

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

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**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities**

**Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

*Let Us Forget*

**Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Saturday 11/11 6pm	Battle	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mr Epiphany Fernandes, RIP
Sunday 12/11 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 12/11 10.45am	Battle		Intention of Marianne Clemence
Monday 13/11	NO MASS		
Tuesday 14/11 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of week 32 in Ordinary Time	Alice Cooke, RIP
Wednesday 15/11 10am	Battle	Wednesday of week 32 in Ordinary Time	Intention of Helena Powell followed by the Rosary
Thursday 16/11 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of week 32 in Ordinary Time	Jean Langford, RIP
Friday 17/11 10am	Battle	Friday of week 32 in Ordinary Time	For the deceased members of the Cooper Family
Saturday 18/11 6pm	Battle	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pedro and Carlotta Ferndandes, RIP
Sunday 19/11 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 19/11 10.45am	Battle		For the deceased members of the Attalah Family

**There will be a Retiring Collection for the Royal British Legion this weekend**

## Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31**

The praises given to the woman here echo the praises given elsewhere in the scriptures to God. She reflects God's image and likeness.

- **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

Standing ready for God may refer to our death and judgement but also to openness to the way in which God comes to us every day.

- **Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

The parable of the talents shows God as the generous giver of graces, but one who asks that we take seriously the gifts we have and use them with confidence.

**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.

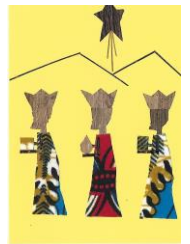
**Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:**

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons.

- **The Rosary will now be said every Wednesday after the 10am Mass at Battle** as this proved very popular with everyone, you are all welcome to stay and join us.

- **Rwanda Action Christmas cards and Craft Sale- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

after the 9am Mass at St Teresa's and the 10.45am Mass at Battle. Sally will be selling Rwanda Action Christmas cards, greetings cards and Craft. Please support the widows, orphans and disabled young people in our co-operative in Rwanda, who make these handmade items.



- **Battle Foodbank** – It is coming around to that lovely Christmas time again and we are using the Reverse Advent Calendar Initiative again this year (a copy is attached and at the back of the Church). The donations need to be with us by Friday 8th December. we are still fairly well stocked following the Harvest Donations but could do with 500gm bags of Sugar; Sponge Puddings and sweet treats (chocolate etc.) also any toiletries, toilet rolls, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle:** Bob Clarke will speak about the work of Street Pastors on Monday 20th November at Christ the King Church Hall, BN23 6HT commencing at 7.30pm. Street Pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who provide listening and caring help to potentially vulnerable people who are out on the streets late at night. All are very welcome.

- **New ‘Move It’ Club – every Thursday, 10-11am in the Parish Room.** Sessions are going really well, and enjoyed by all who attend, especially the coffee and chat afterwards! Aimed especially at our more senior, or less mobile parishioners, 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. Contact Lindsey for more information.  
Mob: 0772494239 Email: lindseyfwilson@outlook.com. Come and try it for yourself!
- **MISSIO - 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
- 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/>
- 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**

An initial conversation about Baptism preparation – Monday 13 November 6.30-7.30pm Online-Zoom: For anyone involved or interested in Baptism preparation in their parish. Please register using the link. An initial conversation about Baptism preparation (13-Nov-2023) · ChurchSuite Events. If you want to discuss your engagement with this event before booking, please contact Katherine Bergin E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

#### **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](mailto: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.

### **Pope Francis speaks with Iranian President by phone**

Pope Francis spoke by phone on Sunday afternoon with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi. The Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, confirmed the conversation, specifying that it occurred at the request of the Iranian president.



The Iranian presidency's website reported that President Raisi expressed his appreciation for the Pope's appeals for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Earlier on Sunday, Pope Francis reiterated his appeal at the Angelus address:

*"I continue to think about the serious situation in Palestine and in Israel where many, many people have lost their lives. In God's name, I beg you to stop: cease using weapons! I hope that avenues will be pursued so that an escalation of the conflict might be absolutely avoided, so that the wounded can be rescued and help might get to the population of Gaza where the humanitarian situation is extremely serious. May the hostages be freed immediately. There are also many children among them – may they return to their families! Yes, let's think of the children, of all the children affected by this war, as well as in Ukraine and by other conflicts: this is how their future is being killed. Let us pray that there might be the strength to say, 'enough'."*

In recent days, Pope Francis also held phone calls with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (2 November), Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (26 October), and with US President Joe Biden (22 October).

Among other issues addressed in his conversations with world leaders, the Pope had indicated the need to find paths to peace and the hope of reaching a two-state solution with a special status for Jerusalem.