

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 2 for Weekdays



THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

YOUTH SUNDAY

Weekend 19th / 20th November 2022

Weekend Mass Times

- 6pm Saturday 19th November, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary -
Battle (James (Jim) Barnes, RIP)
- 9am Sunday 20th November, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary -
Northiam (People of the Parish)
- 10.45am Sunday 20th November, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary -
Battle (Intention of Deceased members of the Parsons Family)

Weekday Masses at Battle

NO MASS Monday 21st November

6pm Tuesday 22nd November, St Cecilia - Battle (No Intention)

10am Wednesday 23rd November, Week 34 - Battle

(Intention of Deceased members of the Ferlaine Family)

6am Thursday 24th November, St Andrew Dūng-Lac & Companions - Battle

(No Intention)

10am Friday 25th November, Week 34 - Battle (Intention of Deceased

members of the Powell Family)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

available after all Masses and upon Request



Family Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation Group

Starting next Saturday, 26th November at 1pm, decorating our Christmas Giving Tree. All family members are invited to come along to decorate the tree with our Giving Tags.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The First Sunday of Advent:

- **First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the pilgrims climbing up to Jerusalem and finding peace. We are called to make our home in Christ and in his kingdom where there will be peace, justice and joy. The Church shows us the way.

- **Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

In a stark warning, St Paul calls us to amend our lives and return to the way of the Lord.

- **Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44**

Jesus warns against complacency and summons us to focus on Christ and his life.

- **First Friday Mass at St Teresa's** - Mass on the first Friday of each month will start again next week - 2nd December at 12noon.

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, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Gerard Leahy.

- 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 battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- 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 <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/>
- **Readers and Altar Servers at Mass** - We are still in need of volunteers for reading and serving at the Sunday Mass - thank you to everyone that has volunteered for the Saturday evening, it's a great help.

- **Battle Music Group** - we meet at 7pm on Tuesday evenings for one hour in the church in Battle and everyone is invited. All are welcome (no auditions!) and we are particularly hoping that we can increase the number of singers and instrumentalists as we plan further services for those affected by the war in Ukraine, and knowing that Advent and Christmas services are not too far away. Please join us if you can.
- **Ecumenical Advent Prayer:** There will be early morning prayer for Advent on Tuesdays and Fridays starting 29th November until Tuesday 20th December at 8am in our Church for about half an hour. This will be followed by breakfast at the Baptist Church. We shall be leading the prayers on Friday 9th and Tuesday 13th December. Please come and join us if you can.
- **Mill Hill Missionaries - Red Boxes:** It is time for the annual count, could you please drop your Red Box off at the Church or office for counting. If you have problems getting to Mass please let me know and I can arrange collection. Thank you, Suzanne.
- **Date for your diaries: Exciting news!** On Sunday 15th January 2024 Bishop Richard will be visiting our Parish to celebrate the Induction of Fr Richard at the 10.45am Mass at Battle. This will be followed by a Parish Lunch, venue to be confirmed, but hopefully the Memorial Hall, more details will follow in due course, but please keep this date free!
- **Battle Foodbank - Needs and Updates:** This week the Foodbank needs Tins of Soup, Tomatoes, Cold Meat and Fish; Small bags of Sugar; Biscuits; SweetTreats; Jars of Marmite and Peanut Butter and Boxes of 40's teabags. Please put items in the basket at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity.
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm.
- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

News from our Diocese

Synod: 2021-2024

The Synod process has now been expanded with a new opportunity to reflect on a document summarising all of the world's submissions prior to the next phase. To access the document, FAQs and an online feedback form, please go to W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod (from Monday 14 November.) For any questions please email E: synod@abdiocese.org.uk

Bookings are open for World Youth Day!

Journey to Lisbon with a group of 18-35 years olds from across the Diocese to meet with the Holy Father and celebrate our joyous faith with millions of others from across the world. 31 July to 7 August 2023. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

Externally run

Are you interested in offering a home for people displaced by the war in Ukraine? Sjog Homes scheme for Ukraine has recently been launched, providing a matching service for those displaced Ukrainians. To find out more about being a host, please see the website W: <https://sjog->

[homesforukraine.uk/](https://www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine) Facebook page F: <https://www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine> or contact the scheme by email E: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk

Friends of Chilworth Abbey: A gentle reminder about the next Study Day, on **Saturday, December 10th, 2022**, at Chilworth Abbey by Fr John Seddon OSB of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 4, '**Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast**', on Our Lady. Mass, 9.00am, Presentations and Talks 10.15am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible. See chilworthbenedictines.com for more details.

Vatican News

Pope encourages COP27, recalls Laudato Si' Action Platform anniversary

As delegates continue deliberations at the 2022 UN Climate Change Conference in Egypt, Pope Francis offered his encouragement to efforts to protect the environment.

Speaking at the Angelus on Sunday, the Pope said he hopes the COP27 will produce lasting fruits on behalf of combating climate change.

"I wish to recall the COP27 summit on the climate taking place in Egypt. I hope that steps forward are taken with courage and determination, in the footsteps of the Paris Accords."

Laudato Si' Action Platform

The Pope also recalled the Laudato Si' Action Platform, which was set up to consolidate efforts to implement the Pope's 2015 encyclical on the Care of our Common Home.

He noted that Monday marks the first anniversary of the Platform, which "promotes ecological conversion and lifestyles consistent with it" and is overseen by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

Pope Francis said there are around 6,000 participants in the initiative, including individuals, families, associations, businesses, and religious, cultural and health institutions

"This is a great start to a seven-year journey aimed at responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. I encourage this crucial mission for the future of humanity, so that it may foster in everyone a concrete commitment to care for Creation."

Talks ongoing at COP27

During the coming week, ministers attending COP27 will try and break the impasse on a range of issues and ensure the world keeps from lapsing on climate ambitions.

In all, about 200 countries are negotiating next steps on cutting the emissions that cause global warming.

During his speech on Friday, US President Joe Biden said the United States saw its mission to avert climate catastrophe as not only an imperative but through "the eyes of history". He said the "very life of the planet" was at stake.

During the first week, the World Bank announced the creation of the Global Shield Financing Facility Instrument to help nations experiencing heavy economic loss due to disasters induced by climate change.

Germany is committing roughly \$170 million to the project, while other countries, including Austria, have provided a total of \$225 million.

Meanwhile, campaigners have staged a march inside the COP27 conference centre. The group chanted slogans like "no climate justice without human rights."

