**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,** BATTLE with ST TERESA OF LISIEUX, HORNS CROSS 14 Mount Street, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0EG **Contact Office on** 01424 773125 e-mail: battle@abdiocese.org.uk PARISH PRIEST - FR RICHARD BLYTHEN e-mail: richard.blythen@abdiocese.org.uk 07721 397895 website: battlewithnorthiam.parishportal.net Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 **Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities** Year 1 for Weekdays Arundel and Brighton Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Saturday 03/06 6pm **Battle Brian Knowles, RIP** Solemnity of Annie Cowley, RIP, FM **Sunday 04/06 The Most** Northiam followed by 9am **Holy Trinity Coffee & Cake Sunday 04/06 Battle People of the Parish** 10.45am **Monday 05/06 NO MASS Tuesday of the Tuesday 06/06 No Intention Battle** Ninth Week of 6pm **Ordinary Time** Wednesday of **No Intention** Wednesday 07/06 the Ninth Week Battle Followed by coffee & **10am** of Ordinary cake in the Parish Room Time Thursday of the Thursday 08/06 **Battle No Intention** Ninth Week of 6am **Ordinary Time** Friday of the **No Intention** Friday 09/06 10am **Battle** Ninth Week of **Ordinary Time** Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

## Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Most Holy Trinity:

- First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9 Moses bows before the Lord, acknowledging the guilt of the people.
- Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Paul encourages us to be happy as we live in love and peace with God and each other.
- **Gospel: John 3:16-18** God's love for the world is such that God's only Son was sent into the world so that through him the world might be saved.

## 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, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong.

- 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 <u>battle@abdiocese.org.uk</u>.
- 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 <u>https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream</u> or via <u>https://www.churchservices.tv/</u>
- **Battle Foodbank** Foodbank needs this week are Tins of Corn Beef; Jars of Honey; 500gm packs of Sugar; Packets of Biscuits; Pot Noodles and Toilet Rolls please thank you. 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.
- Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity this Sunday afternoon, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm, at the Emmanuel Centre, it would be lovely to see a strong showing from our Parish.
- This Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Coffee and cake after the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa's. All welcome!
- **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.

- Coffee and Cake in the Parish Room this Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, after the 10am Mass everyone is very welcome to join us!
- The Lima amount donated for April from the Parishioners of St Teresa's came to £78-55 and the grand total since 1999 is £19,014,78.
  A cheque for £300 was sent to Father Edward O Connell in Lima on the 25th April.
- St Teresa's Reading & Cleaning Rota attached for June September, please ensure you make a note of the weekends you are booked for. Thank you.
- 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

## **Diocesan run events**

- Mental Health Courses course costs are (per delegate) Half day £30. Full day £60. 2 Day certified £120 (Certified by Mental Health UK): The sad reality is that mental health across the nation is a growing concern and reality. Recently we saw in the national press, the truly horrible indictment that suicide is the leading cause of teenage deaths in the UK. The idea of the Mental Health First Aid Course is to give delegates the skills to identify the early warning signs of a problem developing, from across the wide spectrum of mental health conditions and then to provide the direction to sign post people accordingly to the right help and support. The half day and full day course are aimed at identifying systems and exploring appropriate routes to signpost those who are experiencing the challenge and darkness of mental health. Do speak to your Parish Priest to explore the potential of this Ministry in your Parish or email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk for more details. Planned courses are as follows (all of which can be booked via Churchsuite through the Diocesan website).
  - Sat 10 June Horsham One day Champion Course
  - Sat 15 July Worth One day Champion Course
  - 12/13/19/20 September Online Two Day Youth MHFA (4 evenings)
  - Sat 4 November Worthing Half day MH Aware
- Engaged Couples mass Friday 16 June at 7pm at Arundel Cathedral: Are you engaged and on the journey towards Marriage? If so, please do come and celebrate this wonderful time of preparation with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard. He will be delighted to meet you and to bless you as you prepare for this wonderful moment in your lives. Join us afterwards for a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. A poster is attached for displaying in your parish. Register your place here Mass for Engaged Couples (16-Jun-2023) · ChurchSuite Events
- Catechists' Day Saturday 23 September at 11am at Worth School: A day of formation, prayer and conversation for existing catechists, those interested in exploring being a catechist and those who might need a little encouragement to consider this vocation. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. The doors will be open from 10.30am for refreshments, with the programme beginning at

11am. We aim to finish at around 4pm. For more information, please contact Jon Harman, Formation Adviser E: Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk Register your place here : <u>Catechists'</u> Day (23-Sep-2023) · ChurchSuite Events

#### **Externally run events/items**

- Worth Abbey Explore the Richness of Benedictine Spirituality 24 June, 1-4pm Join Midday Prayer at 1pm in the Abbey Church, followed by a welcome talk from Abbot Mark Barrett, and sung Benediction at 3.30pm. Sessions include: accompanied walks to the Quiet Garden, Silent Prayer, Lectio Divina and talks by lay people on how the Rule of St Benedict inspires their lives. Families are very welcome (Children's activities are available) with complimentary refreshments. <u>Register your place here</u>.
- Divine Renovation 'From Programmes to Pathways: Making, Maturing and Missioning Disciples' Monday 26 June at 7pm - Online

Do you find yourself pouring time and energy into programmes that don't bear the fruit of transformed lives? Are you tired of seeing people come and go instead of maturing as disciples and getting involved in mission? You are not alone! Join Julianne Stanz, Fr. Dan Mason and Fr. Victor Vella online and learn how your parish can bring people to Jesus by embracing discipleship pathways over programmes. Register your place here: divinerenovation.org/events.

# <u>Vatican News</u>

### World religions to share values and knowledge at COP28

Pope Francis met privately with Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam, Secretary-General of the Muslim Council of Elders, and Ambassador Majid Al-Suwaidi, Director-General and Special Representative of the UAE Presidency for COP28 to discuss preparations and the involvement of faith-based groups in the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28). A statement said that during the Audience that took place on Monday, 29 May, "they shared the possibility



of launching a joint initiative on climate change in preparation for and on the occasion of the upcoming COP28, in order to involve religious institutions, leaders, and civil society organisations in addressing the goals of COP28." The conference will convene from 30 November to 12 December 2023, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The focus of the Summit is "Protecting global food systems".

**Joint initiative:** The initiative discussed in the Vatican will call on all religious institutions, leaders, and civil society organizations worldwide to unite towards achieving the shared goal of protecting the Earth, our common home. The statement reveals "It aims to build on the role of religions in bridging communication between nations, cultures, and individuals, and opening new horizons for climate action," and explains it will be "driven by the firm conviction of the important role of religious leaders and institutions in driving practical solutions to address the detrimental consequences of climate change."

**Interfaith Pavillion:** During the Audience, the possibility of creating an interfaith and intercultural dialogue pavilion at COP28 was also considered. This space would reportedly be dedicated to sharing knowledge, would serve as a platform for dialogue between religions and cultures, and would highlight the crucial role of religious perspectives and values in addressing the climate crisis.