

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE  
with  
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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 2 for Weekdays

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**Private Prayer Sessions**  
**Battle**  
**Monday, Wednesday**  
**Friday 10am - 11am**

## Parish Newsletter for 26th July 2020

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **MASS PROCEDURES FOR THE WEEKEND 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> JULY**

- From Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> and for the rest of the next two weeks, scaffolding will block the entrance to the sacristy. As a result, the one-way system cannot operate at Our Lady Immaculate and St Michael, and entry and exit will be via the main door. Please observe the instructions of the Stewards when entering or exiting the church.
- We are very happy to welcome Canon Paul Jennings who will be celebrating the Masses on Saturday and Sunday in Battle and Northiam from Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The layout of the churches in Battle and Northiam are using the '1 metre plus face covering' regulations. *Please ensure that you wear a face covering at all times when in Church.*
- Thank you for following the guidelines during the Masses last weekend. It would be helpful if Stewards did not share benches with members of the congregation. This will ensure easier social distancing.
- Holy Communion will be a host placed in the hand (not on the tongue). A Steward will tell you when to approach the altar. You will see a small table at the head of the aisle. Stand close to this table and the priest will give you a Communion Host. The steward will show you back to your seat. If you are sitting on the aisle side of the bench, allow the wall side parishioners to enter the bench first: do not change places.
- When Mass is over a Steward will come to your bench and ask you to leave. Please do so as quickly as possible as the Church has to be sanitised after Mass before the next Mass or prayer session.
- If you are reading, wear gloves and a face covering. Please follow the Steward's guidance and sit on the right-hand side of the sanctuary ensuring you are 1 metre from the other reader. You may drop your mask when reading if you wish, remembering to replace it! Readers should approach the priest at the small table before

parishioners are brought to the altar. The second reader will not be joined by the first for the Responsorial Psalm. Please remain until after the priest has left the altar and then exit via the Main Door.

- Collection plates will be available as you leave the Church.
- Fr Paul will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after 6pm Mass Saturday.
- **Booking for Mass in future weeks.** If you wish to attend Mass in either of our Churches for the foreseeable future, you must first register, preferably by e-mail to [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk), or phone 01424 773125 by 9am on the Thursday of the week prior. The earlier you can do this, the better please.
- **Home Visits.** At present home visits by Ministers have been suspended. Parishioners will be informed as soon as they are able to visit.
- **Church in Battle Open for Private Prayer.** The church is our spiritual home, and parishioners are encouraged to attend if they can on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am - 11am.** In line with Diocesan regulations we are in need of more stewards. If you can help for one hour for any of the open days, please let Maggie know by e-mail: [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- **If you cannot attend Mass** and wish to follow a local live Mass, Fr Eamonn Monson from St Mary Star of the Sea in Hastings, will stream his 10am Mass on You Tube (in the search bar type in Eamonn Monson). Arundel Cathedral streams Mass here [live stream](#). <https://www.churchservices.tv> is also a source of streamed Masses.

**We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:**

**From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael:** Margaret Thunder, Ingrid Reeves, Jean Jameson, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Eileen Scott, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim Ayres.

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

### **Saint of the Week - St Martha, 29<sup>th</sup> July**

St Martha (first century) was the sister of Mary and Lazarus. Her house at Bethany was often visited by the Lord, who encouraged her to unit her busy life of work with a life of contemplation. According to tradition, St Martha was eventually driven out of Palestine and settled in Provence (France).



**A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July.** Please see the link for the A&B Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage. All are welcome to join in, not just those who normally come to Lourdes. [www.ablourdes2020.org](http://www.ablourdes2020.org)

**As Fr Tony remains away,** in cases of special need Fr Raglan Hay-Will may be contacted in Eastbourne on 01323 723222.

**The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm.** If you have yet to do so, please send Maggie in the office your updated contact details, as we would prefer not to have to send too many letters, but use e-mail for contact if possible.

**The Parish Pastoral Team** send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes. The website will be updated, and a further newsletter issued, in due course.