

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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### Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September -  
Battle (Patricia Ryan RIP)  
9am Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September -  
Northiam (People of the Parish)  
10.45am Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
- Battle (Barbara Watts RIP)  
10am Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
- Battle - Liturgy of the Word  
and Holy Communion  
Sacrament of Reconciliation after  
6pm Mass Saturdays

### The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> September

#### Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9**

The anonymous servant of the Lord faces terrible persecution on account of his preaching. He does not resist.

- **Second Reading: James 2:14-18**

James maintains that the real sign of faith is putting that faith into practice.

- **Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**

Peter says, "You are the Christ," but he fails to see that the Christ must suffer.

**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 feel you need to contact Fr Paul for any reason, his phone number is: 01323 670156.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Maureen Hanson RIP, Jack Morgan, Guy Hooper, Di Bean RIP, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Harold Atkins RIP, Henry Cheung, Sam Baker.

**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, John Reid, Anthony Gibbons, Rosemary Parkes, Suzanne McAdie.

**From St Teresa's:** Keith Bourne, Gerard Scothern & his family, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Dominic Leahy.

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please be aware that during the current lockdown, they are unable to visit. Once the current situation changes, please contact the office if you would like these visits to recommence, 01424 773125 or [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- 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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk), or drop a note through the Presbytery door, 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/>
- **Advance Notice Harvest Festival:** Our Harvest Festival celebration Mass will be held at Battle on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at the 10.45am Mass to coincide with CAFOD Family Fast Day. We hope you can join us.
- **St Michael's Hospice** needs £10,000 a day to continue in operation - and I am sure we are all aware of how much we need this wonderful, local, health care facility. We are to take part in the Hospice's 'Moonlight & Memories' sponsored 10k walk on the evening/night of Saturday 18 September, and we invite all our parishioner friends to join us by donating to the cause - forms may be found at the rear of our churches (Gift Aid if possible), or donations may be handed to any of us. John is walking in memory of his wife, Margaret, Vicky too in her mum's memory and to support her Dad on the way, and Ingrid will be remembering her sister, Anna. *John Reid, Vicky Chainey & Ingrid Finch*

**News from our Diocese**

- **Marriage Anniversaries Mass:** Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary that has particular significance for them is welcome to join the annual celebration of marriage at St Joseph's Church in Guildford. This year the celebration, with Bishop Richard, is on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 11.30. In order that we can be Covid compliant we do ask that everyone books their space via our website. Please use the following link [Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass and Reception \(09-Oct-2021\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin at [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) (Places are limited to 150). We so look forward to celebrating with you!

## Saints of the Week

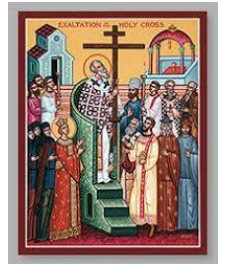
### **Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor - 13<sup>th</sup> September**

St John Chrysostom (c350-407) was born at Antioch and trained as a lawyer. He became a monk, then later a priest and became a famed theologian and preacher, gaining the name Chrysostom or 'the golden-mouthed'. In 398 he became Archbishop of Constantinople and faced much opposition in his reforms. He died in exile and is honoured as one of the four Greek Doctors of the Church. The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, widely used in the East, was once attributed to him, although it is now recognised as very probably later than his time.



### **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - 14<sup>th</sup> September**

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629 after it had been captured by the Persians; it also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where relics of the Cross were kept, in 335. The Feast celebrates the Cross, the instrument of our salvation, and is in many ways an extension of Good Friday. The Cross is a great and powerful sign of God's love for us - a love stronger than death - and also a daily reality in our lives: the only true path to holiness.



### **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows - 15<sup>th</sup> September**

This feast originated as a memorial of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, most of which were linked to the events of Good Friday, when she stood at the foot of the cross. We remember that the Blessed Virgin had to live through the personal tragedy of seeing her Son die. She had a unique share in our redemption, offering her Son's life to the Lord, trusting that it was part of his plan.



### **Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs - 16<sup>th</sup> September**

St Cornelius (+253) was elected Pope in succession to St Fabian and actively fought the errors of Novatian, which denied that those who had lapsed from the faith could be reconciled. He died while exiled in Civitavecchia (Italy) and is venerated as a martyr.



St Cyprian (+258) was another leading opponent of Novatianism. He was Bishop of Carthage and one of the earliest victims of the persecution under the Emperor Valerian. Both saints are included in the Roman Canon.

### **Memorial of St Robert Bellarmine, Doctor - 17<sup>th</sup> September**

St Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621) was born at Montepulciano (Italy) and joined the Society of Jesus. He was later created a Cardinal and was briefly Archbishop of Capua, although his greatest legacy is as a theologian and controversialist, especially in defending the Church from its Protestant critics. He was canonised only in 1930, and declared a Doctor of the Church the following year.



- The office remains 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 Francis on Saturday morning received in audience Christopher John Trott, Great Britain's new Ambassador to the Holy See.

A statement released by the British Embassy to the Holy See stated that following the audience,

Ambassador Trott said: "I was honoured to present my Credentials to His Holiness Pope Francis this morning. Today marks a highlight of my diplomatic career and I look forward to building further on the excellent relations between the United Kingdom and the Holy See during my ambassadorial mandate".

The Ambassador went on to note that "Throughout his Pontificate, Pope Francis has been working tirelessly on the global issues of our time," and said it will be a great privilege for him to "work together with the Holy See and the Catholic networks to make a difference to the issues which concern us, from poverty to climate change, conflict prevention, international development, and freedom of religion and belief."

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### **Pope calls for welcome and protection for Afghan refugees**

Pope Francis on Sunday asked States across the globe to welcome and protect vulnerable Afghans who are fleeing their country.

"In these troubled times that see Afghans seeking refuge," he said during the Angelus, "I pray for the most vulnerable among them. I pray that many countries will welcome and protect those seeking a new life."

Pope Francis said he is also praying for internally displaced persons in the country "that they may have assistance and the necessary protection."

Human dignity, peace, fraternity

"May young Afghans receive education, an essential good for human development, and may all Afghans, whether at home, in transit, or in host countries, live with dignity, in peace and fraternity with their neighbours," he said.

