

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

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**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> February**

### **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

<b>Saturday 25/02 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Intention of Helen Ashing</b>
<b>Sunday 26/02 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>Intention of Tony Dawes</b>
<b>Sunday 26/02 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 27/02</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 28/02 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Tuesday of the First Week of Lent</b>	<b>Idina Mary, Viscountess Brassey, RIP, FM</b>
<b>Wednesday 01/03 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>St David</b>	<b>Constance Cane, RIP, FM Followed by Coffee &amp; Cake in the Parish Room</b>
<b>Thursday 02/03 6am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Thursday of the First Week of Lent</b>	<b>Intention of Anna, Lusia, Monika, John and Slawek</b>
<b>Friday 03/03 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Friday of the First Week of Lent</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Friday 03/03 12noon</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>No Intention</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Second Sunday of Lent:**

- **First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4**

When God calls Abram, it is a life-changing moment, for he is asked to leave everything that he knows.

- **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10**

Paul tells Timothy that Jesus brings us the Good News, but following him can come at a price.

- **Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

The wondrous sight of Christ in glory also inspires fear in the apostles.

### **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, 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, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Lawrence Youlten.

### **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, Mark Clemence RIP.

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>
- **King Charles' Coronation 6<sup>th</sup> May:** As part of the Coronation Celebrations there will be a Civic Service at 10 am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, in order that Fr Richard can represent our Catholic community, Mass times for that Sunday have been confirmed as Northiam at 8:30 and Battle at 11:15, and will stay like this for any future Coronations. Thank you all for your feedback.
- **Mark Clemence RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Clemence who sadly lost his battle with cancer and died recently. Please also keep his parents, and our friends, John and Marianne, and the rest of his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.
- **Parishioner Survey:** Thank you for all the ideas that have come in so far, we are still looking for more feedback so your thoughts and ideas on what sort of activities you would like to be held in our Parish Room would be very welcome and helpful – so keep them coming! Send either by e-mail or pop the form in the post-box outside the office. Thank you!
- **Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room this Wednesday** after the 10am Mass at Battle, every body is very welcome.

- **World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's Word Day of Prayer):** This year's service will take place in our Church on Friday, 3rd March at 2pm. Please join us if you can. The service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan.
- **CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal:** CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.
- **CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal:** This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.
- **CAFOD - The BIG Lent Walk 2023:** As last year, TEAM FORGE (Vicky Chainey, Ingrid Finch & John Reid), are taking part in this annual fundraising event - walking 5k every day for the 40 days of Lent - to help CAFOD in its work to help fight global poverty. If you would like to support CAFOD in this way (and make three of us very happy too!), you can donate via this link [The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\): The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com/catholic-agency-for-overseas-development-CAFOD-the-big-lent-walk) or by giving your donation to one of us on any Sunday.
- **Parish 100 Club:** The winners of the first draw for 2023 are:  
                     £12 - Lily Morgan      £24 – Stephen Bradshaw  
                     Congratulations to you both!
- **Battle Foodbank – Needs and Updates:** It's been a busy start to the year with the Bexhill branch seeing a 32% increase in the number of people we are feeding and Battle has remained constant. We're buying food every week to top up our donations and thankfully we have the funds to do that right now, but we are planning ahead and want to ensure that we can keep meeting this need. Please see our 'Ad Lent Calendar' attached where there are 40 days of suggestions of items you could donate to the food bank but please don't feel you have to donate the full 40; 10, 20, or any other number of items would be amazing. Thanks again for your continued support of the food bank. It makes a real difference when we all work together and local people support local people.
- 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**

- **Evenings of Reflection 7-9pm with a choice of venues across the Diocese**
  - Friday 17 March at The Sacred Heart, Cobham
  - Friday 24 March at St Dunstan, Woking
  - Saturday 11 March at 6.30pm at Arundel cathedral Centre followed by a Cathedral tour.

- **Are you a priest or active parishioner who wants to see your parish come alive?**  
East Brighton Parish and Divine Renovation invite you and your parish to their upcoming DR Open House on **Saturday 18 March 2023**, at the new Fitzherbert Community Hub in Brighton. Save the date for a day where you will connect with parishes that have come alive by pursuing mission, hear inspiring stories of what they've learned on their journey, and be encouraged by seeing hope for what is possible in your own parish. Find out more at W: [www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse](http://www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse) or contact E: [Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.
- **Liturgy of the Word with Children - Saturday 13 May 2023 9.30-1pm The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley:** Training for liturgy leaders. Book your place through the diocesan website. If you wish to discuss your engagement with this training please email E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **Annual Pilgrimage Day to West Grinstead for Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. Wednesday 14 June 2023 11- 3pm.** This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Booking is now available through the diocesan website.
- **Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral**  
Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre.
- **World Youth Day:** Are you aged 18-35? If you are, we invite you to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lisbon to meet with the Holy Father. 31 July -7 August 2023. Join millions of other young people from all over the world to celebrate our faith and make life long friendships. The week will include a trip to Fatima as well as all the amazing festival activities, not to mention Mass with Pope Francis. To find out more about this amazing opportunity please contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

### Externally run

- The next **Chilworth Abbey Study Day**, is on **Saturday, March 4th, 2023**, led by Fr John Seddon OSB, of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 7, **'Word made Flesh, True Bread from Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist'**. Mass, 9.00am, Talks 10.15am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible.  
See [chilworthbenedictines.com](http://chilworthbenedictines.com) for more details
- **Worth Abbey: Time Out individual self-guided retreats**  
6–9 March and 15–18 May Cost : £90 per person, per night (min 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.
- **Men's Way of the Cross – 31 March 2023** starting from Christ The King church in Eastbourne and walking through the night over the cliffs to Birling Gap. Join for a prayer over the South Downs Beachy Head trail to rediscover yourself and reflect on your God given purpose on this earth. Poster attached.



### **Pope appeals for Turkey, Syria quake victims, Ukraine & New Zealand cyclone**

Pope Francis has again appealed for helping those suffering the quake that hit Turkey and Syria, the war in Ukraine, and a devastating cyclone in New Zealand, during his Angelus address in the Vatican on Sunday at noon.

Addressing the thousands gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Pope said, his thoughts go at this time to the peoples of these countries, hard hit by natural disasters, and war, that caused thousands of deaths and injuries.

"The love of Jesus," he said, "asks us to let ourselves be touched by the situations of those who are tried."

*"I think especially of Syria and Turkey, of the many victims of the earthquake, but I also think of the daily dramas of the dear Ukrainian people and of so many peoples who suffer because of war ... poverty, lack of freedom or environmental devastation ...."*

This marks the latest exhortation of the Holy Father to help the earthquake victims and those suffering the war in Ukraine.

This Friday, 24 Feb., will mark a year since the start of the devastating war which has claimed countless lives, a year full of Pope Francis' appeals for peace, aid, and an end to the violence.

**Renewed appeal for Turkey, Syria quake victims:** Turning to the earthquake, the Pope has appealed numerous times for aid and prayers for the nations' suffering people, and sent aid himself, through the Dicastery for the Service of Charity.

In the past, he said: "With emotion I pray for them, and express my closeness to these peoples, to the families of the victims and to all those who are suffering from this devastating calamity."

The Pope thanked those who are working to bring relief, and encouraged everyone to show solidarity with those territories, "some of which have already been battered by a long war."

Two earthquakes struck southeastern Turkey early last week, devastating wide areas in the country and in neighbouring Syria. The quake toppled hundreds of buildings and killed thousands of people. The death toll is climbing toward 50,000.

**New Zealand's biggest natural disaster this century:** "I am close," the Pope also underscored, "to the people of New Zealand, who have been hit in recent days by a devastating cyclone."

*"Brothers and sisters, let us not forget those who suffer and let our charity be attentive, let it be a concrete charity!"*

The death toll from Cyclone 'Gabrielle' in New Zealand climbed to 11 on Sunday as thousands of people remained missing a week after the storm struck the country's North Island.

According to Reuters, the cyclone hit the island's northernmost region on 12 Feb., and tracked down the east coast, inflicting widespread devastation.

Prime Minister Chris Hipkins has called Gabrielle New Zealand's biggest natural disaster this century.

