

**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 21st / 22nd October
2023**

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 21/10 6pm	Battle	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Grace McAdie, RIP
Sunday 22/10 9am	Northiam		Theodore & Sheila Fry, RIP, FM
Sunday 22/10 10.45am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 23/10	NO MASS		
Tuesday 24/10 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time	Sir John & Dorothy, Lady Keeling, RIP, FM
Wednesday 25/10 10am	Battle	Wednesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time	Fred Regan, RIP followed by the Rosary
Thursday 26/10 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of week 29 in Ordinary Time	Thomas Mulligan, RIP
Friday 27/10 10am	Battle	Friday of week 29 in Ordinary Time	No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26**

The Lord will hear the cry of those who call out to him, for he is full of compassion.

- **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

The people who broke with idolatry and converted to God now follow the risen Jesus.

- **Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40**

The greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbour.

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 Youtlen.

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** – following the fantastic harvest donations we have received we are quite well stocked at the moment but any toiletries, toilet rolls, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **This Sunday is World Mission Sunday** and there will be a Second Collection for Missio. World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission you will help missionaries like Sr Mary who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk.
- **October is Rosary month:** As the month of October is Rosary month, Fr Richard has given permission for a small group of the Parish to say the Rosary after Mass on the Wednesdays during October. Everyone is welcome to stay and join in.

- **Advance Notice Weekend Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November:**
Mass at Battle will be at the earlier time of 5pm to allow everyone to get home before the road closures due to the Battle Bonfire celebrations.
- On Sunday 5th November, there will NO Mass at 9am at St Teresa's instead there will be a Mass at 2pm followed by a Blessing of Graves and then refreshments.
- **Exciting News! New 'Move It' Club – Thursdays, 10-11am in the Parish Room.** This is aimed especially at our more senior, or less mobile parishioners is a friendly session offering gentle exercise to improve mobility, strength and balance - followed by coffee/tea and biscuits. Exercises can be adapted for those who would prefer to remain seated throughout. Qualified teacher. No charge, but donations towards refreshments gratefully received. See the flyer or contact Lindsey for more information.
Mob: 0772494239 Email: lindseyfwilson@outlook.com. Why not come along and join in!
- **APF MILL HILL MISSIONS - RED BOXES: BATTLE**
I am now undertaking the annual return when we ask all Battle holders to hand in their box at church to be emptied so that in order that I can complete our annual return .Please can you bring your box into Mass over the next couple of weeks or by the end of November and hand it to Father or myself. If anyone has difficulty bringing in their box, please let me know and I will collect it. Thank you. Suzanne 07958 353722
- **Battle Community Choir Concert this Sunday 22nd October, 2pm at the Emmanuel Centre:** Members of the Battle Community Choir accompanied by Stephen Page have arranged a concert featuring the music of Gershwin and Cole Porter and more songs from the 20's and 30's. Donations, in lieu of entry tickets, will be in aid of Battle Methodist Church. There will be light refreshments in the interval.
- **Saints & Sinners Concert: Our Lady of Ransom Church (Grange Road, BN21 4EU) – Saturday 4th November, 7.30pm** with refreshments interval midway. An evening of secular and sacred music and storytelling, exploring and celebrating the journey of faith as saints and sinners on the road. John Holstrom (keyboard) and Dominic Dring (saxophone, flute and vocals), Elisha Dring (singer) and special guests. Donation (suggest £5 to £10) on the night, with money raised going towards a local charity.
- 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

- **Liturgy of the Word with Children – Leaders' Training – Saturday 11 November 10am–1pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP**
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. Please register using the link [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(11-Nov-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

➤ **Marriage Catechists' Day – Saturday 18 November 11am-3.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP**

Are you involved with, or would like to be involved with, supporting couples on their engagement journey towards marriage? Bishop Richard invites you to join him for our annual day of formation. We will be looking at the impact of the new pastoral plan on the Diocesan preparation scheme and on the need to support couples in their communities. Please register using the link [Marriage Catechists Day \(18-Nov-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events)

➤ 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

➤ **Who cares? We do. Let's Grow Together**

A free support group for people going through divorce and separation. This is a self-help group run by others who have experienced this loss and change in their lives and are on a recovery journey. We meet monthly in various locations in West Sussex and Surrey. Contact one of our group leaders Caroline or John: E: whocares.team@outlook.com The next meeting of the group is on 4 November at St Joseph's Church Hall, Dorking RH43DL. Car parking behind Church.

Vatican News

Pope renews appeal for respect of Humanitarian Law in Gaza

Pope Francis has renewed his urgent appeal to Israelis and Palestinian fighters to stop perpetrating violence and spilling "innocent blood".

Speaking during the Angelus on Sunday he said he is following the situation in the Holy Land "with much pain, and is thinking in particular of the children and the elderly.

"I renew my call for the release of the hostages and I strongly demand that children, the elderly, women and all civilians are not victims of the conflict, he said.

Respect for Humanitarian Law and humanitarian corridors: He also renewed his call for the respect of Humanitarian Law, "especially in Gaza where there is an urgent need to guarantee humanitarian corridors and to rescue the entire population."

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Wars are always a defeat: "Brothers and sisters," the Pope cried, "so many have already died: please do not spill any more innocent blood, neither in the Holy land, nor in Ukraine, nor anywhere else."

Repeating his firm belief that wars are always a defeat, the Holy Father invited all believers to join the Church in the Holy Land next Tuesday, 17 October, for a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace.



“Please do not shed any more innocent blood, neither in the Holy Land, nor in Ukraine, nor anywhere else! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!”

“Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war,” he said.

Thousands of victims: A week on from the deadliest attack Israel has ever seen, it is widely expected that the country’s military will attack Gaza by land, air and sea.

After warning over a million Palestinians living in north Gaza to evacuate south on Friday, thousands of people have been fleeing by vehicle, on bicycle or on foot. The World Health Organization says another Israeli order to evacuate more than twenty hospitals in northern Gaza was tantamount to a death sentence for some of the sick and injured.

Hospitals in Gaza are already facing a public health catastrophe. Over the last week, more than 2,000 people have been killed in Israel's bombing campaign of Gaza and thousands have sought medical treatment.

Meanwhile, local media reports foreign humanitarian aid is piling up in Egyptian Sinai, bordering the Gaza Strip, without reaching Palestinian territory. Shipments of Jordanian, Turkish and Emirati aid landed at El-Arich airport, the capital of North Sinai, as well as medical equipment sent by the World Health Organization (WHO).

In another development, the Pentagon has ordered a second warship to be sent to the Mediterranean. The American Secretary of Defence, Lloyd Austin, announced the deployment of the "Dwight Eisenhower" to the region "to deter hostile actions against Israel" or any effort aimed at expanding the conflict. At the same time, the US Embassy in Israel has given details of how it will attempt to evacuate people by sea from Haifa to Cyprus on Monday. The U.S. government is assisting citizens and their immediate family members to depart by sea to Cyprus, the journey to Limassol port is expected to take ten to twelve hours. Elsewhere, a man was killed in Shtula, in northern Israel by an anti-tank missile fired from Lebanon, the Israeli army announced. “The army responded by opening fire and destroyed Hezbollah positions and the source of the fire,” Daniel Hagari, an army spokesman, told reporters. According to the Haaretz website, three other people were hurt.

This conflict erupted when the Palestinian militant group Hamas launched a lethal attack on Israel on 7 October, with gunmen entering communities near the Gaza Strip, killing 1,300 people, and taking dozens of civilians - including women and children – as hostages.