

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE
with
ST TERESA OF LISIEUX, HORNS CROSS

14 Mount Street, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0EG

Tel: 01424 773125

e-mail: battle@abdiocese.org.uk

website: battlewithnorthiam.parishportal.net

Parish Priest: Fr Anthony White

Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

Arundel and Brighton Trust is a

Registered Charity No. 252878



Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 1st May - Battle
(Peggy Barnes RIP)

9am Sunday 2nd May - Northiam
(Stuart Hanshaw RIP)

10.45am Sunday 2nd May
- Battle (Monica Lees (Jane)
Bergin, RIP, FM)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
after 6pm Mass Saturdays

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekend 1st / 2nd May 2021

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Acts 9:26-31**
Barnabas introduces Saul to the apostles, preparing the way for the mission of the future apostle, Paul.
- **Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24**
We know that God lives in us when the Holy Spirit enables us to believe in Jesus and love one another as he told us to.
- **Gospel: John 15:1-8**
Just as the branch has to be attached to the vine if it is to bear fruit, so we have to be united to Christ if we are to bear the fruits of love.
- If you feel you need to contact Fr Paul for any reason, his phone number is: 01323 670156. In cases of special need Fr Raglan Hay-Will may be contacted on 01323 723222.
- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please be aware that during the current lockdown, they are unable to visit. Once the current situation changes please contact the office if you would like these visits to recommence, 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Richard Coombs, Dilys Fraser, John Reid.

From St Teresa's: Keith Bourne, Gerard Scothern & his family, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Dominic Leahy.

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

Una Wade, Margaret C, Weislaw, Rowena, Henry Cheung, Ralph Balcombe, Frances Cresswell, Maureen Hanson RIP, John Brooman RIP, Jack Morgan, Janet T, Guy Hooper, Sophie Tegg, Helen.

- Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions, 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, or drop a note through the Presbytery door, 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/>
- **Mill Hill Missionaries - Red Boxes, Battle**
In 2020, our community of Battle raised £1451.03 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Battle are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The Missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks and tell us that they pray for us all.
- **Calling All Confirmation Catechists!**
This week our Diocesan Youth Adviser Lizzie, is hosting another round of online conversations for Confirmation Catechists. These provide great opportunities to meet with other Catechists from across your local area to share, compare and support! This term, Lizzie will be offering a time of prayer and reflection as well as the usual chance to chat, laugh and grow in fellowship. If you have not already signed up for these meetings, please contact her at lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk
- **ONLINE RETREATS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey**
 - Saturday 8th May: Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Desert Mothers: the thoughts..
Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB
 - Saturday 15th May: C S Lewis: a Prophet for our Time
Led by Robert Elliot
 - Saturday 29th May: The Post-Covid World: Pope Francis' vision 'Let us Dream'
Led by Austin Ivereigh
 - Saturday 5th June: The Wisdom of St Benedict
Led by Fr Martin McGee OSB

➤ Fri 18th-Sun 20th June: The Motif of Feast in the Bible

Led by Viv Randall and Michael Woodward (both Lay Community of St Benedict)

Further information and to book your place online: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats> For enquiries, please email: toc@worth.org.uk

- **Are you struggling with bereavement or loss?**

As we move out of the national lockdown over the coming months, we are very aware of the potential emotional challenges that many people may face as they come out of such a long time shielding. Isolated from family, friends and Parish life many may have struggled with loss or loneliness. Our Deanery has a team of trained Catholic Bereavement Supporters available to listen and support people experiencing bereavement and loss. Please contact your Parish Priest or contact our Marriage and Family Life Project Officer, Simon South.

Email: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk Phone: 01293 651155

- **Pope authorises decrees regarding candidates to sainthood**

Pope Francis on Saturday received in audience Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. During the audience, the Holy Father confirmed the conclusions of the Ordinary Session of the Cardinals and Bishops, members of the Congregation, and decided to extend to the universal Church the devotion to **Blessed Margaret of Città del Castello**, of the Third Order of Saint Dominic, born around 1287 in Metola, Italy, and died in Città del Castello, Italy, on 13 April 1320, inscribing her in the book of Saints (equivalent to canonisation).

During the same audience, the Pope also authorised the Congregation to announce the degrees regarding:

The *martyrdom* of the **Servants of God Vicente Nicasio Renuncio Toribio and eleven companions** of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, killed in hatred of the faith in Madrid, Spain, in 1936;

The *heroic virtues* of the **Servant of God Pietro Marcellino Corradini**, bishop of Frascati, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, founder of the Congregation of the Collegine Sisters of the Holy Family; born on 2 June 1658 in Sezze, Italy, and died in Rome, Italy on 8 February 1743;

The *heroic virtues* of the **Servant of God Emanuele Stabulum**, professed religious of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception; born on 10 June 1895 in Terzolas, Italy, and died in Rome, Italy on 16 March 1950;

The *heroic virtues* of the **Servant of God María de los Desamparados Portilla Crespo**, layperson and mother; born on 26 May 1925 in Valencia, Spain, and died in Madrid, Spain, on 10 May 1996;

The *heroic virtues* of the **Servant of God Anfrosina Berardi**, layperson; born on 6 December 1920 in San Marco di Preturo, Italy, and died there on 13 March 1933.

Saints of the Week

Saints Philip and James, Apostles - 3rd May

Philip was born at Bethsaida; he was a disciple of John the Baptist, who followed the call of Christ. James, the son of Alphaeus, should not be confused with James the brother of John. The Lord appeared to him after the resurrection; he is the writer of one of the Epistles. He belonged to the Church at Jerusalem, and was martyred there in 62 AD.



Feast of the English Martyrs - 4th May

The Feast celebrates the many men and women who suffered for the Faith in England between 1535 and 1680 and have subsequently been recognised by the Church. These included priests, both secular and religious, as well as laity who were prepared to shelter them, to arrange secret Masses, and to witness to the faith. They came from all ages and backgrounds, and their heroic witness helps us have a greater love for the Church, the Mass and the priesthood.



- The office remains open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm.
- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.