

**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> February 2023**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday 04/02 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 05/02 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 05/02 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>Intention of Sarah Skilton</b>
<b>Monday 06/02</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 07/02 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 5</b>	<b>Thanksgiving from Rebecca, Sarah and Marie</b>
<b>Wednesday 08/02 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 5</b>	<b>Patricia Mary Knight, RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 09/02 6am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 5</b>	<b>Intention of Katie Spall</b>
<b>Friday 10/02 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Saint Scholastica</b>	<b>No Intention</b>

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

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

- **First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20**  
We are given the choice of life or death.
- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**  
The gift of the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.
- **Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37**  
Our virtue must go deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees.

### **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, Jim & 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.

### **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.

- 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/>

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 7pm, BATTLE.** There will be another opportunity to join us for an hours of prayer, readings and music for all those affected by the war in Ukraine at 7pm in our Church at Battle, to which local folk attending the other churches will be invited. Everyone is invited to attend in support of those affected by the war.

- **Hugh Parkes, RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hugh Parkes, who sadly died suddenly on 20<sup>th</sup> January, he will now join his wife Rosemary who passed away last year. Please also remember his family and friends in your prayers. His funeral is planned for March and details will be given in due course.
- **King Charles' Coronation 6<sup>th</sup> May:** As part of the Coronation Celebrations there will be a Civic Service at 10 am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, in order that Fr Richard can represent our Catholic community we may need to tweak the times of Masses on that Sunday so that Northiam would be at 8:30 and Battle at 11:15, please let Fr Richard know your thoughts.
- **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. 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 \(enthuse.com\)](#) or by giving your donation to one of us on any Sunday.

- **Battle Foodbank – Needs and Updates:** This week the Foodbank needs Tins of Soup, Tomatoes, Cold Meat and Fish; Small bags of Sugar; Biscuits; Sweet Treats; Jars of Marmite and Peanut Butter and Boxes of 40's teabags. Please put items in the basket at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity.
- 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.

### 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.
- **Saturday 18 February 2023 at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge – for Ministers of the Eucharist 11am - 4pm**

The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch.

Please sign up at: [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(18-Feb-2023\)](#) · [Church Suite Events](#) E: [Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.
- **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 – poster attached.**

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)
- **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

### ➤ Worth Abbey

**Time Out individual self-guided retreats** 6–9 March and 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.

## Vatican News

### **Pope urges prayers for ‘pilgrimage of peace’ to South Sudan & DRC**

Pope Francis sets off on Tuesday as a “pilgrim of peace” to the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan on 31 January – 5 February.

Ahead of his 40th Apostolic Journey abroad, the Pope read out a message to the people of the two African nations during his Sunday Angelus address.

He thanked the civil authorities and Bishops of both countries for their invitations and the preparations they have made for his visit.

**‘Close to my heart’:** The Pope also offered a heartfelt greeting to “those beloved peoples who await me.”

*“These lands have suffered greatly from lengthy conflicts.”*

Pope Francis noted that the DRC “suffers from armed clashes and exploitation,” especially in the east of the country.

South Sudan, he said, has been “wracked by years of war” and “longs for an end to the constant violence that forces many people to be displaced and to live in conditions of great hardship.”

**Ecumenical pilgrimage of peace:** In his message, the Pope recalled that he will arrive in South Sudan accompanied by Anglican Archbishop Justin Welby and Rev Dr Iain Greenshields.

*“In South Sudan, I will arrive together with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Together, as brothers, we will make an ecumenical pilgrimage of peace.”*

Pope Francis wrapped up his message with an appeal for everyone to accompany his Apostolic Journey with their prayers.

**Brief overview of visit:** The first leg of this papal visit will take the Pope to the Democratic Republic of Congo from 31 January to 3 February.

He will remain in the Congolese capital, Kinshasa, where he will meet with civil authorities, victims of conflict in the east, and the Church’s local ministers.

Then, on Friday, he travels to South Sudan until 5 February for a visit which seeks to bind up the wounds of the world’s youngest nation.

Pope Francis will stay in the capital, Juba, holding meetings with various Church and civil groups, including several internally displaced people (IDPs).

He will return to Rome on Sunday following a public Mass for the faithful of South Sudan.

