

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,
BATTLE**

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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**The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 10th / 11th February 2024**

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| Saturday 10/02 6pm | | Battle | The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Sunday 11/02 9am | | Northiam | | No Intention |
| Sunday 11/02 11am | | Battle | | People of the Parish |
| Monday 12/02 | | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday 13/02 6.30pm | | Battle | Tuesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Wednesday 14/02 | 10am | Battle | Ash Wednesday | No Intention |
| | 7pm | | | No Intention |
| Thursday 15/02 6.30am | | Battle | Thursday after Ash Wednesday | No Intention |
| Friday 16/02 10am | | Battle | Friday after Ash Wednesday | No Intention |
| Saturday 17/02 6pm | | Battle | 1st Sunday of Lent | No Intention |
| Sunday 18/02 9am | | Northiam | | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 18/02 11am | | Battle | | No Intention |

There will be a Retiring Collection this weekend for Lourdes Pilgrimage (Gift Aid)

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent

- **First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15**

God establishes a covenant with Noah, his descendants and every living creature. God sets a bow in the clouds as a sign of the covenant.

- **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

Peter gives hope to his listeners. As we prepare to renew our baptismal vows at Easter, we are called to repent, to change and to believe in the Gospel.

- **Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

Jesus stays in the desert for forty days. He emerges to tell the crowds that the kingdom of God is close at hand.

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, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence.
From St Teresa's: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Felicity Youlten.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons RIP.

- **Battle Foodbank** – Our needs this week are Tins of Custard; Jars of Jam, Honey, Peanut Butter and Marmite; Sponge Puddings; Sweet Treats; Plain Biscuits; Dog and Cat Food please - any Toiletries, Baby and Household items are always welcome thank you so much.
- **Lenten Lunch:** The Mothers' Union will be hosting a Lenten Lunch at St Mary's, in the Benedicta Whistler Centre, on Wednesday 21st February from 12-2pm. We do hope as many people as possible will be able to come along to support it and enjoy the fellowship.
- **Parish 100 Club:** If you want to be included in the first draw for the new year, please get your application in quickly. Forms are available at the back of the Church, please either hand it in to the Parish Office or pop it in the mailbox outside the office and mark it for the attention of Maggie. Thank you.
- **Church decoration:** Redecoration of the Church is still ongoing but getting there! Masses will be held in the Church as usual over the weekend, but weekday Masses will be back in the Parish Room during the week.
- **CAFOD – School Volunteers Required:** Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists.
Contact the CAFOD A&B office at:- St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Mellow, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS Tel: 01483 573273 07710 094448
Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk Website: www.cafod.org.uk

- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the 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 <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/>
- 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

- **Pastoral Coordinator – Woking with Knaphill Parish:** Salary £32,000-35,000, Full-time
The Catholic parish of Woking with Knaphill are seeking an energetic, committed worker with a good understanding of Catholic faith to join their pastoral team, to assume responsibility for coordinating and developing catechesis, developing lay leadership and promoting a culture of missionary discipleship. The post is full-time but applicants who can offer least 0.6 FTE will also be considered. Application deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024. Interviews: Friday, March 15, 2024. For the job-description and application form see: W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/pastoral-coordinator-woking-knaphill-parishes
- **Buildings Officer: School Buildings & Finance (Part-time: 0.6)**
Based in Crawley - with travel around Sussex and Surrey, Salary £27,000 (FTE £45,000)
The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to recruit a part time Buildings Officer - School Buildings and Finance. The successful applicant will ensure that the diocesan education estate is safe and well maintained, prioritise school building projects, plan the maintenance and development of new and existing school stock and be the first point of contact for schools' capital issues. Closing date: 16 February 2024. To find out more and apply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/bosf
- **The Deaf Service supports Deaf and hard of hearing adults and children** providing catechism so that they can access the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, First Holy Communion, confirmation, and marriage. The service aims to: Create awareness in the Church of the needs of Deaf and hard of hearing people Celebrate Mass in Sign Language once a month Provide support in the Catholic faith Members of the Deaf Service visit the sick at home or in hospital and provide support with the preparation of funerals to help meet communication needs. You can contact the A&B Deaf Service by email; E: peterandmaria.booker@abdiocese.org.uk Or text message only (no telephone calls) M: 07970 428601 and there is a brand new web page <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/deaf-community>.
- **Holy Father's Prayer intention for February:** Throughout February, Pope Francis has asked us to remember the terminally ill and their family and friends. Please pray for them to find the consoling peace of our Lord. If you are finding the journey through bereavement or challenging or overwhelming and would like to speak with someone, the Ministry of Consolation team across the Diocese are here to journey with you. Please ask your Parish Priest for more details or email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Vatican News

Pope: Church has not listened enough to the voice of women

The presence and contribution of women to the life and growth of ecclesial communities through prayer, reflection, and action are realities that have always enriched the Church and, indeed, constitute its identity. Yet we have realized, especially during the preparation and celebration of the Synod, that we have not listened enough to the voice of women in the Church and that the Church still has much to learn from them.



It is necessary to listen to each other in order to make the Church less masculine [Italian: “*smaschilizzare*’ *la chiesa*”, literally “‘de-masculinize’ the Church”], because the Church is a communion of men and women who share the same faith and the same baptismal dignity. By really listening to women, we men listen to someone who sees reality from a different perspective and so we are led to revise our plans and our priorities. Sometimes, we are bewildered. Sometimes what we hear is so new and so different from our way of thinking and seeing that it seems absurd, and we feel intimidated. But this bewilderment is healthy; it makes us grow.

It takes patience, mutual respect, listening, and openness to really learn from each other and to move forward as one People of God, rich in differences but walking together.

This is precisely why I wanted to ask a woman, a theologian, to offer the Council of Cardinals a path of reflection on the presence and role of women in the Church. The starting point for this path is Hans Urs von Balthasar’s reflection on the Marian and Petrine principles in the Church, a reflection that has inspired the magisterium of recent pontificates in the effort to understand and value the different ecclesial presence of men and women.

The final destination, however, is in God's hands. Let us pray to the Spirit to enlighten us and help us to understand, to find effective language and ways of thinking to engage the women and men of today, in the Church and in the world, so that an awareness of reciprocity and the practice of collaboration between men and women may grow.

I am pleased that through this publication, the reflections that Lucia Vantini, Luca Castiglioni, and Linda Pocher have offered to the Council of Cardinals might be made available to those who wish to participate in the synodal dialogue and deepen the theme of ecclesial relations between men and women, which is very close to my heart. These are reflections that tend to open rather than close; that provoke thinking, invite seeking, and aid praying.

This is what I desire at this point in the synodal process: that we do not tire of walking together, because only when we walk are we what we must be—the living body of the Risen One on the move, going forth, meeting our brothers and sisters, without fear, on the streets of the world.

May Mary, mother of faith, accompany us on this journey!

Vatican City, 8 December 2023