

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

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**  
**Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Weekend Mass Times**

**6pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

- Battle (Grace McAdie &  
Veronica Molloy, RIP)

**9am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

- Northiam  
(Jenny Thompson RIP)

**10.45am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

- Battle (Richard Meade RIP)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**after 6pm Mass Saturdays**

**We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:**

**From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael:** Margaret Thunder, Jean Jameson, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Eileen Scott, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Jack Morgan, Richard Widenka.

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

- **If you used to receive a visit** from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, (Special Ministers) and this is no longer the case, or if you know of someone that is sick or housebound, and would appreciate the prayers of our Parish, please let the office know on either 01424 773125 or e-mail [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- **Prayer Intentions:** During these uncertain and worrying times, there are many people out there who are suffering in one way or another, whether it be through illness or loneliness,

taking an exam, or for any reason at all. Many of these are non-parishioners or non-Catholics but would appreciate and benefit from all our prayers. If you know of somebody you would like to be added to our list, please either e-mail the office: [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk), or pass their name on to one of the stewards or to Fr Paul after the weekend Masses.

- Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions, they will be said 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](mailto: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.
- **When You Join Us at Mass this Weekend.** So that we can all feel safe, please observe the instructions of the stewards, and ensure that you wear a face covering at all times when in Church. A steward will guide you at Communion time and the Priest will place Holy Communion on your hand. You may place your Offertory Thanksgiving in the collection plate which will be available as you leave the church. We need to follow the Government and Diocesan Guidelines on social distancing, so if you know you intend to join us at Mass in either of our churches one weekend, it will be a great help if you let us know so that we can allocate you a place, preferably by e-mail to [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk), or phone 01424 773125 by 9am on Thursday, as the office closes at lunchtime on Thursday. If you are new to the Parish, please let us know and we will send you a New Parishioner Form. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **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](mailto: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 live Mass Arundel Cathedral streams Mass here [live stream](https://www.churchservices.tv). <https://www.churchservices.tv> is also a source of streamed Masses.

#### Notes for your diary

- On Friday the new diocesan website goes on line. Take a look, see who's who and what's happening in the diocese: <https://abdiocese.org.uk>.
- **This year, the Solemnity of All Saints** will be celebrated on the weekend October 31/November 1. Mass times will be as usual. On MONDAY 2nd there will be Mass for All Souls at 10.00am at Battle.
- **Offertory.** There is a Special Collection this weekend for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Next weekend (17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October) is World Mission Sunday (Gift Aid).

- **CAFOD Family Fast Day.** This weekend, 10/11 October our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease - let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected. You can donate : **online** at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give), using one of the **envelopes** or **Text CAFOD to 70085** to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **CAFODNOINFO to 70085**
- **APF Mill Hill Missions - Red Boxes Battle**  
I am now undertaking the annual return when we ask all Battle Red Box holders to hand in their box to be emptied. Please bring your box into Mass over the next couple of weeks or hand it in to the office on a Monday or Thursday morning 9.30am-12.30pm. If anyone has difficulty bringing in their box, I can collect it. *Thank you - Suzanne: 775565.*  
The latest edition of the Missio Magazine and bookmarks will be available at the back of the Church this weekend, please pick up your copy when you leave Mass.
- **First Holy Communion Celebration.** What a lovely celebration of First Holy Communion we had in the parish last weekend as MILLHEN, KELYAN, EVELYNN, KIRINDI and ELI received Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. Despite COVID restrictions, we managed to sing several hymns through masks, accompanied by the Music Group, socially distanced, of course! The traditional party will follow in due course when we are able to use the Parish Room again.
- **Preparation for Sacraments.** There is still time for any parents with children in year 3 or above in primary school, who are considering enrolling in the programme of preparation for next year's First Holy Communion group to contact the office for an application form. This can either be handed personally to Father Paul after weekend Mass, or posted, or e-mailed back to the office if you prefer. If you are currently aged 14 or over and have not yet been Confirmed and would like more information, please have a word with Fr Paul after weekend Mass.
- **The Pope's new Encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti' - on Fraternity and Social Friendship**  
This powerful encyclical is Pope Francis' "cry from the heart" to all people of the earth to see beyond their differences—indeed to work with their differences—and begin to grow together to build a new and peaceful world. This remarkable document comes from a pastor's heart, setting forth Francis' vision for a new church and new world, against the backdrop of a catastrophic pandemic that has spared nothing and altered everything. You can read the full letter here:  
[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201003\\_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)

## Saints of the Week

### **Memorial of St Wilfrid, Bishop – 12<sup>th</sup> October**

St Wilfrid (c.634-c.710) was educated at Lindisfarne and spent some years in Rome. He was a strong proponent of Roman observances, especially at the Synod of Whitby (664). He took charge of the new monastery at Ripon and became Bishop of York, although quarrels with the king and the Archbishop of Canterbury led to his exile and five years of missionary work in Sussex, the Isle of Wight and Friesland. He was buried at Ripon and his body later translated to Canterbury.



### **Memorial of St Edward the Confessor, King – 13<sup>th</sup> October**

St Edward (c.1005-66) was the son of King Ethelred 'the Unready' and spent nearly thirty years as a political exile in Normandy, his mother's homeland. He succeeded as King in 1042 and was subsequently famed for his life of prayer, chaste marriage and love of the poor. He built St Peter's Abbey in Westminster, where he and most of England's monarchs are buried.



### **Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church – 15<sup>th</sup> October**

St Teresa (1515-1582) was born in Avila (Spain). She joined the Carmelite convent at Avila and, after a quarter of a century as a nun, began to reform the Order, with the help of St Peter of Alcántara and St John of the Cross. She founded seventeen reformed houses in Spain and, despite her busy life of administration, reached the highest 'mansions' of union with God. Her outstanding works of ascetical and mystical theology led her to be declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.



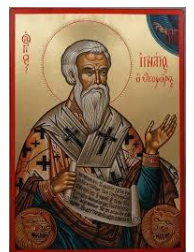
### **Memorial of St Hedwig, Religious – 16<sup>th</sup> October**

St Hedwig of Jadwiga (c.1174-1243) was born at Andechs (Germany) into a princely family; indeed, her niece was St Elizabeth of Hungary. Aged twelve, she married Henry the Bearded, later to succeed as Duke of Poland, and bore him seven children (including Henry the Pious and Konrad the Curly). She led a life of piety and solicitude for the poor and the sick and, in her widowhood, retired to the Cistercian monastery of Trebnitz, which she founded.



### **Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr – 17<sup>th</sup> October**

St Ignatius (+c.107) followed St Peter as bishop of Antioch and was thrown to wild beasts in Rome (possibly at the Colosseum) during the persecution of Trajan. On his way to Rome he wrote seven epistles, which give a clear picture of Christian belief and practice a century or so after Christ's birth. His name is mentioned in the Roman Canon.



**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.



## Mission Sunday

**Sunday the 18th October 2020 is Mission Sunday** and in the next two newsletters two people, one nun and one priest, who work in the missions are featured. We are familiar with the term 'missionaries,' but what exactly do they do?

The first, Sister Nilcéia is originally from Brazil and now works in Malawi. In the most recent edition of 'Missio' she speaks about her life and her work in the practical and spiritual care of children.

### Sister Nilcéia

'The programme I have created for babies and pregnant girls is going well. Babies are weighed and measured, and their growth pattern recorded. The women receive medicine, sugar and soap. The soap is to wash the baby and the sugar is for the mother because supplying food is difficult because of the pandemic. We sisters don't have any resource or income; we live through donations and at the moment, donations are very few.'



### Sister Nilcéia's Clinic

'Our small clinic, a red brick building in the dusty landscape, is an oasis of hope. Despite the challenges, we persevere in this work because we love God, and we love his people.'



I remember delivering Linda's baby, a little boy called Blessing, Linda was just 15 years old, with mental health problems and she had been abused and raped by a much older man. Linda's family couldn't help, so she came to live with me and the other Sisters. After he was born, Blessing contracted malaria. After a month or so he went to live with his grandmother, and we provided milk for him every week. But when he was just 10 weeks old, he died. He was malnourished. It turned out his grandparents were giving the milk to another child.

I cry when I think of Blessing; he didn't have to die. But this is a broken world. Our only hope is in God, who is with us through the sadness. It was our privilege to love Linda and Blessing when it mattered most.

The need here in Malawi is great. But the Lord is faithful and we continue to serve. We take courage from knowing you are with us in this mission.'

Mission Sunday donations help Sister Nilcéia. If you wish to support her work in particular, then please give any extra donations in an envelope marked 'For Sister Nilcéia' and leave it in the basket as you leave the church.