

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

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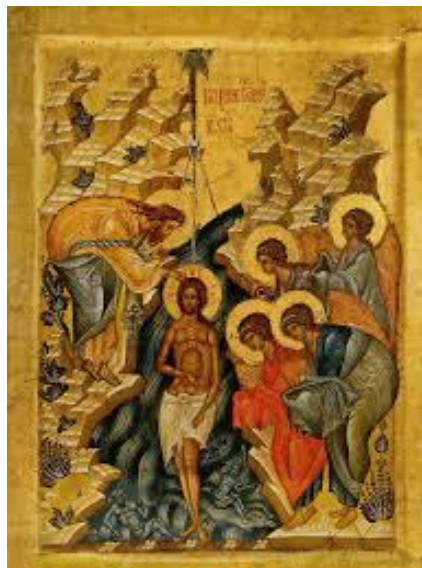
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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Weekend 7th / 8th January 2023

Weekend Services at Battle

07/01	6pm	Saturday Battle	The Baptism of the Lord	(Edith Mary Oding, RIP, FM)
08/01	9am	Sunday Northiam		(People of the Parish)
08/01	10.45am	Sunday Battle		(Dorothy & Bernard Chasty RIP, FM)

Weekday Services at Battle

09/01		NO MASS		
10/01	6pm	Tuesday Battle	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 1	(No Intention)
11/01	10am	Wednesday Battle	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 1	(No Intention)
12/01	6am	Thursday Battle	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 1	(No Intention)
13/01	10am	Friday Battle	St Hilary	(No Intention)

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

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- **First Reading: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6**

With God, failure is often a prelude to a greater success. Failing with Israel, the mission of Isaiah becomes a mission to the world.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

For St Paul, the only true nation is the nation of those who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Gospel: John 1:29-34**

During John was born to reveal Jesus to Israel. We are to reveal him to the world.

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, Jim & 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.

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.

- 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.
- 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, 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/>
- **Induction of Fr Richard by Bishop Richard and Parish Lunch Next Sunday 15th January 2023.** Bishop Richard will be visiting our Parish to celebrate the Induction of Fr Richard at the 10.45am Mass at Battle, please join us if you can. This will be followed by a Parish Lunch in the Wynne Room, at Battle Memorial Hall. The lunch is free, but any donations will be very welcome. **We do need to know numbers urgently so that we can organise the catering, so please write your name with the number of guests and any special dietary requirements, on the list at the back of both Churches as soon as possible please or e-mail Maggie on battle@abdiocese.org.uk, thank you!**
- **Parish 100 Club:** Thank you to everyone that has already returned their forms. The last draw for this present 100 Club is this month. The forms for 2023 are now available – please think of joining, or re-joining for this year. The £12 is divided, half for prizes and half for Church maintenance. Please fill in an application form and hand it in to the Parish Office for the attention of Maggie. Thank you.

- **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/cafod-the-big-lent-walk) or by giving your donation to one of us on any Sunday.
- **Belated Christmas and New Year Message from Terri Coombs:** Terri wishes all her friends and parishioners at Battle a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year. (Message delayed due to postal strike!)
- **Battle Foodbank – Needs and Updates:** This week the Foodbank needs Tins of Soup, Tomatoes, Cold Meat and Fish; Small bags of Sugar; Biscuits; Sweet Treats; Jars of Marmite and Peanut Butter and Boxes of 40's teabags. Please put items in the basket at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity.
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

News from our Diocese

Diocesan run events

- **Charisms, gifts or talents? – a talk for Young Adults**
Our Diocesan Young Adults (18-35) online formation continues with guest speaker Sr Margaret Atkins exploring Charisms and how they might lead us to a particular state of life. Join us on 9 January 2023 to meet other young Catholics and learn more about how God might be calling you! E: Lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Evenings of Reflection 7-9pm with a choice of venues across the Diocese**
 - Friday 13 January at St Michael's, Worthing
 - Saturday 21 January at St John the Evangelist, Horsham
 - Friday 3 February at St Martha's, Bexhill on Sea
 - 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.
- **Days of Reflection for Ministers, led by Bishop Richard:**
Saturday 21 January 2023 at St Bernadette's church, Tilgate, Crawley – for Ministers of the Word 11am – 4pm
The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones, Lectio Divina and mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Please sign up at: [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(21-Jan-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](https://www.dayofreflectionforministers.org.uk) E: Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.
- **Annual Justice and Peace Assembly - Hungry for Change. Saturday 28 January 2023 9.30-1.30pm. The Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP**
Please join us at our Annual Justice and Peace assembly which will explore food and conflict

and positive steps we can make. With Bishop Richard and speakers from CAFOD, Pax Christi and the Ecological Conversion Group. This event is free of charge but booking is requested, so that we have an idea of numbers. This can be done through the Diocesan website or the following booking link [Annual Justice & Peace Assembly "Hungry for Change" \(28-Jan-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

For more information, please contact Tessa Ricketts E: Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

➤ **Saturday 18 February 2023 at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge – for Ministers of the Eucharist 11am - 4pm**

The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch.

Please sign up at: [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(18-Feb-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

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➤ **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

Externally run

➤ **Crib Offering to support the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund**

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) is helping local disadvantaged families facing severe hardship due to the cost-of-living crisis. Through their A&B Crisis Fund, CCS is providing immediate, practical support to families in need. There are many vulnerable families in need of support with parishes across Arundel & Brighton donating their Crib Offering to support this important work. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's A&B Crisis Fund to support local families in need. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website W:

www.cathchild.org.uk/crib Please contact Emily Mundon E: emilym@cathchild.org.uk if your parish would like to support the appeal and require posters, gift aid envelopes or any further information.

➤ **Study Day – Saturday 14 January 2023**

At Chilworth Abbey by Fr John Seddon OSB of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 5, 'The Indispensable Men' on Saints Peter and Paul. Mass 9am. Presentations and talks 10.15am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible. See the website

W: chilworthbenedictines.com for further details.

Funeral Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Pope Francis at Requiem Mass: 'Benedict, may your joy now be complete!'

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Pope Francis recalled those final words spoken by the Lord, as proclaimed in the Gospel reading at the Requiem Mass for the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Thursday morning in St. Peter's Square.

In his homily, the Pope said Jesus' final words summed up the Lord's entire life, "a ceaseless self-entrustment into the hands of His Father." The Lord's were hands of "forgiveness and compassion, healing and mercy, anointing and blessing," recalled Pope Francis, as he entrusted Himself also into the hands of His brothers and sisters, offering the ultimate sacrifice of life in loving and serving others.

Grateful devotion

The Pope said Jesus' invitation to entrust our spirit in the hands of the Father is a programme of life inspiring and shaping the heart of every pastor, so that he may be "attuned in *grateful devotion*, in service to the Lord and to His people, a service born of thanksgiving for a completely gracious gift."

He said this shows the great "closeness of God," who entrusts Himself into the "frail hands of his disciples," so they can care for His people in loving service and sacrifice.

Prayerful devotion



Continuing to describe the characteristics of a pastor who strives to follow the Lord, the Pope noted that "*prayerful devotion*" is required, one that is "silently shaped and refined amid the challenges and resistance that every pastor must face."

"Like the Master, a shepherd bears the burden of interceding and the strain of anointing his people, especially in situations where goodness must struggle to prevail and the dignity of our brothers and sisters is threatened."

The Lord, he said, then offers His "spirit of meekness that is ready to understand, accept, hope and risk," a spirit that sustains a pastor despite the challenges, born from a pastor's confident trust in the Lord.

Every pastor of the Church, added Pope Francis, should seek to embody that trust, which is "born of prayer and adoration, capable of discerning what is expected of a pastor and shaping his heart and his decisions in accord with God's good time."

Consolation of the Spirit

The Pope then described how a pastor strives to be attuned to "*devotion sustained* by the consolation of the Spirit, who always precedes the pastor in his mission," as he strives to share the beauty and joy of the Gospel through his life and service.



The Pope then said that as we strive to follow the Lord as an ecclesial community, we too "want to follow in His steps and to commend our brother (Benedict) into the hands of the Father... may those merciful hands find his lamp alight with the oil of the Gospel that he spread and testified to for his entire life."

Spiritual accompaniment

Recalling how Saint Gregory the Great urged a friend to offer him spiritual accompaniment to support him in his ministry, the pastor also needs to commend himself to the prayers and the care of the people entrusted to him. He noted the importance of this aspect of mutual, prayerful support, in entrusting one another to the Lord, as the Church remembers Benedict XVI.

"God's faithful people, gathered here," said Pope Francis, "now accompanies and entrusts to Him the life of the one who was their pastor... We want to do this with the same wisdom, tenderness and devotion that he bestowed upon us over the years. Together, we want to say: "Father, into your hands we commend his spirit."

