

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE
with
ST TERESA OF LISIEUX, HORNS CROSS

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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

**6pm Saturday 5th September -
Battle (Grace McAdie RIP
& Veronica Molloy RIP)**

**9am Sunday 6th September -
Northiam (Intention of
Hugh Lobo)**

**10.45am Sunday 6th September
- Battle (Richard Powell RIP)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
after 6pm Mass Saturdays**

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 5th / 6th September 2020

- Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions for the weekend Masses.
- Mass Intentions passed to Fr Tony earlier this year will be said by Fr Paul privately, unless you would specifically like them to be said at one of the weekend masses, in which case you will need to contact the Parish Office.
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, or drop a note through the Presbytery door, thank you.
- In cases of special need Fr Raglan Hay-Will may be contacted in Eastbourne on 01323 723222.

Mass Procedures for the Weekend 5th / 6th September

- Arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass.
- There is a one-way system in operation at Our Lady Immaculate and St Michael, entrance will be through the Sacristy and exit will be via the main door. Please observe the instructions of the Stewards when entering or exiting the church.
- 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.*
- Holy Communion will be a host placed in the hand (not on the tongue). A Steward will tell you when to approach the altar. Stand close to the small table at the head of the

aisle and the priest will give you a Communion Host. The steward will show you back to your seat: do not change places and please allow parishioners sitting by the wall to enter the bench first.

- When Mass is over – please wait in your bench until a Steward asks you to leave and maintain a one-metre separation and please keep your face covering in place until you leave the church. Please do so as quickly as possible as the Church has to be sanitised after Mass before the next Mass or prayer session.
- Collection plates will be available as you leave the Church.
- A continued thank you to our Church Stewards.
- Please dispose of used masks and gloves in the white bins in Church and not in the house recycling bins.

- **Booking for Mass in future weeks**

At present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended. For those wishing 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, or phone 01424 773125 **by 9am on the Thursday of the week prior** - the earlier in the week you can do this, the better please as the office closes at lunchtime on Thursday. This is necessary to ensure compliance with Diocesan Guidelines on social distancing in our small churches.

- **Baptisms and other Sacraments** - Please contact the Parish Office with any requests.

- **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. More stewards please!** Let Maggie know by e-mail: battle@abdiocese.org.uk if you can spare an hour on any of these mornings.

- **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). <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, Jack Morgan, Richard Widenka.

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

Offertory - There will be a Special Collection next weekend (12th/13th September) for Holy Places.

Advance Notice - First Holy Communion Celebration in Battle

Sunday 4th October will be First Holy Communion Day in our parish family. At the 10.45am Sunday Mass, MILLHEN, KELYAN and EVELYNN along with KIRINDI and ELI will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. Please remember them and their families at this very special time for them and for our whole parish family.

Battle Food Bank

We are very grateful to Jempsons Supermarket who are selling groceries to the Food Bank at cost price. Due to the pandemic food donations are very low, however cash donations will maintain this essential lifeline for the local community. If you would like to donate or can volunteer to help pack and deliver food parcels, please contact Sally for more information. Email: sparrygb@gmail.com

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on **27 September 2020**. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen **"Forced like Jesus Christ to flee"**. The message will focus on the pastoral care of internally displaced people (IDPs), who currently number over 41 million worldwide. As the title makes clear, the message originates in the experience of the young Jesus and his family as displaced persons and refugees.

Saints of the Week

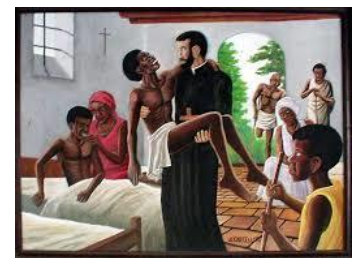
The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8th September

Nothing is known for sure about the details of the Blessed Virgin's birth. Even her parents, traditionally known as St Joachim and St Anne, are not mentioned in Sacred Scripture. Today's feast originated in the East, probably during the sixth century, and was later introduced to the West. A French legend tells of a man hearing angels singing on the night of 8 September and being told that the Virgin Mary had been born on that night. Her earthly birth is celebrated (like that of St John the Baptist) because it announced to the world the coming of Jesus, the beginning of the New Covenant.



St Peter Claver, Priest - 9th September

St Peter Claver (1580-1654) was born at Verdú in Catalonia (Spain) and entered the Society of Jesus. In 1610 he was sent to Colombia and began his life's work among the slaves. He cared for them and baptised more than 300,000 during his thirty-three years of tireless ministry.



The Most Holy Name of Mary - 12th September

The name of Mary is regarded as holy because it is the name of the Mother of God, her who brought the Saviour into the world. The feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary was added to the Universal Calendar in 1684 by Blessed Innocent XI, commemorating the defeat of the Turks at the gates of Vienna the previous year: a powerful example of the might of the Blessed Virgin's intercession.



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.