

**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 22nd / 23rd July 2023

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22/07 6pm	Battle	The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intention of Maureen Webster and Family
Sunday 23/07 9am	Northiam		Denis Meares, RIP
Sunday 23/07 10.45am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 24/07	NO MASS		
Tuesday 25/07 6pm	Battle	Saint James	No Intention
Wednesday 26/07 10am	Battle	St Joachim & St Anne	No Intention
Thursday 27/07 6am	Battle	Thursday of the Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 28/07 10am	Battle	Friday of the Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- **First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12**

Wisdom is a gift to be sought after.

- **Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30**

We are chosen to be “true images” of Christ.

- **Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52**

Jesus’ parables give a picture of the true nature of the kingdom of heaven.

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, Dilys Fraser, 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 Hot Meat; Tins of Tomatoes; 500gm packs of Spaghetti and Pasta; Packs of Biscuits; Treats; Bottles of squash 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.
- **Mayoral Quiz** – well we didn’t get 1st, 2nd & 3rd places, but we achieved respectable 4th, 5th and 8th places out of 15 teams, so very well done to all our team members and thank you for representing our Parish!
- **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

- **Mental Health training courses:** Would you like to understand more about the challenges and reality of mental health on those around you? We continue to run courses focused on raising awareness of symptoms and the impact on people's lives along with ways to signpost those who are struggling. For more details see the Diocesan website or email Simon South, Formation Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Catechists' Day – Saturday 23 September at 11am at Worth School:** A day of formation, prayer and conversation for existing catechists, those interested in exploring being a catechist and those who might need a little encouragement to consider this vocation. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. The doors will be open from 10.30am for refreshments, with the programme beginning at 11am. We aim to finish at around 4pm.

For more information, please contact Jon Harman, Formation Adviser E:

Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk Register your place here : [Catechists' Day \(23-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

- **A Day of Reflection for Grandparents – Tuesday 26 September 11am – 3.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** At a point of time in life when it might appear that we need to slow down it can be easy to dismiss the relevance of our contribution. To turn that on its head is to realise that we have time on our side; time, wisdom and experience, all of which enable us to be valuable witnesses to the faith. We don't know much about Sts Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, but we can be sure that their presence, their witness and their love sustained their family and their neighbours. We can ponder their relationship with the child Jesus. 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. Refreshments from 10.15am. Please bring a packed lunch. Register your place here : [A Day of Reflection for Grandparents \(26-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

- 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>
- The Diocese are advertising the following role and we ask that you also advertise this in your parish. The job description is attached and applications can be made via this link <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/diocese-of-arundel-brighton>. Feel free to contact E: coo@abdiocese.org.uk or cooea@abdiocese.org.uk for any further information.

Senior Administrator – Tribunal team: Salary: £22,400 PA, (FTE - £28,000)

Part-time (0.8 FTE) - 28 hours a week – Permanent

The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Senior Administrator to support two members of clergy in a key team based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The successful candidate will

have strong administrative skills, be highly organised with an eye for detail, and be capable of working independently while liaising with colleagues locally, nationally, and internationally. Prior knowledge of Church Administration is not necessary as full training will be given. We welcome applications from people of all faiths and none; the successful candidate does not have to be Catholic but should be sympathetic to the work and mission of the Catholic Church. Application deadline: Tuesday 18 July. Shortlisting: Wednesday 19 July. Interview date: Wednesday 26 July, in Crawley. Expected start date: 1 September 2023.

Vatican News

Cardinal Zuppi visits Washington DC as part of peace mission for Ukraine

The Holy See Press Office announced Monday that Italian Cardinal Matteo Zuppi is traveling to Washington, D.C. for a three-day visit as Pope Francis' special envoy.

The Archbishop of Bologna and President of the Italian Bishops' Conference is accompanied by an Official from the Vatican's Secretariat of State. The visit to the US Capitol takes place on 17-19 July, and comes on the heels of Cardinal Zuppi's previous visits to Kyiv and Moscow.



'Promote peace in Ukraine': Pope Francis appointed the Italian Cardinal as his special envoy in early June, entrusting him with the mission of opening paths of dialogue and seeking peace in war-torn Ukraine.

The Holy See Press Office statement released on Monday said the purpose of Cardinal Zuppi's visit to Washington is to "promote peace in Ukraine".

"It seeks to facilitate the exchange of ideas and opinions regarding the current tragic situation, as well as to provide support for humanitarian initiatives aimed at alleviating the suffering of the most vulnerable people, particularly children," read the statement.

Missions to Ukraine and Russia: Cardinal Zuppi visited the [Ukrainian capital of Kyiv on 5-6 June](#), where he met with President Volodymyr Zelensky and several other high-level officials.

The Cardinal then traveled to Moscow on 28-30 June, where he met with Yuri Ushakov, Assistant to the President of the Russian Federation for Foreign Policy Affairs, and with Maria Lvova-Belova, Children's Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation.

In Russia, [Cardinal Zuppi met with Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia](#), conveyed Pope Francis' greetings, and discussed humanitarian initiatives that could foster peace in Ukraine.

Peace mission on behalf of most vulnerable: Speaking after the visit to Moscow, Cardinal Zuppi said the [priority is to work for those who are most disadvantaged](#).

"The children must be able to return to Ukraine," he told reporters. "Thus, the next step will be first to check on the children and then to see how to get them back, starting with the most fragile ones."

Upon returning from his missions to Kyiv and Moscow, Cardinal Zuppi met with Pope Francis to update him on the results of his peace mission in the Pope's name.