

Coronavirus Advice

The advice from Public Health England was sent last week to all parishes and schools. It has been confirmed that there is no need to take any additional precautions for communion because the government has given assurance that people remain at low risk. Those with colds or flu symptoms, should refrain from taking communion on the tongue and refrain from taking the chalice as a matter of course.

Battle Food Bank

We are very short of cold meat; fish; fruit; small bottles of squash; UHT milk; small bags of sugar; chocolate treats and small boxes (ie 40 bags) of tea bags. Smaller packets of cereal, jam and potatoes are also getting low. Thank you.

CAFOD DEANERY LENT SERVICE

This takes place on Sunday 8th March, at 3 pm, in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Bexhill. The Service will be based on Saint Oscar Romero's Stations of the Cross and will include a talk on the 'Hands On' in Colombia Programme. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall afterwards and there will be an opportunity for questions/chat. We look forward to seeing you.

Saints of the Week

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday

The beginning of Lent and a Day of Fasting and Abstinence



Let today be the
day you give up
who you've been
for you who can
become.

Blessed Ash Wednesday

God Bless -- *Fr Tony*

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23rd FEBRUARY 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

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OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL BATTLE with ST TERESA OF LISIEUX NORTHIAM

The Presbytery, 14 Mount Street, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0EG

MASSES FOR THE WEEK: SAT 22nd – SAT 29th FEBRUARY 2020

SAT: 22nd 6.00pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUN: 23rd 9.00am DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MURPHY FAMILY
– ST TERESA'S
10.45am CONSTANCE CANE, R.I.P. (F.M.) - BATTLE
MON: 24th 10.00am JOSEPHINE WONG, R.I.P.
TUES: 25th 10.00am CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
WED: 26th 10.00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12.30pm TERRY & AUDREY EVANS, R.I.P. – ST TERESA'S
7.00pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH - BATTLE
THURS: 27th 2.00pm REQUIEM MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOUL OF RICHARD MEADE, R.I.P. –
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, ST LEONARDS
FRI: 28th 10.00am FR DAVID SUTCLIFFE, R.I.P.
SAT: 29th NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

The Lord commissions his people to imitate him in holiness, and shows that love is the heart of both divine and human law.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

The heart of St Paul's teaching is the indwelling of the Trinity within us. Here he uses the illustration of our bodies being temples of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus renews the call to holiness and shows some of the practical applications necessary.

Events and Feast Days This Week

Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday.

Wednesday – the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which is a day of fasting in abstinence.

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.

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

Offertory

The collection for the weekend of 15th & 16th February was £243.26 in Battle and £64.50 in Northiam. £192.24 was collected for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Thank you all for your generosity.

Sacramental Programmes

First Communion: The next meeting of the First Communion Group is on Monday 24th February at 4.30pm, in the Presbytery. The meetings in March are: Monday 9th March and Monday 23rd March.

Lenten Happenings

- Our **Taizé Evening** is on Tuesday 10th March at 7pm.
- Our **three Station Masses** will be at 7pm on:
 - Tuesday 3rd March
 - Tuesday 24th March
 - Tuesday 31st March
- **Penitential Services**
There will be two Deanery Penitential Services:
 - Friday 27th March at 7pm – St Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill
 - Tuesday 7th April at 7pm – St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonards
- **Ecumenical Prayer Group**
The Prayer Group will be held during Holy Week at the Lady Chapel in St Mary the Virgin Church, with breakfast after the prayers.
 - Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th April,
 - Starting at 8am followed by breakfast at 8.30am.
- There is **no Walk of Witness** this year.

Parish 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the February draw, the first of the new year:
£15 – Robert Mulligan, £25 – John Clemence

1st MARCH 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

MASSES FOR THE WEEK: SAT 29th FEBRUARY – SUN 8th MARCH 2020

SAT: 29th 6.00pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUN: 1st 9.00am RICHARD MEADE, R.I.P. – ST TERESA'S
10.45am JEANNE COGDELL, R.I.P. - BATTLE
MON: 2nd 12noon REQUIEM MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOUL OF AUDREY EVANS, R.I.P. – ST TERESA'S
TUES: 3rd 7.00pm FIRST STATION MASS –
FR CHARLES JEFFRIES, R.I.P. - BATTLE
WED: 4th NO MASS
THURS: 5th 10.00am KEVIN GASKIN, R.I.P. (F.M.)
FRI: 6th 10.00am FR EDWARD STUART BELL, R.I.P.
SAT: 7th 10.00am CELEBRANT'S INTENTION
6.00pm JULIE LOBO, R.I.P.
SUN: 8th 9.00am AUDREY & TERRY EVANS, R.I.P. – ST TERESA'S
10.45am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – BATTLE

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am – 9.50am

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A way to lie is to tell people what they want to hear, for pride makes us gullible.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Death entered the world through sin; God's life entered the world through Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Friends do not use each other, but if he cannot make us deny God, Satan wishes us to use God, so we will not be friends with God.

Events and Feast Days This Week

Wednesday is the memorial of St Cashmir.

Friday is the Women's World Day of Prayer and is Lent Fast Day.

Notice of Intention to Marry

For those of you considering marriage please be aware that this Diocese requires that you contact the parish in which you wish to be married **12 months** beforehand, in order to begin the appropriate preparation and complete the required paperwork. Thank you.