

**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 23rd / 24th September

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 23/09 6pm	Battle	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pedro & Carlotta Fernandes, RIP
Sunday 24/09 9am	Northiam		Rodney Atkinson, RIP
Sunday 24/09 10.45am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 25/09	NO MASS		
Tuesday 26/09 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of week 25 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Wednesday 27/09 10am	Battle	St Vincent de Paul	James Fraser, RIP
Thursday 28/09 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of week 25 in Ordinary Time	Mary Mulligan, RIP
Friday 29/09 10am	Battle	Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28**

It is right that we receive the just rewards of our actions, good or evil.

- **Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11**

In our minds we must be like Christ Jesus, who emptied himself that he might be raised by God in glory.

- **Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32**

We receive the reward of true righteousness.

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, 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, Felicity Youlten.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons.

- 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 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 we are low on Tins of Tomatoes, Fish, Hot and Cold Meat; Pot Noodles, Children's Cereals; Packets of Biscuits and Sweet Treats please - any toiletries, toilet rolls, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **The Church will now be left open** to allow you to go in at any time you want to for private prayer, or just a sit down. Please be aware there is CCTV set up at the back of the Church for health and safety reasons, as well as security.
- **Change of Tuesday and Thursday Mass times starting this week:** Please make a note in your diaries that after this weekend, following the Equinox on Saturday 23rd September, Tuesday Mass times will change to 6.30pm and Thursday Mass times will change to 6.30am.
- **Hastings-Bexhill Catenians:** The Catenians are a Charitable Group who, as well as supporting Catholics to keep their faith in sociable, friendly groups, can also offer some financial assistance with the costs for going to Lourdes or similar faith related events for

those between 16-24 years. They are always looking for new members, please take a leaflet from the back of the Church or look at their website www.sussexcatenians.org for more information. They are a true fellowship believing a friend in need is always a friend indeed.

- **Your parish and the deanery urgently need parishioners to help run a short Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples.** The course is one designed by the diocese that couples preparing to marry have to attend as a condition prior to marriage and all materials are provided.

It is run over four 2 hour sessions on the dates and times that you would choose. You can be couples or individuals to run the course and all training would be given. It is an enjoyable course and one where you, with your experience of marriage, have a great deal to offer the couples looking to spend the rest of their lives together.

If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact Fr Richard

- **Parish 100 Club Winners for August & September!**

August: £12 - Joe Hanson, £24 – Pam Bourne

September: £12 – James Eade, £24 – Peter Lamont

Congratulations to you all!

- 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

Diocesan run events

- **Anti-Slavery Day – Slavery on Your Doorstep - Wednesday 18 October 6.30-8pm** at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, 2 Bristol Road, Kemptown, Brighton BN2 1AP. Come and find out how modern slavery is very much here in our local area, and how we can respond.
- **Liturgy of the Word with Children – Leaders’ Training – Saturday 11 November 10am–1pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the Liturgy of the Word with Children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel.
- 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 events

- **Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group:** We continue to be in need of good quality secondhand clothes for people held in detention. Some arrive with only the clothes they are wearing and in some cases these clothes are wet. Only men are held at Gatwick and so we do not need women’s clothes. Here is the list of what we need in all sizes: Jeans, T-shirts, jogging bottoms, coats, jumpers, belts and trainers size 6 – 13. Please contact Nasima T: 01293 657070 or E: nasima@gdwg.org.uk . Items can also be left at Arundel Cathedral in the old chest labelled GDWG at the back of the Cathedral, near the font/baptistry.

- **Worth Abbey: CS Lewis – a prophet of our time - Saturday 28 October 10am-4pm Cost: £30 includes tea/coffee but please bring a pack lunch:** Guest speaker: Robert Elliott. A semi-retired University lecturer, Robert has a lifelong interest in C S Lewis and describes himself as “a mere Christian”.
- **Benedictine living with change - 10-12 October Cost: £220 per person:** Fr Peter Williams OSB An exploration into how to live well and fruitfully with a world in a state of constant and rapid change. Fr Peter shares some Benedictine insights and is joined by Ed Lamont – lifestyle coach & author – as he shares his thoughts from a business perspective.
- **Living with Loss – a retreat 13-16 November Cost £330 per person:** Led by Simon Holland Brown; an integrative therapist who specialises in anxiety, depression and bereavement. The loss of someone close to you can trigger an overwhelming mixture of emotions while you try to process them. We are offering time, space and support to engage with your experience in a healing way.
- **Benedictine IGR (Individually guided retreat) 16-22 October, 11-17 March, 8-14 July Cost: £110 per person, per night (minimum 3 nights):** An IGR is an individual guided retreat and an opportunity to participate in a contemplative retreat. Strong Benedictine flavour and at its centre a daily individual meeting with an experienced spiritual director. The retreat would suit someone seriously journeying in the spiritual life, someone in discernment or at a transition point in life or maybe needing to make an important decision. With a maximum of 10 participants, the retreat is largely held in silence and will also follow the daily rhythm of the monastic office.
- **Time Out – Individual self-guided retreats 2-5 October, 11-15 December, 22-28 January Cost: £90 per person, per night:** Spend some time at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, space for reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. 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.
- **Advent Retreat 4-6 December Cost: £220 per person:** An opportunity to prepare during the season of Advent, a time of expectant waiting, for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ (led by a member of the monastic community).
- For all events book online at W: www.worth.co.uk T: 01342 710318

Vatican News

Pope to Vatican pharmacists: 'Your work requires a supplement of charity'
 Meeting on Monday some 150 men religious and lay employees of the Vatican Pharmacy as they prepare to celebrate the 150th anniversary of its foundation in 2024, Pope Francis, thanked them for their “professionalism and dedication”, but also for “the spirit of welcome and availability” with which they carry out their work.



150 years of service to the Roman Curia

Introducing his address in the Clementine Hall, the Pope briefly recalled the history of the pharmacy which was founded in 1874 as a pharmaceutical dispensary for the Pope and cardinals by Blessed Pope Pius IX, who realized a dream of his predecessor, Pope Gregory XVI.

The dispensary was entrusted to the Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God (commonly known as the "Brothers of Mercy", and in Italian as "Fatebenefratelli", meaning "Do-Good Brothers"), who for over four centuries have been carrying out a wide range of health and social service activities around the world.

The Pope highlighted, in particular, the precious assistance provided by the Vatican Pharmacy and the Fatebenefratelli to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council hailing from all over the world.

In time the pharmacy has extended its services not only to Vatican employees and residents of Vatican City, but also to other people who need particular medicines which can't be found elsewhere. Today more than 50 per cent of the people it serves come from outside Vatican City.

Providing a "supplement of charity" to the most vulnerable

Pope Francis warmly thanked the Fatebenefratelli and all the staff of the pharmacy for this work. He remarked that their service differs from that offered by other pharmacies, not only because it serves the Successor of Peter and the Roman Curia, but also because it requires a "supplement of charity" towards the most vulnerable and the sick.

Noting that among the people they serve there are many elderly people, who often need "not only medicine, but attention, a smile, a word of comfort", Pope Francis stressed the importance of patience and of transmitting "courage and closeness" in their work as a "testimony to the Gospel": "Yours is not a job, it's a mission", he said.

"Don't forget this: the apostolate of the ears. Listening, listening.... At times it seems boring, but for the person speaking it is a caress from God through you."

Serving the sick is serving God

Concluding Pope Francis exhorted the employees of the Vatican Pharmacy to raise their eyes every now and then towards the Crucifix and turn their "gaze to the wounded God", reminding them that "The service you do to the sick is service to Him."

"It's beautiful to draw patience and benevolence from the heavenly Doctor, and the strength to love, without getting tired. At His school, from the desk of the Cross to the pharmacy counter, may you too be dispensers of mercy every day]"