Pope Francis visited the refugee camp of Moria with the Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew I, and the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, Ieronymos II. He flew back to the Vatican with 3 families of Syrian refugees, offering asylum to all 12 of them, including 6 children. The Moria Refugee Camp was closed down in September 2020, after a fire broke out and destroyed much of it.

Pope's November prayer intention: For those who suffer from depression

"Overwork and work-related stress cause many people to experience extreme exhaustion —mental, emotional, affective, and physical exhaustion.

" Pope Francis opened the video accompanying his prayer intention for November with those words with which most people can probably identify.



His intention was released in this month's The Pope Video, prepared by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. It comes as people living in the Northern Hemisphere enter the Autumn and Winter seasons, during which cooler weather is often accompanied by rainy days and more time spent indoors.

Silent listening The Pope took note of that seasonal situation in his timely prayer intention.

"Sadness, apathy, and spiritual tiredness end up dominating people's lives, who are overloaded due to the rhythm of life today," he said. Pope Francis thus encouraged everyone to reach out to those around us who are depressed, desperate, or without hope. And he advised against comforting others with too many words. "Often," he said, "we should just simply listen in silence, because we cannot go and tell someone, 'No, life's not like that. Listen to me, I'll give you the solution.'" "There is no solution," remarked the Pope.

Jesus' offer of comfort However, he continued, besides "indispensable psychological counselling", Jesus' words can help us and others to find solace: "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." With that advice in mind, Pope Francis wrapped up his prayer intention video message with a renewed invitation to assist those around us.

"Let us pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life," he prayed.

Choosing life amid depression The November edition of The Pope Video was created in conjunction with the [Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers](#), which offers spiritual support for people suffering various forms of mental illness. According to a press release accompanying the video, around 1 in 10 people worldwide lives with a mental health disorder, amounting to 792 million people or 11 percent of the population. Depression and anxiety account for around 3 and 4 percent, respectively, of those illnesses. They can sometimes lead to suicide when left untreated or are severe and recurrent. Some 700,000 people commit suicide each year, making it the fourth leading cause of death in people aged 15 to 29.

Covid-related difficulties As has been well-noted, the Covid-19 pandemic, and its associated restrictions on daily life, has led severely tested the mental and emotional resilience of many people. Pope Francis' call for us to pray and assist those who suffer from depression is therefore an important and timely invitation.