

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

with

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX, HORNS CROSS

14 Mount Street, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0EG

Tel: 01424 773125

e-mail: battle@abdiocese.org.uk

website: battlewithnorthiam.parishportal.net

Parish Priest: Fr Anthony White

Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 2 for Weekdays

Arundel and Brighton Trust is a
Registered Charity No. 252878



Weekend Mass Times

- 6pm Saturday 22nd January -
Battle (Epiphany Fernandes RIP)
- 9am Sunday 23rd January -
Northiam (People of the Parish)
- 10.45am Sunday 23rd January -
Battle (People of the Parish)
- 10am Wednesday 26th January -
Battle (Celebrant's Intention)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
after 6pm Mass Saturdays**

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend 22nd / 23rd January 2022

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10**
After their return to their homeland from exile,
the people of Israel are moved to tears by the public reading of God's word.
- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**
St Paul teaches that we together are Christ's body, made up of many different parts.
- **Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4: 14-21**
The beginning of Luke's Gospel: Jesus proclaims God's word sets out his mission statement.

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, Anthony Gibbons, Rosemary Parkes, Suzanne McAdie.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen & Cyril Webster, Dominic Leahy, Rodney Atkinson, Brian O'Connell.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Jack Morgan, Guy Hooper, Di Bean RIP, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Trish Archutowski RIP, Gillian Mitchell RIP. David Amies and family.

- 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.
- 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.

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.

- 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/>
- **Crib Collection 2021:** This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib is used exclusively within the diocese and will be given out through emergency grants to help local children and families.
- **We again welcome Fr Simon and Fr Rajesh from Bexhill Parish this weekend.** Fr Rajesh will be celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass and Fr Simon will be celebrating the Sunday Masses at Northiam and Battle. Fr Paul will be back from his course next weekend.
- **Parish 100 Club:** The forms for 2022 are now available - please think of joining or re-joining for this year. The £12 is divided, half for prizes and half for Church maintenance. Please fill in an application form and hand it in to the Parish Office for the attention of Maggie. Thank you.
- **Music Group in Battle:** Now that we are getting back to (almost) normal, we are seeking to involve more parishioners in our liturgy and would like to invite more to join our group. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7pm for one hour. We recommend & practice hymns and psalms for Sunday's Mass in Battle, learn new hymns, and organise ecumenical Taize-type services each Lent & Advent - we are currently working on the one for early Lent 2022. There are no auditions for singers or instrumentalists, all you need is to bring your smile and you will be made very welcome, so why not try it out! *John Reid, for Battle Music Group*
- **The Catenians:** The Catenians are an association of Catholic laymen whose principal purpose is to establish a network of friends to support each other, their families and any widows in the practice of Faith. They, of course, do much more than this. There is an online meeting on Thursday, 20th Jan at 7pm should anyone wish to get a better understanding of the Hastings and Bexhill Circle. I can forward the details should anyone wish to email me or phone 07394925611. The web link is <https://sussexcatenians.org>. Thank you, Robert.



Seniors Helping Seniors

...A WAY TO GIVE AND TO RECEIVE*

SeniorsHelpingSeniors.co.uk

SENIORS HELPING SENIORS®

Would you love to help someone else?

Flexible hours...you set your schedule!

We're looking for compassionate people who want to make a difference!

Call **01424 605 705** today!

- **Christmas Cards:** Would all parishioners please check to see if there are any Christmas cards for them in the concertina file, or at the back of the Church. If they are not collected within the next couple of weeks they will be recycled. Thank you.

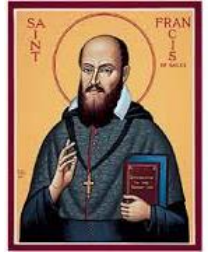
News from our Diocese

- **CAFOD School Volunteer:** Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools to bring alive their sense of global injustice? 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 injustice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact CAFOD at: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk or phone 01483 573273 or mobile: 07710 094448. Thank you.
- We are very pleased to let you know that we have opened online applications for the 2022 Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 29 July - 4 August 2022 by Air, or for those who need assistance: 28 July - 5 August 2022 by Redshirt Coach / Jumbulance / Helper Coach. Online applications for all those who do not require any assistance in Lourdes or on the journey can be found on our website lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk or you can [click here](#). Paper applications for those who require assistance will be posted out in the new year. If you or someone you know would like to receive an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form, please email office@ablourdes.org with the name and postal address. The closing date for online applications is 30th April 2022.
- **Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried and Separated Sunday 6th February 2.45pm**
All those in our Parish communities who may be separated, divorced, or who have married again, are invited to come together to meet Bishop Richard for conversation. We will conclude with evening prayer followed by tea and cake. If you are interested, please do go to the Diocesan website and search events where you will find the spot to sign up.
- **Join our Team:** The Diocese is seeking to recruit a full time Events & Meetings Administrator to support the work of our Formation Team. The successful candidate will provide administrative support for a range of events and projects and will be based at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. To find out more about this exciting and rewarding opportunity please visit our website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor - 24th January

St Francis de Sales (1567-1622) was born in Thorens, Savoy (France) and trained as a lawyer before being ordained. He became Bishop of Geneva in 1602 and did much to combat Calvinism. He also founded the Order of the Visitation, with St Jane Frances de Chantal, and produced popular spiritual works such as *Introduction to the Devout Life*. His flock called him 'the Gentle Christ of Geneva'. Pius XI declared St Francis patron of journalists and writers in 1923.



Feast of The Conversion of St Paul - 25th January

This Feast commemorates the conversion of Saul of Tarsus while he was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians. He was blinded by a light and thrown from his horse to the ground, hearing the words, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'the Risen One spoke to Paul, called him to apostolate and made him a true Apostle, a witness of the Resurrection, with the specific task of proclaiming the Gospel to the Gentiles, to the Graeco-Roman world.'



Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus - 26th January

Ss Timothy and Titus were both apostles of St Paul, who addressed to them three of his Epistles. St Timothy (+97) accompanied the Apostle on many of his journeys and eventually became bishop of Ephesus. According to tradition, he was beaten to death by a mob when he opposed the worship of Dionysus. St Titus (+96) was Paul's messenger to various Christian communities where disputes arose, and he was in charge of the Church at Crete.



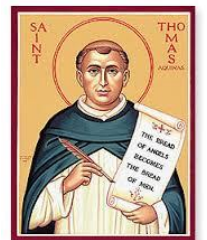
Memorial of St Angela Merici, Virgin - 27th January

St Angela Merici (1474-1540) was born near Verona, Italy, and devoted herself to the education of girls and the care of the sick. In 1516 she founded the Institute of St Ursula (Ursulines), the first teaching order for women approved by the Church.



Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor - 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas (c1224-1274) was a Dominican friar who became one of the most important Christian philosophers and theologians. Known as the 'Angelic Doctor', he had an astonishing mastery of scholastic theology and a profound holiness of life. His greatest work the *Summa Theologica*, is still widely used. Pope Leo XIII declared him patron of Catholic Schools.



- 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.

Vatican News

Pope: May we all join in Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Pope Francis has invited everyone to participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18 to 25 January, which this year focuses on a theme relating the experience of the Magi, who came from the East to Bethlehem to worship the Messiah King: "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him."



Pope to close Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with vespers: The Pope said that in a similar way, Christians of diverse backgrounds and traditions "are pilgrims on our way to full unity" who come closer to our goal when keeping our gaze fixed on Jesus. The Pope encouraged us to pray for Christian unity and also offer up our struggles and suffering.

Pope to receive journalists of the Custody of the Holy Land

The papal audience scheduled for Monday, 17 January, will see some fifty people, led by Franciscan Father Francesco Patton, Custos of the Holy Land, gathered in the Apostolic Palace's Clementine Hall for a very special occasion. Terra Santa Edizioni, the publishing centre of the Custody of the Holy Land in Italy, operates as part of the Terra Santa Foundation. Celebrating



The Via Crucis in Jerusalem

100 years of its flagship magazine - *Terrasanta* - it offers information and news on the history and current affairs of the Middle East and on its three monotheistic religions: Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Founded in 2005, Terra Santa Foundation continues the tradition of the *Centro propaganda e stampa*, a publishing house in Milan that was established in the early 1900s to give voice to the Franciscan experience in the Holy Land. It also continues to perpetrate the legacy of the Franciscan Printing Press (FPP), in Jerusalem since 1847. The international delegation that will be received by the Pope reflects the international presence of the Franciscans in the Holy Land who have been caring for the sanctuaries and welcoming pilgrims for eight centuries and are engaged in Biblical and archaeological studies. *Terrasanta*, the magazine, was founded in Jerusalem in 1921. Today it is published in the guise of a fortnightly full-colour magazine in Italian, French, English, Portuguese, Spanish and Arabic.

Telling stories, protecting the heritage: It was established with the aim of telling the stories of the Holy Land, and providing information on the work of the Friars Minor in the various fields of their activity, including the protection of the Holy sites and of Christian communities. Today, the Custody is present in Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Cyprus and some islands in Greece. The Italian edition of *Terrasanta* is distributed in about seven thousand copies. 2022's first edition is a special 114-page issue entirely dedicated to the theme of paths and pilgrimages, which are a fundamental dimension for Christians and for those all those who wish to approach the Holy sites and places. One of its most important scopes is to nurture love and respect for the sites and legacy of the Holy land and to support it. TS Edizioni also publishes books on historical, religious, archaeological and socio-political themes. In addition to *Terrasanta*, the Foundation publishes two newspapers and is present in multimedia communication through websites and social networks. Present for the audience with Pope Francis will be the members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, as well as editors, journalists, graphic designers, administrative staff and other employees.