

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

with

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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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Weekend 5th / 6th August 2023

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Saturday 05/08 6pm	Battle	The Transfiguration of The Lord	Grace McAdie, RIP
Sunday 06/08 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 06/08 10.45am	Battle		Holy Souls
Monday 07/08	NO MASS		
Tuesday 08/08 6pm	Battle	St Dominic	Lucy Dunning, RIP
Wednesday 09/08 10am	Battle	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)	Religious & Priests
Thursday 10/08 6am	Battle	St Laurence	No Intention
Friday 11/08 10am	Battle	St Claire	Intention of Helena Powell

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13**

God was not in the great wind, the earthquake or the fire, which were the traditional manifestations of God's presence, but in the silence.

- **Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5**

Pauls' concern is that his Jewish brothers and sisters should learn to accept Jesus and his teachings.

- **Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus calls to his disciples in the midst of the world and restless sea. When they see him walk on the water they acknowledge that he is the Son of God.

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, Keith Bourne.

From St Teresa's: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Lawrence & Felicity 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 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/>
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are Tins of Potatoes or Instant Mash; Tins of Cold Meat; Tins of Fish; Jars of Peanut Butter, Marmite and Honey; 500gm packs of Sugar and Children's Cereals please - any toiletries, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **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.
- **Cleaner Vacancy at Battle:** After many years of faithful service, we are losing our lovely housekeeper/cleaner Julie, who is sadly leaving us – there will be a card circulating for signing soon, so please write a message in there for her. If you know of anyone trustworthy and reliable who would like to work 2 hours a week @ £10.90p/h cleaning the Church, office and Parish Room, please let either Fr Richard or the office know. Thank you.

- **The Lima amount donated for June** from the Parishioners of St Teresa's came to £53.20 and the grand total since 1999 is £19,120,12. Thank you all for your continued generosity.
- **Rwanda Action Quiz Night - Friday 22nd September**
Venue: Vinehall School **Time:** 6:30 pm for 7 pm start
 There will be a bar and an exciting raffle; competitors may bring their own snacks or picnic. Each table of 8 players costs £100, or individuals wanting to join a table £12.50 each (please contact Sally if you want to join a table at scepsmarsh@hotmail.com and she will arrange it). **Payment:** Rwanda Action Sort code:20-27-91 Account No:50874531
- **Battle Baptist Church, job vacancy: Renew 1066 Development Worker**, to support existing work of Renew 1066, identifying opportunities for growth and development in the Battle area. 14 hours a week (flexible), £12.90 p/h, starting 4th September 2023. Closing date 11th August, interviews 21st/22nd August. For more details and an application form please contact Jo Reeves 01424 774825 / office@battlebaptistchurch.org.uk.
- 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

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid – 4 evenings on-line – Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 September 6pm – 9.30pm**
 This Youth Mental Health First Aid course is for everyone who works with, lives with or supports young people aged 8-18. It will teach you the skills and confidence to spot the signs of mental health issues in a young person, offer first aid and guide them towards the support they need. In doing so, you can speed up a young person's recovery and stop a mental health issue from getting worse. Our course won't teach you to be a therapist, but we will teach you to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis - and even potentially stop a crisis from happening. But more than that, we aim to give you the information and skills to look after your own mental health so that you can set an example for young people. By giving you the tools to have these conversations, we hope to empower you to create a mentally healthy, supportive environment in your family, school, peer group or community. Let's create a future where mental health is treated as a normal part of life, in the same way as physical health. A future where every young person has access to support if they need it. The course is accredited by MHFA England and you will receive a certificate of attendance. Attached is the booking link [Youth Mental Health First Aid - 4 Evenings Online \(12-Sep-2023\) ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk
- **A Day of Reflection for Grandparents – Tuesday 26 September 2023 11am-3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** Life experience comes at the price of the hard knocks and joyful moments and Fr Stephen Ortiger will help us to explore those and how we can see the hand of God in our lives. Our Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling, will offer some helpful hints and tips into communicating with young people and tuning into what they may find helpful as they navigate their way in life. Attached is the booking link [A Day of Reflection for Grandparents \(26-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your participation please contact the Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk.

- **Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 30 September 2023 11.30am-2pm at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne:** Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at 11.30am followed by a small drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. Attached is the booking link [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(30-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your participation please contact the Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk. Poster attached.
- 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 events

- **Maryvale Institute, Birmingham – International Catholic College:** Maryvale are relaunching their HIRS programmes - [Bachelor of Divinity](#) (application documents can be found on the [BDiv page](#)) and [Licence in Catechetics](#) (email E: postgrad@maryvale.ac.uk for application pack) - (BPhil, MA and PhD programmes to follow). Do visit and follow their social media pages and share/tag/retweet to any individuals or groups that may be interested. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/maryvaleinst> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MaryvaleInst> There is an [early bird discount](#) for applications to the BDiv or Licence programmes for applications received by 31 July 2023. Links to prospectuses on the website W: www.maryvale.ac.uk

Vatican News

Pope appeals for grain agreement, "the cry of the hungry rises to Heaven"

Pope Francis at the conclusion of the Sunday Angelus appealed for continued prayers for "beleaguered Ukraine, where the war is destroying everything, even grain." He expressed his concern in particular over the breakdown in the Black Sea Initiative that has allowed grain to be shipped from ports in the region through a Türkiye and U.N. brokered agreement with Russia and Ukraine.



"I appeal to my brothers, the authorities of the

Russian Federation, that the Black Sea Initiative may be restored and grain may be transported safely."

The Pope said grain is God's gift to feed humanity, and the war destruction that threatens it is a grave offence to God.

"The cry of millions of brothers and sisters who suffer hunger rises to Heaven."

Speaking to journalists in recent days, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, decried the breakdown in the Black Sea Initiative on grain shipments, as well as the bombardment of harbour installations and even deposits of grain.

He said "we are very concerned that a prolonged conflict will have even more dramatic impacts globally and particularly in relation to developing countries." At the same time he assured UN willingness to help revive the initiative, saying, "we need to do things that are possible and we are doing every effort we can to guarantee the success of both Ukrainian and Russian foods and fertilizers to global markets.