

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

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**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**Weekend 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> March**

## **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

<b>Saturday 04/03 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Joe Phelan, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 05/03 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>Intention of Eileen O'Shaughnessy followed by Coffee &amp; Cake</b>
<b>Sunday 05/03 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 06/03</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 07/03 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 08/03 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 09/03 6am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Thursday of the Second Week of Lent</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Friday 10/03 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Friday of the Second Week of Lent</b>	<b>No Intention</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Third Sunday of Lent:**

- **First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7**

The book of Exodus tells the story of God's unfailing desire to be in relationship with us. However unfaithful we may be, however many false idols we may turn to in our search for security, God will never fail us and always holds to the covenant promises.

- **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2. 5-8**

Paul writes to the Romans, reminding them that through God's grace they have a reliable hope that cannot be disappointed. This is not cheap and easy grace, but the power, through Christ, to live differently and to trust in his promises.

- **Gospel: John 4:5-42**

The story of the woman of Samaria is rich with resonance. Jesus comes to meet this woman where she is. He listens to her questions and her struggles with faith, trust and hope. He invites her to change her perception of God and by doing so changes her experience of herself.

### **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, 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, Lawrence Youlden.

### **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, Mark Clemence RIP.

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>
- **Parishioner Survey:** Thank you for all the ideas that have come in so far, we are still looking for more feedback so your thoughts and ideas on what sort of activities you would like to be held in our Parish Room would be very welcome and helpful – so keep them coming! Send either by e-mail or pop the form in the post-box outside the office. Thank you!
- **Hugh Parkes RIP:** Hughes funeral is next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon at Battle, the Parish Room will be open for refreshments for the mourners.
- **St Teresa's Coffee & Cake:** There will be coffee and cake (without chocolate!) after the 9am Mass at St Teresa's this Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

- **CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal:** CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.
- **CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal:** This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.
- **CAFOD - The BIG Lent Walk 2023:** As last year, TEAM FORGE (Vicky Chainey, Ingrid Finch & John Reid), are taking part in this annual fundraising event - walking 5k every day for the 40 days of Lent - to help CAFOD in its work to help fight global poverty. A few days in, our schedule is being maintained - and our knees are holding up well! If you would like to support CAFOD in this way (and make three of us very happy too!), you can donate via this link [The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\): The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com) or by giving your donation to one of us on any Sunday.
- **Battle Foodbank – Needs and Updates:** Foodbank needs this week please are Tins of Cold Meat, Fruit and Potatoes; Pot Noodles; Long Grain Rice either normal or microwave; Sweet Treats and Sponge Puddings; Toilet Rolls and any other toiletries are always welcome. Thank you so much.
- 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**

- **Evenings of Reflection 7-9pm with a choice of venues across the Diocese**
  - Friday 17 March at The Sacred Heart, Cobham
  - Friday 24 March at St Dunstan, Woking
  - Saturday 11 March at 6.30pm at Arundel cathedral Centre followed by a Cathedral tour.
- **Are you a priest or active parishioner who wants to see your parish come alive?**  
East Brighton Parish and Divine Renovation invite you and your parish to their upcoming DR Open House on **Saturday 18 March 2023**, at the new Fitzherbert Community Hub in Brighton. Save the date for a day where you will connect with parishes that have come alive by pursuing mission, hear inspiring stories of what they've learned on their journey, and be encouraged by seeing hope for what is possible in your own parish. Find out more at W: [www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse](http://www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse) or contact E: [Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.
- **Liturgy of the Word with Children - Saturday 13 May 2023 9.30-1pm The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley:** Training for liturgy leaders. Book your place through the diocesan website. If you wish to discuss your engagement with this training please email E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

- **Annual Pilgrimage Day to West Grinstead for Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. Wednesday 14 June 2023 11- 3pm.** This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Booking is now available through the diocesan website.
- **Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral**  
Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre.
- **World Youth Day:** Are you aged 18-35? If you are, we invite you to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lisbon to meet with the Holy Father. 31 July -7 August 2023. Join millions of other young people from all over the world to celebrate our faith and make life long friendships. The week will include a trip to Fatima as well as all the amazing festival activities, not to mention Mass with Pope Francis. To find out more about this amazing opportunity please contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

### Externally run

- The next **Chilworth Abbey Study Day**, is on **Saturday, March 4th, 2023**, led by Fr John Seddon OSB, of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 7, **'Word made Flesh, True Bread from Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist'**. Mass, 9.00am, Talks 10.15am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible.  
See [chilworthbenedictines.com](http://chilworthbenedictines.com) for more details
- **Worth Abbey: Time Out individual self-guided retreats**  
15–18 May Cost : £90 per person, per night (min 2 nights).  
Spend a few days at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than an optional daily Lectio Divina session, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity for a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.
- **Men's Way of the Cross – 31 March 2023** starting from Christ The King church in Eastbourne and walking through the night over the cliffs to Birling Gap. Join for a prayer over the South Downs Beachy Head trail to rediscover yourself and reflect on your God given purpose on this earth. Poster attached.

### Vatican News

#### **Pope Francis to make Apostolic Journey to Hungary in April**

In a statement from Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni announced on Monday:  
"Accepting the invitation of the civil and ecclesial Authorities, His Holiness Pope Francis will make an Apostolic Journey to Hungary from 28 to 30 April 2023, visiting the city



of Budapest." The papal visit will mark Pope Francis' 41st Apostolic Journey abroad and the 61st nation visited since the start of his pontificate. During his three-day journey, the Pope will visit with refugees and poor people, as well as with children of the Blessed László Batthyány-Strattmann Institute. As is customary, the Holy Father will address authorities, civil society and the diplomatic corps; young people; bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated persons, seminarians and pastoral workers; and representatives of the academic and cultural world.

More than half of Hungarians are Christian, and at least 37 percent of the population identify as Catholic. Since the start of the war in Ukraine, nearly 1 million Ukrainian nationals have travelled through Hungary as refugees, according to local sources.

**Closeness to Hungary:** The Holy Father had made a brief stop in the country's capital of Budapest to celebrate Mass for the closure of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress on 12 September 2021, on his way to Slovakia. Pope Francis had also shown his closeness to the Hungarian faithful during his visit to Romania, when celebrated Mass at the popular Hungarian pilgrimage site of Csíksomlyó (Șumuleu Ciuc) in the Romania's Transylvania region. Transylvania had once been part of Hungary, but became Romanian territory in 1920. Ethnic Hungarians in Romania total more than one million people.

*Here is the Pope's itinerary in the European nation:*

## **APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO HUNGARY 28 - 30 APRIL 2023**

### ▪ **Friday, 28 April 2023**

#### *ROME – BUDAPEST*

08:10 Departure by airplane from Rome/Fiumicino International Airport to Budapest

10:00 Arrival at Budapest International Airport

10:00 OFFICIAL WELCOME

11:00 WELCOME CEREMONY in the square of “Sándor” Palace

11:30 COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC in “Sándor” Palace

11:55 MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

12:20 MEETING WITH THE AUTHORITIES, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS in the former Carmelite Monastery Address of the Holy Father

17:00 MEETING WITH BISHOPS, PRIESTS, DEACONS, CONSECRATED PERSONS, SEMINARIANS AND PASTORAL WORKERS in St. Stephen's Co-Cathedral Address of the Holy Father

### ▪ **Saturday, 29 April 2023**

#### *BUDAPEST*

08:45 PRIVATE VISIT TO THE CHILDREN OF THE “BLESSED LÁSZLÓ BATTHYÁNY-STRATTMANN” INSTITUTE

10:15 MEETING WITH POOR PEOPLE AND REFUGEES in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church Address of the Holy Father

16:30 MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE in “Papp László Budapest Sportaréna” Address of the Holy Father

18:00 PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS in the Apostolic Nunciature

### ▪ **Sunday, 30 April 2023**

#### *BUDAPEST – ROME*

09:30 HOLY MASS in Kossuth Lajos' Square Homily of the Holy Father Regina Caeli

16:00 MEETING WITH THE ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL WORLD at the Faculty of



Information Technology and Bionics of the Catholic University “Péter Pázmány” Address of the Holy Father

17:30 FAREWELL CEREMONY at Budapest International Airport

18:00 Departure by airplane from Budapest International Airport to Rome

19:55 Arrival at Rome/Fiumicino International Airport

### **Pope prays for migrants lost at sea in most recent Mediterranean tragedy**

Another tragedy in the Mediterranean Sea.

Pope Francis on Sunday turned his thoughts on to the lives lost in yet another tragedy in which dozens of people lost their lives when their overloaded boat sank in rough seas. Addressing the faithful gathered for his Sunday Angelus, the Holy Father explained that just off the coast of Calabria in Italy, over 40 bodies, including the bodies of many children, have been recovered. "I pray for them", said the Pope, "for those who are lost, and



for those who have survived", he added. The Holy Father also expressed his gratitude towards all those who participate in rescue operations, as well as to all those who offer welcome to those seeking refuge. "May the Virgin Mary sustain you", he concluded.

**The tragedy:** The tragedy occurred at dawn on Sunday. It is understood that the overloaded vessel bringing migrants from Iran, Pakistan, and Afghanistan smashed into rocks during rough weather. ANSA, the Italian news agency, reports 80 survivors were found on a beach; they told rescuers at least 250 people were on board the fishing boat in which they were traveling. Twenty-one of the survivors were taken to hospital. It was later reported 27 bodies were found washed up at a seaside resort, with more spotted at sea – including a baby.

**The perilous Mediterranean route:** Just last week, a group of African migrants were drowned while dozens went missing when their overloaded boat sank off the Libyan coast.

The Mediterranean route is considered the most dangerous crossing in the world for people seeking refuge in Europe. Countless rickety, unseaworthy boats packed with migrants have sunk in the area during the last five years. With better weather arriving across the region, more migrant boats are expected to set sail in the coming weeks.