

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE  
with  
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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 2 for Weekdays

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Battle**

**Monday, Wednesday  
Friday 10am - 11am**

## Parish Newsletter for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **MASS PROCEDURES FOR THE WEEKEND 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2020**

- We are very happy to welcome Canon Paul Jennings who will be celebrating the Masses on Saturday and Sunday in Battle and Northiam while Fr Tony remains away. Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions for the weekend Masses. 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. The Intention for this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 10.45am, is for Richard Meade RIP.
- In cases of special need Fr Raglan Hay-Will may be contacted in Eastbourne on 01323 723222.
- From Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> and for the rest of the following two weeks, scaffolding will block the entrance to the sacristy. As a result, the one-way system cannot operate at Our Lady Immaculate and St Michael, and entry and exit will be via the main door. Please observe the instructions of the Stewards when entering or exiting the church.
- The layout of the churches in Battle and Northiam are using the '1 metre plus face covering' regulations. *Please ensure that you wear a face covering at all times when in Church.*
- Holy Communion will be a host placed in the hand (not on the tongue). A Steward will tell you when to approach the altar. You will see a small table at the head of the aisle. Stand close to this table and the priest will give you a Communion Host. The steward will show you back to your seat. If you are sitting on the aisle side of the bench, allow the wall side parishioners to enter the bench first: do not change places.
- When Mass is over - please wait in your bench until a Steward asks you to leave and maintain a one-metre separation. Please do so as quickly as possible as the Church has to be sanitised after Mass before the next Mass or prayer session.

- If you are reading, wear gloves and a face covering. Please follow the Steward's guidance and sit on the right-hand side of the sanctuary ensuring you are one metre from the other reader. You may drop your mask when reading if you wish, remembering to replace it! Readers should approach the priest at the small table for Holy Communion before parishioners are brought to the altar. The second reader will not be joined by the first for the Responsorial Psalm. Please remain until after the priest has left the altar and then exit via the Main Door.
- Collection plates will be available as you leave the Church.
- Thank you to the Church Stewards who have enabled the church to open for Private Prayers.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation after 6pm Mass Saturdays.
- Please dispose of used masks and gloves in the white bins in Church and not in the house recycling bins.
- Please contact the Parish Office with requests for baptisms and other Sacraments.
- **Booking for Mass in future weeks.**  
At present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended. For those able to attend, and if you wish to attend Mass in either of our Churches, for the foreseeable future you must first register, preferably by e-mail to [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk), or phone 01424 773125 by 9am on the Thursday of the week prior - the earlier you can do this, the better please. This is necessary to ensure compliance with Diocesan Guidelines on social distancing in our small churches.
- **Home Visits.** At present home visits by Ministers have been suspended. Parishioners will be informed as soon as they are able to visit.
- **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 local live Mass, Fr Eamonn Monson from St Mary Star of the Sea in Hastings, will stream his 10am Mass on You Tube (in the search bar type in Eamonn Monson). Arundel Cathedral streams Mass here [live stream](https://www.churchservices.tv). <https://www.churchservices.tv> is also a source of streamed Masses.

**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, Jim Ayres.

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

### **Gift Aid Envelopes**

If you are booked into the weekend's Mass your current year's Gift Aid envelopes will be left at the back of the Church for you to collect. Please only collect your own box.

## Saints of the Week

### St Martha, 29<sup>th</sup> July

St Martha (first century) was the sister of Mary and Lazarus. Her house at Bethany was often visited by the Lord, who encouraged her to unite her busy life of work with a life of contemplation. According to tradition, St Martha was eventually driven out of Palestine and settled in Provence (France).



### St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, 31<sup>st</sup> July

St Ignatius (1491-1556) was born into a noble family at Loyola (Spain). He was injured at the battle of Pamplona (1521) and experienced a conversion during his convalescence. He went on to write the *Spiritual Exercises*, study theology at Paris and, with his companions, found the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits have had a huge impact on the reform of the Church, the education of the young and the preaching of the Gospel to every corner of the world.



## Summer Holiday Food Project

This project is being run by a group of volunteers from the Battle Churches. We are offering weekly food parcels to local families whose children have free school meals and who will struggle to feed them during the 6 weeks when schools are closed (July 27 - Sept 5). Our aim is to make sure the children have something suitable to eat at lunchtime. The project is an addition to the support already being offered by Battle Foodbank.

We shall need donations of food and cash to buy food. If you would like to donate or can volunteer to help pack and deliver food parcels, please contact Alison Hassell for more information. Email: [hassellaj@gmail.com](mailto:hassellaj@gmail.com) Tel: 774737 or text 07783 671624

**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. The website will be updated, and a further newsletter issued, in due course.