

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

with

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 2nd October -
Battle (People of the Parish)
9am Sunday 3rd October -
Northiam (People of the Parish)
10.45am Sunday 3rd October -
Battle (Intention of
Peter & Pam Aalvatori)
10am Wednesday 6th October -
Battle - (Celebrant's Intention)
Sacrament of Reconciliation after
6pm Mass Saturdays

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend 2nd / 3rd October

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**
God's original desire for humans is to find in each of us a bond of love that runs so deeply that we never feel alone.
- **Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11**
Jesus was fully human and lived a human life, understanding all human needs.
- **Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**
Jesus had deep concern for the welfare of wives and children, supporting the institution of marriage for the sake of the whole family's well-being.
- If you feel you need to contact Fr Paul for any reason, his phone number is: 01323 670156.

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy has now restarted during the 10.45am Mass at Battle. If you have any children that have missed this during the restrictions and would like to join into these sessions again, please bring them along.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Maureen Hanson RIP, Jack Morgan, Guy Hooper, Di Bean RIP, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Harold Atkins RIP, Henry Cheung, Sam Baker.

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, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, John Reid, Anthony Gibbons, Rosemary Parkes, Suzanne McAdie.

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

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office if you would like these visits to recommence, 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk with a Minister or with Fr Paul, who is happy to make home visits.
- 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/>
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Preparation for next year's First Holy Communion will begin in October. Any children who are now in year 3 at primary school are eligible to join the programme which will involve them and their parents in regular meetings in the coming months. If any parents wish to enrol themselves and their children in the programme, please contact Fr Paul directly when you come to Mass in the next few weeks and obtain the registration form from him. The final details and meeting dates have yet to be arranged but now is time to start the ball rolling for next year.
- **Music Group in Battle:** We meet for practice for an hour each week beginning at 7pm on Tuesday evenings in church. Now that we are back singing at Mass, it would be wonderful if more parishioners were able to join the group - especially as we are now planning for our Advent Taizé-type service, and beginning to get ready for Christmas! Singers and instrumentalists alike will be made very welcome - no auditions, all you need is a smile, so everyone is invited! *Battle Music Group*
- **Harvest Festival This Weekend:** Our Harvest Festival celebration Mass will be held at Battle today, Sunday 3rd October at the 10.45am Mass to coincide with CAFOD Family Fast Day for which there will be a collection (please use the CAFOD Gift Aid envelopes provided and not your numbered ones). We hope you can join us.
- **CAFOD Family Fast Day - Climate Crisis Appeal:** Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, please donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website](https://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online [petition](https://cafod.org.uk/petition) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. Thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

Father Paul writes:

PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL

Coinciding with CAFOD FAMILY PAST DAY, we will celebrate Harvest Festival in our parish this weekend, joining Christian communities the length and breadth of the country in praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation. We have a creator God whose gifts to us are countless, and this is the time of year when we acknowledge the gifts of creation and offer prayerful and practical thanks.

This part of England sometimes seems to be a wealthy area, but the appearance is deceptive. Government figures tell us that throughout the county there are pockets of deprivation with high levels of child poverty, low income, high unemployment, poor health and other related problems. Our part of Sussex is no exception.

We all know what it is like to feel hungry, few of us know what it is like to have real hunger imposed upon us by the circumstances of our life. Harvest Festival is a time when we acknowledge this and thank God for all the blessings we experience in our lives, lives which if they are not of plenty are of enough. Sometimes it is easy to take all that we have and are for granted, not always giving it that much thought. Harvest Festival is a time to stop, reflect and thank God for all the good things that fill our lives, especially the most basic thing of all, food.

Harvest Festival is a time for thanksgiving and for sharing, reaching out to others who at the moment do not have that most basic of life's necessities, food. Being prepared to reach out to others in their need is the most appropriate action of those who call themselves disciples of the Master, the Lord who chose the hungry and those on the edge of society to hear the Good news of the Kingdom before all others. Failure to follow his example is to deny our Christian calling.

While you are shopping this week, it would be really good if you found space in your basket for one or two extra items to bring to Mass this Harvest Festival weekend so that they may be placed at the altar, blessed and then set aside for those who, at the moment and for whatever reason, are needing to share what you have to offer. Any non-perishable items will be welcomed - tins, packets, jars...

PLEASE HELP IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN

Whatever you bring to Harvest Festival will be sent to the local Foodbank. What is Foodbank? Foodbank is a venture which works at a local level providing food and fellowship, breathing space and support especially for those who are facing a crisis during those few days before the statutory and other help organisations are in a position to step in.

It might help if you see Foodbank as an opportunity to share Christ's love through the very practical offering of food to those in immediate need in our locality and the surrounding villages. Foodbank has the support of many local Christian communities.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?
When you did it to least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." (matt 25:37, 40)

- **St Michael's Hospice:** Having completed the 'Moonlight & Memories' 10k walk recently, and thanks to the generosity of parishioners and others, the three of us have raised over £800 including Gift Aid, for our local hospice so far - further donations will, of course, be most welcome and can be made to either of us or on-line at www.justgiving.com/John-ReidTeamForge. We will update everyone further in a few weeks' time when all donated funds will have been received. Thank you so much to everyone. *John, Vicky & Ingrid*

News from our Diocese

- **Grandparents' Groups:** Within the Diocese we have several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. Remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to find likeminded people and unlimited support? It's a bit like that, chat over issues such as how to help your Grandchildren without upsetting your own children...or their spouse!! How to pass on your faith and find strength in praying about it all together. If you are interested in joining or creating a group in you parish please do contact Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Loving father, we pray for all grandparents.

Help them to reflect your unconditional love in their relationship with their families. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and patience to enable them to support their families and be there to encourage, advise and inspire, in their turn, their children's children. May they be for their Grandchildren a safe refuge of consistency, offering witness to all of a life which is inspired by Gospel values, enriched by prayer and fuelled by the hope of the eternal kingdom.

- **Marriage Anniversaries Mass:** Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary that has particular significance for them is welcome to join the annual celebration of marriage at St Joseph's Church in Guildford. This year the celebration, with Bishop Richard, is on Saturday, October 9th with Mass at 11.30. In order that we can be Covid compliant we ask that everyone books their space via our website. Please use the following link [Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass and Reception \(09-Oct-2021\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk (Places are limited to 150). We so look forward to celebrating with you!
- **FINDING STILLNESS (Residential and online) led by: Fr Peter Williams OSB**
 - 29th-31st October
 - 8th-11th November
 - 13th-16th December

An opportunity for individuals to come to Worth (either in person or remotely) and enjoy the space and the stillness whilst, at the same time, taking part in joint daily lectio, a daily reflection on the rule of St Benedict plus some input on silent prayer. There is also opportunity for 1:1 meetings with Fr Peter, if you wish. A section of the retreat will be silent. Further information and booking is available at www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme . Places are limited so it is advised to book early.

- **QUIET FRIDAY at Worth Abbey**

- 8th October
- 12th November
- 10th December

Led by a member of the monastic community and usually on the second Friday of each month (with the exception of August). A time for stillness and solitude and to enjoy the attractive grounds and Quiet Garden. You are also warmly invited to join the monastic community for midday prayer in the Abbey Church, followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Tea and Coffee available but please bring your own packed lunch. Arrivals from 10:15am for a 10:45am start, until 3:30pm; based in Compass House. Booking is essential via the website www.worth.co.uk/retreats or by calling 01342 710318. Cost: £15 per person

Saints of the Week

The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex – 3rd October

John Ruge, Thomas Percy, Thomas Pylcher, Henry Webley, Edward Shelley, Ralph Crockett, Edward James, George Gervase, Thomas Bullaker, William Howard.

On this day we honour ten martyrs, whose suffering span the whole period during which men and women were put to death in England for their loyalty to the Catholic faith: a period of over 140 years, during the reigns of 5 monarchs. Among them are 4 laymen, 2 of noble birth, and 6 priests, including a Benedictine monk, a Franciscan friar and 3 'seminary priests'



Memorial of St Francis of Assisi – 4th October

Born in 1181, the son of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up everything to obey the words of the Lord: 'Leave all, and follow me.' He lived in complete poverty, preaching the gospel. Others came to join him, and they lived by a simple rule based on the Gospel. From them grew the Franciscan Order, which spread rapidly during his own lifetime, though he ceased to be its leader and left its administration to others. His life was a putting into practice of the beatitudes, and was marked by faith, joy, service of others, prayer, and love of all created things. He died in 1226.



Memorial of St Bruno, Priest – 6th October

St Bruno (c.1035-1101), founder of the Carthusian Order, was born in Cologne and taught theology for about twenty years at Rheims (France). In 1084 he retired with six companions into the mountains near Grenoble (France) and founded the strict monastery of the Grande Chartreuse. St Bruno was summoned to Rome by his former pupil, Blessed Urban II, and while working for the pope founded further monasteries in Italy.



Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary - 7th October

This memorial (originally of Our Lady of Victories) commemorates the battle of Lepanto (7th October 1571), when a Christian fleet defeated the Turks. The victory was attributed by Pope St Pius V to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. This great Marian prayer is sometimes traced back to St Dominic and his confrères, preaching against the Albigensian heresy in the thirteenth century, although it seems more likely to have taken its familiar form in the fifteenth century. Since then it has spread all over the world and has produced marvellous fruits, bringing countless Christians 'to Jesus through Mary'.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*



Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest - 9th October

Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was born in London, educated at Trinity College, Oxford and embarked on a highly successful career as a Fellow of Oriel College and Vicar of the University Church of St Mary's. A prominent member of the Oxford Movement, he became a Catholic in 1845; soon afterwards, he was ordained priest and introduced the Congregation of the Oratory into England. He lived at the Birmingham Oratory, continuing his ministry as a pastor, writer and educationalist, and in 1879 was created Cardinal Deacon of San Giorgio in Velabro by Leo XIII. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010.



- 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.

Vatican News

Migrants & Refugees Day: Pope calls for 'more inclusive world'

As the Church celebrates the 107th edition of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), Pope Francis is inviting all Catholics to open our hearts to those who have left their homes. Speaking at the Sunday Angelus, the Pope said all people must "walk together, without prejudice and without fear, drawing near to the most vulnerable: migrants, refugees, displaced persons, victims of human trafficking, and the abandoned." The Pope added that everyone is called "to build a more inclusive world, which excludes no one."

Initiatives in support of migrants: Several Catholic organizations are marking Migrants and Refugees Day through various initiatives, including one promoted by Caritas Italy.

Several dozen participants marched from the Castel Sant'Angelo toward St. Peter's Square ahead of the Angelus prayer. They were joined by Cardinal Michael Czerny and Fr. Fabio Baggio, the two Undersecretaries of the Vatican's Migrants and Refugees Section.

Calling attention to refugee's plight: Msgr. Robert Vitillo spoke to Vatican News' Francesca Sabatinelli about the WDMR and the Pope's message for the event.

He expressed the appreciation of the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), which he heads up as Secretary General, for [Pope Francis' message of the 107th WDMR](#).

The Pope's message, released in early May, invited the Church and humanity to journey "Towards An Ever Wider 'We'". Msgr. Vitillo said it is important for the Church to celebrate a day dedicated to migrants and refugees. "It is so necessary for us to call attention—not only at the level of the international community but especially as faithful Catholics and Christians—that we have a responsibility as Christians to welcome the stranger," he said.

In face of closing borders and rejected asylum-seekers: However, noted Msgr. Vitillo, many societies are becoming more closed to outsiders. "We see more and more throughout the world that doors and borders are closing and not allowing people to even to make a claim for asylum when they have been victimised by persecution and when their lives are in danger," he said. The American priest lamented the closure of US borders and recent treatment of migrants at the US-Mexico border. "This is the country that received my Italian grandparents, who left Italy because of deep poverty," said Msgr. Vitillo, "and who were accepted in the United States and then who contributed their talents, as so many other migrants and refugees did there."

Catholics on front lines of assistance: Msgr. Vitillo added that the ICMC and other Catholic organisations are "in the front line" helping people on the move in all parts of the world. "And it's harder and harder for us to do that," he said, "because many people do not feel the obligation to support the humanitarian assistance that we offer, and to support our protection of refugees around the world, and to help them to begin to develop and to recover the human dignity that God gave them."

Pope prays for residents of La Palma island after volcanic eruption

Pope Francis prayed on Sunday for people on the Spanish Canary island of La Palma, where a volcanic eruption on 19 September has forced many residents to flee their homes.

The Pope urged everyone to pray for the displaced and rescue workers through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, who is venerated on the island under the title Our Lady of the Snows.

Continued disruption: La Palma's erupting volcano continues to roar. But authorities noticed on Sunday that lava flows remained slow. The island's government said there had been "no significant incidents" with the volcano since Saturday when part of the crater collapsed and another river of lava emerged. It was the main reason why the airport on the Spanish island at least briefly reopened. The Spanish airport authority said that La Palma airport was operational again after closing Saturday due to a heavy fall of volcanic ash that coated the runway. People had been waiting there to leave the troubled island. "We were supposed to leave today, but our flight was cancelled," a passenger said. "And we have to wait till Monday. That means more nights here, and the implications are that we can't get back to work," she added. The airport closure led to long lines at the island's port to catch ferries off the island. Tourists say they feel sorry for those being left behind. "We think it's horrific for the people living here," one of those waiting said. "We didn't enjoy our journey. We think it's terrible what's happened here," he stressed.