

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,
BATTLE**

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 27th / 28th July 2024

Saturday 27/07 6pm	Battle	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Sunday 28/07 9am	Northiam		Denis Meares, RIP
Sunday 28/07 11am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 29/07	NO MASS		
Tuesday 30/07 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Wednesday 31/07 10am	Battle	Saint Ignatius Loyola	No Intention
Thursday 01/08 10.30am	Battle	Saint Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori	Funeral Mass of Michael Charles Clarke, RIP
Friday 02/08 10am	Battle	Friday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time	Maud Dominica Petre, RIP (FM)
Saturday 03/08 6pm	Battle	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Grace McAdie, RIP
Sunday 04/08 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 04/08 11am	Battle		Intention of Iiya and Harry

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15**

In the desert, the Israelites forgot the blessings of escaping from slavery, and instead grumbled that they were hungry.

- **Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17. 20-24**

We are called to a new life in Christ.

- **Gospel: John 6:24-35**

The people whom Jesus fed followed him in the search for more bread, not realising that they should have been looking for bread which would last forever.

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, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton.

From St Teresa's: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, 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 RIP, Katie Spall RIP.

- **We need more Readers for the Sunday 11am Mass at Battle please.** It doesn't have to be every week, but we are very short of people to cover if our regular readers are away, and it would be lovely to give new people a chance if they wish. Please let Fr Richard, Kate or the office know, if you would like to put your name down. Very many thanks.
- **Mass changes during August:** Please note there will be NO TUESDAY 6.30am or THURSDAY 6.30pm MASSES THROUGHOUT AUGUST. Masses will be back to normal from 2nd September.
- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday in the Parish Room at 10am with Lindsey. New members always welcome! Please stay for a relaxed coffee and chat afterwards too. Contact the office for more information: 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Battle Foodbank** - needs this week are 500gm bags of sugar; Chocolate Treats; Sunflower/Vegetable Oil; Tomato Ketchup and Brown Sauce please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome thank you.
- **Mary's Meals Foreign Currency Initiative:** With only 1 week to go before Mary's Meals foreign currency collection please have another a good look in the cupboard you never open, under the bed etc. Talk to friends and neighbours, maybe they have spare foreign coins/notes as well? We know that over the years foreign coins and notes end up in all sorts of odd places so please hunt high and low; remember we'll also gladly take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender anymore. Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities. We feed over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education

Parish 100 Club: Congratulations to the winners of the June & July draws

(sorry I forgot again!!)

June: £12 – Kate Grun, £24 – Helena Powell

July: £12 – Joe Hanson, £24 - Rose-Marie O'Brien

- 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.
- 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/news

- **Diocesan Choral Director** - the latest career opportunity is on the Diocesan website
W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers>
Full Time: 35 hours per week, term time only (41 weeks) to include flexible working evening/weekends where required. Part-time candidates will be considered. Fixed Term Contract (2 years). Salary: £26,000 to £28,000 (pro rata for reduced hours). Based at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, with travel to 12 schools in Sussex. Application deadline: 12 noon on Thursday 18 July. Interviews: Monday 22 July 2024.
- **Catechists' Day – Saturday 21 September 11am - 4pm at Worth School:** For all catechists and those involved in adult formation across our parishes: a day of formation, reflection and networking. Sign up at [Catechists' Day \(21-Sep-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website. Any queries please email E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 12 October 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral**
Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place please use the attached link [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(12-Oct-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website.
- You can find out about, and book events hosted by the Diocese, through the Diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>
- The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist - it's a great way to stay in touch!

Externally run events/news

- **Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group:** People held at the two Immigration Removal Centres at Gatwick often arrive with only the clothes they are wearing. Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group would be extremely grateful for good quality second hand men's clothes (only men are held at Gatwick) in all sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL and XXXL. They need the following: Jeans or jogging bottoms or chinos (not suit trousers), T-shirts, jumpers, hoodies, jackets (not suit jackets), flip flops or trainers in sizes 8, 9, 10, holdalls, backpacks or suitcases. Also, new socks or boxers - we don't distribute second-hand underwear. Delivery to our office in Crawley would be very helpful – The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD. The office is not manned all the time. Please telephone the office before coming; M: 07804 903157. With many thanks for your generosity in the past.

Vatican News

Pope appeals for Olympic Truce for war-torn nations

Pope Francis on Sunday expressed his hope that the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games provide the opportunity for warring nations to respect an ancient Greek tradition and establish a truce for the duration of the Games. “According to ancient tradition, may the Olympics be an opportunity to establish a truce in wars, demonstrating a sincere will for peace,” he said.



Pope Francis was speaking after the recitation of the Angelus prayer in St Peter's Square. He recalled that this week the Paris Olympic Games will begin, followed by the Paralympic Games, and noted that “Sport also has a great social power, capable of peacefully uniting people from different cultures.”

“I hope that this event can be a sign of the inclusive world we want to build and that the athletes, with their sporting testimony, may be messengers of peace and valuable models for the young,” he said.

The tradition of the Olympic truce: The tradition of the “Olympic Truce” originally aimed to allow safe participation in the ancient Olympic Games for all athletes and spectators from Greek city-states who were constantly engaged in conflict with each other.

In the 1990s the International Olympic Committee decided to revive the concept of the Olympic Truce with a view to protecting the interests of the athletes and sport in general and to harness the power of sport to promote peace, dialogue and reconciliation more broadly.

Prayers for peace: As always, the Pope did not neglect to ask for prayers for peace. “Let us not forget the martyred Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Myanmar, and many other countries at war. Let us not forget, let us not forget, war is a defeat!” he appealed.