

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

with

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 2 for Weekdays

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THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Weekend 16th / 17th December 2023

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Saturday 16/12 6pm	Battle	Third Sunday of Advent	Sophie Ford, RIP
Sunday 17/12 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 17/12 10.45am	Battle		Anthony Gibbons, RIP
Monday 18/12	NO MASS		
Tuesday 19/12 8am	Battle	Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Advent	Ecumenical Prayer Group
Tuesday 19/12 6.30pm			Intention of Marianne Clemence
Wednesday 20/12 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 3 rd Week of Advent	Helen Ambrose, RIP
Thursday 21/12 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 2nd Week of Advent	Diamond Wedding of Mr & Mrs Oliver
Friday 22/12 8am	Battle	Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent	Ecumenical Prayer Group
Friday 22/12 10am			No Intention
Saturday 23/12 6pm	Battle	4th Sunday of Advent	Grace McAdie, RIP & Veronica Molloy, RIP
Sunday 24/12 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 24/12 10.45am	Battle		John Clare, RIP

**There will be a retiring collection for the Crib Collection
(Catholic Children's Society A&B Trust Crisis Fund)**

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent 2023

- **First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14-16**

Although Samuel is a “big man” in his day, he’s also sensitive enough to see that it isn’t right for him to be dwelling in a spacious house while God dwells “in a tent”, and he is determined to do something about it.

- **Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27**

Paul rejoices in Jesus, whose strength enables us to live out the Good News so that, reaching to the ends of the earth, it draws all people to become Jesus’ disciples. Glory is to be given to the Father through Jesus Christ for ever.

- **Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

Luke retells the glorious story of the incarnation. Through Mary’s unconditional acceptance of the angel’s message, Jesus has come into our world as one of us and is like us in all things, apart from sin.

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, Marianne Clemence.

From St Teresa’s: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Eileen O’Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Felicity Youlten.

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 RIP.

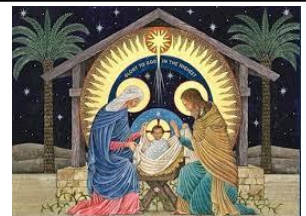
- **Christmas Giving Tree Decorating 10am Saturday:** Our Giving Tree is up and is looking beautiful. There will be more decorating this Saturday so please pop along to help - there will be mince pies and seasonal drinks too!
- **Ecumenical Early Morning Prayers in Advent:** this is the last week these prayer sessions will be held at our Church in Battle on Tuesday and Friday at 8am, Fr Richard will be leading the prayers on Tuesday 19th. These sessions will be followed by breakfast in the Baptist Church. Everyone is very welcome.
- **Readers for the Christmas Masses please:** We need two Readers at each of the Christmas Masses please, there is a list at the back of the Church if you would like to write your name down to volunteer. Thank you.
- **Crib Collection:** The Crib Collection this year will be in aid of the Catholic Children’s Society (CCS) A&B Crisis Fund. The CCS is helping local families in crisis who are struggling to put food on the table, keep warm and provide a safe home for their children. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS’s A&B Fund to support local families in need. You can donate at the crib or via the CCS website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Weekend 23rd / 24th December 2023



Saturday 23/12 6pm	Battle	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Grace McAdie, RIP & Veronica Molloy, RIP
Sunday 24/12 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 24/12 10.45am	Battle		John Clare, RIP

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Sunday 24/12	6pm	Christmas Eve Battle	Christmas Vigil Mass	No Intention
	9pm			No Intention
Monday 25/12	9am	Christmas Day Northiam	The Nativity of The Lord	(People of the Parish)
	10.45am	Christmas Day Battle		(Lillian & Stanley Parsons, RIP)

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK
MONDAY 26th DECEMBER – FRIDAY 29th DECEMBER

Saturday 30/12	6pm	Battle	6th day within the octave of Christmas	No Intention
Sunday 31/12	9am	Northiam	The Holy Family	No Intention
	10.45am	Battle		John Salter, RIP

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Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- **First Reading: Genesis 25:1-6; 21:1-3**

The Lord promises Abraham and Sarah a son.

- **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:18. 11-12. 17-19**

It is through faith that Abraham receives the gift of his family.

- **Third Reading: Luke 2:22-40**

The child Jesus is presented to the Lord in the Temple and blessed by Simeon and Anna.

- **Christmas Day Lunch at The Emmanuel Centre:** Once again The Emmanuel Centre is having a Christmas Day Lunch at 12.30pm and welcome any individuals or couples who would otherwise be alone on that day. You are most welcome to come and share; come and help; come and enjoy this 'Family Celebration'. Please contact Christine Freeland as soon as possible by phone 01424 774363 or by email mail@dcfreeland.plus.com.
- **Battle Foodbank** – needs this week are Tins of Soup, Fish, Cold Meat, Custard and Rice Pudding we also need Toilet Rolls - any other toiletries, household products and nappies are always welcome - thank you so much. We also need goodies for Christmas please - Mince Pies; Cake; Biscuits; Shortbread, Chocolates etc.
- **Thank you from the Knights of St Columba:** last weekend's collection raised £65.75, this will be donated to local foodbanks and Snowflake charities. Thank you for your generosity.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Congratulations to the winners of the December draw:
£12 – Anthony Black, £24 – Maggie Walford, £50 – Anne Auger
- **Christmas Wishes:** Richard and Kate Grun wish all their fellow parishioners a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New year. In lieu of Christmas cards we have sent a donation to the Salvation Army.
- 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/>

**** Christmas closure: The Parish Office will close on Monday 18th December and reopen on Thursday 4th January. If you need to contact Fr Richard urgently please call 07578 725914 or e-mail: richard.blythen@abdiocese.org.uk ****



**Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners
their prayers and good wishes
for a very Merry and Peaceful Christmas
and a Happy New Year.**

