

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

with

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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 2 for Weekdays

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Weekend 28th / 29th January 2023

Weekend Services at Battle

28/01	6pm	Saturday Battle	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(People of the Parish)
29/01	9am	Sunday Northiam		(Emily Sheila Fry, RIP, FM)
29/01	10.45am	Sunday Battle		(John Salter, RIP)

Weekday Services at Battle

30/01		NO MASS		
31/01	6pm	Tuesday Battle	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 4	(No Intention)
01/02	10am	Wednesday Battle	St John Bosco	(No Intention) Followed by coffee & cake in the Parish Room
02/02	6am	Thursday Battle	The Presentation of the Lord	(No Intention)
03/02	10am	Friday Battle	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 4	(No Intention)

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

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

- **First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10**

If we are prepared to share even life's essentials with others and to act with justice, then we will be very close to God.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

Our faith should not be placed in human wisdom, but in God's power.

- **Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16**

If we are truly the salt of the earth and the light of the world, people should be able to see Jesus alive and active in us.

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.
- 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/>
- **There will be an appeal in our Parish this weekend (28th / 29th January), by Lepra for World Leprosy Day.** Lepra is a non-governmental organisation (NGO), and has been working to find and assist people affected by Leprosy since 1924. Their vision is a world free from prejudice and disability due to leprosy.
- **Please join us for Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room after the 10am Mass on Wednesday** – everybody is very welcome!
- **Parish 100 Club:** Thank you to everyone that has already returned their forms. Congratulations to the winners of the final draw for this year:
£12 - Flora Weller £24 – Christine Hughes
- **Future Date for your Diary:** There will be another opportunity to join us for an hour of prayer, readings and music for all those affected by the war in Ukraine at 7pm, on Wednesday 15th February at Battle. Please join us if you can.

- **The Newman Association, Eastbourne and Bexhill:** Monday 30th January at 7.30pm Lesley Dawson will be speaking on the work of 'MATTHEW 25', an organisation that supports homeless, unemployed or otherwise vulnerable people in Eastbourne. Christ the King parish room Princes Rd., Eastbourne BN23 6HT. All welcome. For further information please contact: Alex Mthobi 07957632208 or Barbara Echlin 01424 219788.
- **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 \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.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 3 February at St Martha's, Bexhill on Sea
 - 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 \(18-Feb-2023\) . ChurchSuite Events](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk) E: Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.
- **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

Externally run

- **Worth Abbey**
Time Out individual self-guided retreats 6–9 February, 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: Never forget our brothers and sisters with Hansen's disease

“We must not forget these brothers and sisters of ours” who are afflicted by Hansen’s disease. Pope Francis offered that invitation in a message to an international symposium focusing on serving those afflicted by leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

The two-day “Leave No One Behind” symposium takes place in Rome on 23-24 January, and is sponsored by the French Raoul Follereau Foundation, Italy’s *Amici di Raoul Follereau* (“Friends of Raoul Follereau”), and the Sasakawa Leprosy (Hansen’s Disease) Initiative, in collaboration with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. The symposium is focused on achieving the goal of “zero leprosy” in the world and establishing societies where no one is left behind due to Hansen’s Disease and other NTDs.



Will we bend down to help others? : In his message sent on Monday, Pope Francis notes that “the stigma attached to leprosy continues to cause serious human rights violations in various parts of the world.” He insists that we must not ignore a disease that still affects hundreds of thousands of people around the world, especially “in more deprived social contexts.”

Basing his appeal on “the human family’s vocation to fraternity,” Pope Francis calls on everyone to ask, “Will we bend down to heal the wounds of others? Will we stoop to carry one another on our shoulders?”

“This is the present challenge, of which we should not be afraid.”

Building an inclusive society: Pope Francis then goes further, urging people to “seize the occasion of World Leprosy Day [the last Sunday in January] to review our models of development and to seek to correct the discrimination they cause.” He adds, “This is a propitious occasion to renew our commitment to building an inclusive society that leaves no one on the margins.”

Returning to the specific question of Hansen’s disease, the Pope says we must ask ourselves “how best to work with people with leprosy, treating them fully as persons and recognizing them as the main players in their struggle to participate in basic human rights and live as full members of the community.”

“I hope that this conference will help gather voices from around the world and discuss measures that can be taken to further promote respect for human dignity.”

Pope Francis expresses his sympathy for those suffering from Hansen’s disease, and encourages them in their efforts to secure spiritual support and medical care. At the same time, he invites Christian communities to allow themselves to be evangelized “by these brothers and sisters” and to be at the forefront of efforts aimed at promoting their full integration into society.