

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Weekend 14th / 15th January 2023

Weekend Services at Battle

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| 14/01 | 6pm | Saturday Battle | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | (Intention of Maureen Ashing, Vern Ashing RIP & Claire Ashing RIP) |
| 15/01 | 9am | Sunday Northiam | | (Michael Beaty- Pownall, RIP) |
| 15/01 | 10.45am | Sunday Battle | | (People of the Parish) |

Weekday Services at Battle

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| 16/01 | | NO MASS | | |
| 17/01 | 6pm | Tuesday Battle | St Antony, Abbot | (No Intention) |
| 18/01 | 10am | Wednesday Battle | Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 2 | (No Intention) |
| 19/01 | 6am | Thursday Battle | Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 2 | (Douglas Ashing, RIP, FM) |
| 20/01 | 10am | Friday Battle | Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 2 | (No Intention) |

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

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

- **First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3**

People who once suffered invasion and war will one day be blessed with the joy of true light and liberty.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17**

Paul appeals for unity among the followers of the Lord.

- **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Jesus begins his mission in Galilee with the light of his teaching and his healing power.

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/>
- **Induction of Fr Richard by Bishop Richard and Parish Lunch This Sunday 15th January 2023.** Bishop Richard will be visiting our Parish to celebrate the Induction of Fr Richard at the 10.45am Mass at Battle, please join us if you can. This will be followed by a Parish Lunch in the Wynne Room, at Battle Memorial Hall. The lunch is free, but any donations will be very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Thank you to everyone that has already returned their forms. The last draw for this present 100 Club is this month. The forms for 2023 are now available – please think of joining, or re-joining for this year. The £12 is divided, half for prizes and half for Church maintenance. Please fill in an application form and hand it in to the Parish Office for the attention of Maggie. Thank you.
- **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**
 - Saturday 21 January at St John the Evangelist, Horsham
 - 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.
- **Days of Reflection for Ministers, led by Bishop Richard:**

Saturday 21 January 2023 at St Bernadette's church, Tilgate, Crawley – for Ministers of the Word 11am – 4pm

The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones, Lectio Divina and mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Please sign up at: [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(21-Jan-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk) E: Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.
- **Annual Justice and Peace Assembly - Hungry for Change. Saturday 28 January 2023 9.30-1.30pm. The Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP**

Please join us at our Annual Justice and Peace assembly which will explore food and conflict and positive steps we can make. With Bishop Richard and speakers from CAFOD, Pax Christi and the Ecological Conversion Group. This event is free of charge but booking is requested, so that we have an idea of numbers. This can be done through the Diocesan website or the following booking link [Annual Justice & Peace Assembly "Hungry for Change" \(28-Jan-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk)

For more information, please contact Tessa Ricketts E: Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk
- **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](#) 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

➤ **Crib Offering to support the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund**

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) is helping local disadvantaged families facing severe hardship due to the cost-of-living crisis. Through their A&B Crisis Fund, CCS is providing immediate, practical support to families in need. There are many vulnerable families in need of support with parishes across Arundel & Brighton donating their Crib Offering to support this important work. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's A&B Crisis Fund to support local families in need. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website W: www.cathchild.org.uk/crib Please contact Emily Mundon E: emilym@cathchild.org.uk if your parish would like to support the appeal and require posters, gift aid envelopes or any further information.

➤ **Worth Abbey**

Time Out individual self-guided retreats 20–22 January, 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 prays for Ukrainian and Russian mothers who lost children in war

Pope Francis asked everyone to remember our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine where the war continues to take its toll where people are struggling without electricity and heat, a Christmas marked by war. We must never forget them, he emphasised.

Pray for Ukrainian and Russian mothers:

Recalling that during this time, we focus especially on the Blessed Mother and her Child, whom she nursed and raised, we cannot help but think of the mothers who have lost their children in this war, both Ukrainian and Russian. He asked everyone to pray for the mothers who have lost their children, soldiers in this war on both sides, recalling how this is the tragic price of war, for which we must pray for an end and a stop to all this suffering.



Head of Maronite Church to visit UK

His Beatitude Cardinal Bechara Boutros Al-Rahi, will make his first-ever pastoral visit to the United Kingdom from 7th to 14th January 2023, to meet Christian church leaders and members

of his church based there. The Lebanese-born Cardinal, the Patriarch of Antioch and head of the Maronite Church, will also be bringing the voice of suffering Lebanese Christians at a time of unprecedented political and economic turmoil in their country. The Maronite Church makes up the largest Christian denomination in Lebanon and has become its leading voice.



The Lebanese crisis: For nearly three years, Lebanon has been assailed by the most devastating multi-pronged crisis in its modern history, with a crippling economic and financial crisis that started in October 2019 that has been exacerbated by the impact of Covid-19 and the massive Port of Beirut explosion in August 2020. In these dramatic years, Cardinal Al-Rahi has spoken up, especially for the 80 per cent of the population that has been pushed into poverty, and repeatedly expressed his concerns for the survival of Christianity in the Middle East. A statement released by the charity Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) explains: “These issues and the concerns of members of the Maronite Church, both in Lebanon and across the globe, will be among the topics Cardinal al-Rahi will address during his talks with Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster; the Rt Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, Patron of Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East; the Most Revd Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham; the Maronite parish in London; Church leaders in the Midlands; British Government ministers; British parliamentarians; and representatives of the British and foreign diplomatic corps.”

The visit: According to the statement, Cardinal Bechara Al-Rahi’s visit is set to unfold under many declinations:

Pastoral: at the invitation of Revd Fadi Kmeid and the Maronite Parish of London, the Patriarch will celebrate Sunday Mass in the Maronite Rite at Ealing Abbey.

Ecclesial: at the invitation of Revd Ignatius Harrison, Provost of Birmingham Oratory, the Patriarch will preside over a Mass in the Maronite Rite concelebrated by the Archbishop of Birmingham and his diocesan clergy, at the Shrine of St John Henry Newman, in celebration of the communion that exists between the Holy See and the Maronite Patriarchate.

Ecumenical: at the invitation of the Most Revd Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, the Patriarch will participate in an Ecumenical Vespers at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, attended by Church leaders from across all denominations in the Midlands, at which the preacher will be Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald.

Patriarchal: The Patriarch will attend meetings with, amongst others: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales; Rt Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of the Church of England; British parliamentarians; British Government ministers; and representatives of the British and foreign diplomatic corps.

The Maronite Church: The Maronite Church, whose origins date back to the early 4th century, is in full communion with the Bishop of Rome as a sui iuris particular church. Maronites number approximately 4 million in the world, of which roughly a quarter live in Lebanon, where they constitute up to 30% of the national population, and three-quarters live outside the Middle East.

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East: The ecclesial and ecumenical events of the Patriarch’s visit are organized by FACE. The charity's mission is to help Christians in the Middle East to remain in their homelands, to promote development and to offer pastoral assistance and support. FACE also works to preserve the heritage of the Eastern Churches, supporting communities and church leaders by offering grants for local projects dedicated to education, health care and spirituality.