

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 2 for Weekdays



THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend 22nd / 23rd October 2022

Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 22nd October, Week 30 - Battle (Intention of Martin & Robert Ashing and their families)

9am Sunday 23rd October - Northiam (People of the Parish)

10.45am Sunday 23rd October - Battle (Sir John & Dorothy, Lady Keeling, RIP, FM)

Weekday Masses at Battle

NO MASS Monday 24th October

6pm Tuesday 25th October, Week 30 - Battle (No Intention)

10am Wednesday 26th October, Week 30 - Battle (Intention of Joe Hanson)

6am Thursday 27th October, Week 30 - Battle (No Intention)

10am Friday 28th October, Ss Simon and Jude - Battle (No Intention)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- **First Reading:** Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2
Our patient God is a lover of life, whose spirit fills all things.
- **Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2
Paul prays that God will make us worth of our call.
- **Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10
Zacchaeus meets Jesus, who comes to seek out and save those who are lost.

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. Maraot Leahy. Jacauelyn 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/>
- **Family Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation:** Fr Richard is hoping to start a family group for sacramental preparation, baptism, first communion and confirmation on Saturdays and would like some feedback as to the best time for this.
- **Reading at Mass** - We are still in need of volunteers for reading at the Sunday Mass - thank you to everyone that has volunteered for the Saturday evening, it's a great help.
- **Battle Music Group** - we meet at 7pm on Tuesday evenings for one hour in the church in Battle and everyone is invited. All are welcome (no auditions!) and we are particularly hoping that we can increase the number of singers and instrumentalists as we plan further services for those affected by the war in Ukraine, and knowing that Advent and Christmas services are not too far away. Please join us if you can.
- **MISSIO - World Mission Sunday 23rd October 2022:** Today is World Mission Sunday. 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 Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. 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: mission.org.uk
- **Knights of St Columba - Autumn Quiz 19th November, 7.30pm** to be held at Holy Redeemer Church Hall, Upper Church Road, St Leonards on Sea TN37 7AS. Tickets £5 per person and are available from Stephen Bradshaw 01424 772887; Fidelis Okoliko 07946

689934; Patrick Coates 01424 439871. Raffle to support local charities Snowflake and Street Pastors. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks. Everybody welcome.

- **St Richard's Catholic College** Ashdown Road, Bexhill on Sea: **Teacher of Science**
A Teacher of Science is required for a January start. A TLR is available for additional responsibilities. Please see our website for details: <https://www.strichardscs.com/about-st-richards-catholic-college/vacancies/>
St Richard's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
- **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.
- **Hospitality Volunteers needed - Can you spare a couple of hours once every few weeks on a Wednesday lunchtime 12:30 - 2:30pm?** The Foodbank is going to restart hospitality for clients offering tea and coffee, this stopped during the Covid lockdown. We need volunteers to cover the hospitality - this would entail arriving about 12.30 to set up and then serve tea/coffee and biscuits and chat to clients from 1.00 to about 2.30. If you can help please contact Sally Perry (Battle FoodBank Manager) email: sparrygb@gmail.com or email chrisamullis@gmail.com

Saints of the Week

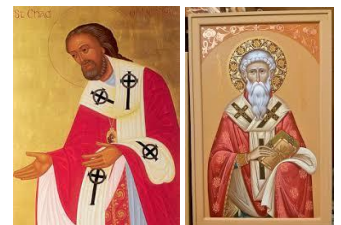
Memorial of Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop - 24th October

Born at Sallent in Spain in the year 1807. After becoming a priest he spent several years preaching to the people throughout Catalonia. He founded a society of missionaries (Claretian Fathers) and was made a bishop in the island of Cuba where he worked for the good of souls with great profit. Coming back to Spain he had to endure many trials for the sake of the Church. He died at Fontfroide in France in the year 1870.



Memorial of Sts Chad and Cedd, Bishop - 26th October

These two brothers were monks of Lindisfarne who became bishops in the seventh century. St Cedd (+664) founded an abbey at Lastingham, North Yorkshire, and became bishop of the East Saxons. St Chad (+672) succeeded his brother as Abbot of Lastingham and became Archbishop of York. Although, due to a dispute, he was removed from office by St Theodore, he was allowed to continue his episcopate in the Midlands, fixing his residence at Lichfield. His relics are now preserved at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.



Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles - 28th October

St Simon (first century) is usually called 'the Canaanite' and 'the Zealot', suggesting he belonged to the Jewish party of the 'Zealous of the Law'. St Jude or Thaddeus (first century) has a short epistle in the New Testament ascribed to him, and is popularly invoked as the patron of hopeless causes. Tradition says that after Pentecost they evangelised, Simon in Egypt, Jude in Mesopotamia, and then together in Persia, where they were martyred. Their names appear in the Roman Canon.



- 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

- **Mental Health Awareness courses - Saturday 29 October 2022, 10-3pm St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP or Sat 5 Nov, 10-3pm St Martha's Hall, Little Common, Bexhill on Sea TN39 4SL**
This mental health awareness course is for anyone involved in ministry in their Parish. Ideal for catechists, ministers of bereavement, those involved with the ministry of welcome - in fact any role that requires you to work with people. If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking please contact Lizzie Wakeling, Diocesan Advisor E: Lizzie.Wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Catechists' Day - Saturday 19 November 11-4pm - Worth School**
A day of formation, reflection and conversation for current catechists and those interested in exploring this ministry. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. Please sign up at: [Catechists' Day \(19-Nov-2022\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) E: Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

Externally run Diocesan events

- **Time Out: Self Guided retreat. Cost £90 per person, per night. Monday 21 - Thursday 24 November (minimum 2 nights). Monday 12 - Friday 16 December (minimum 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.
- **Finding Stillness: 5-8 December Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy.**
'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46). Come to Worth Abbey and encounter this refreshing and empowering stillness. Through the Benedictine tradition, discover how stillness can be part of your everyday life and how transformative it can be. The retreat will include: teachings in Lectio Divina and stilling the mind, as well as an opportunity to have a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.

➤ **Living with Loss - a retreat for those who have been bereaved: 14-17 November**

Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy.

This retreat is aimed at people dealing with loss and bereavement, both recent and not so recent. It does not offer counselling, but rather a healing space in a Christian setting with a supportive programme and time to process thoughts and feelings.

➤ Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available.

Please contact us for further information. T: 01342 710318. E: retreats@worth.org.uk

W: www.worth.co.uk

➤ **A Study Day on Episode 3 of Bishop Robert Barron's 'Catholicism' course** is being presented at Chilworth Abbey on Saturday, 5 November 2022. 'The Ineffable Mystery of God'. Begins with Mass at 9am and concludes around 3.30pm. Come to all or part of the day as it suits. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. See the website for details

W: www.chilworthbenedictines.com

Vatican News

Pope Francis: 'War must end or world risks nuclear catastrophe'

The Italian newspaper "La Stampa" on Sunday published an excerpt of Pope Francis' new book, which hits bookshelves in Italian on Tuesday, 18 October. Entitled "I Ask You in the Name of God. Ten Prayers for a Future of Hope", the Pope's new book was edited by Hernan Reyes Alcaide and published by the Edizioni Piemme. It comes in preparation for the 10th anniversary of his pontificate, on 13 March 2023. In the book, he launches a universal appeal for nations and peoples to work together to build a better world where peace reigns.



Unambiguous condemnation of war: The excerpt released on Sunday begins with Pope Francis recalling that Church teaching refutes the idea that war can solve problems between nations, saying war is "always a defeat for humanity." The Pope said the war in Ukraine, which began with Russia's invasion on 24 February, has revealed the horrors that result from war. He also recalled the quick succession of the last century's two world wars, and said we are currently experiencing "a third world war fought piecemeal" which threatens to expand into a full-scale global conflict. "To the explicit rejection of my predecessors, the events of the first two decades of this century compel me to add, unambiguously, that there is no occasion in which a war can be considered just. There is never a place for the barbarism of war, especially not when contention acquires one of its most unjust faces: that of so-called 'preventive wars.'"

Dialogue and hope are possible paths: War, continued Pope Francis, is never justifiable and can never act as a solution. Rather, he said, nations must engage in "dialogue, negotiations, listening, creative diplomacy, and far-sighted politics which can build a system not based on the power of arms or deterrence." Peace must always be the goal of good politics and good Christians must always seek to dialogue with others, he added. "We must all work together to pave the way for a common hope. We all can, and must, take part in this social process of peace building."

Threats of arms trade and personal firearms: Reflecting on the diffusion of weapons, Pope Francis said the arms trade is one of the worst moral scandals of our era, along with the closure

of national borders to those who seek a better life. He pleaded with the leaders of nations to end the arms trade and to have the courage and creativity to replace weapons dealers with enterprises that promote the common good, fraternity, and integral human development. The Pope also expressed concern over the spread of personal firearms, which he said has led to the proliferation of mass shootings and the accidental deaths of young children when guns are improperly stored.

Choice to live lies with us: Pope Francis then considered the threat of nuclear destruction, which he said the war in Ukraine risks unleashing. Possessing nuclear weapons is immoral, he repeated, saying their possession undermines the paths of dialogue and respect. Nuclear arms also put at risk humanity's survival on earth, noted the Pope. "It is unacceptable and unconscionable today that we continue to squander resources to produce these kinds of weapons, while a serious crisis looms that has health, food and climate consequences and about which no amount of investment will ever be enough." The choice to follow the path of non-violence and continued existence, concluded Pope Francis, lies with us.

Ukraine: Missionary priests hoping to open healing centre in Kyiv

"Many people need a deeper form of help, not only psychological but spiritual as well, because only God can help." Fr. Pavlo Vyshkovskiy, OMI, offered that analysis of the burden which people bear after nearly 8 months of war in Ukraine. Speaking to Vatican News' Svitlana Dukhovych, Fr. Vyshkovskiy described the work which his religious order - the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate - is continuing to carry out. He serves as the parish priest of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv.



Ministering amid trauma: After Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February, the OMI community in Kyiv wondered whether they should join millions of others and flee Ukraine to seek safety elsewhere. As the local superior, he urged the younger Oblate priests to leave, since "anything could happen." "But they said no, we will also remain," he recounted in the interview in Vatican News' studios. Fr. Vyshkovskiy described their decision to remain with the people they serve as "very touching", because it meant the Oblates would stay together "as a community". The parish community began to hold Eucharistic Adoration each day, and many people showed up, even approaching the Sacraments for the first time. In order to respond to the trauma inflicted by the war, Fr. Vyshkovskiy said his community hopes to set up a counseling centre in Kyiv.

"We would like to create a healing centre for children who have lost their parents, for mothers who have lost their sons in the war, for wives who have lost their husbands, and for people who have lost everything."

Offering refugees a home: The Oblates of Mary Immaculate are also in various other Ukrainian cities, besides Kyiv, including Chernihiv and Tyvriv. In some regions, said Fr. Vyshkovskiy, the ongoing war has taken everything from people. "Oblates do not leave people, but shoulder the burden with them." He added that the Oblate shrine in the central Ukrainian city of Tyvriv remains open to offer over 90 refugees a temporary home. Fr. Vyshkovskiy said the Tyvriv community also prepares aid packages for military personnel, with the parish priest personally delivering it to Ukrainian troops fighting in the east.

Papal encouragement for Oblate mission: On 3 October, Pope Francis met with delegates at the OMI General Chapter, an audience attended by Fr. Vyshkovskiy. He noted that the Pope encouraged the Oblates to stay true to their charism of serving the poor. "The Pope told us to be close to the poor, and to help awaken the world to the pain and suffering caused by war."