

Advance Notice – White Flower Day

There will be a White Flower appeal for SPUC on 13th January 2019. Without the support of the Catholic Community, SPUC's political and educational work, as well as its pro-life support services, would be seriously affected.

Christmas Wishes

Dom and Jill Clare will not be sending Christmas cards this year, but on your behalf have provided a year's supply of potable water to a family through CAFOD'. *Dom & Jill*

Jack Morgan wishes Fr Tony and all our Parishioners a VERY HOLY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Instead of sending Christmas cards to all my friends, I will be giving a donation to the Catholic Charity 'Aid to the Church in Need'. *Jack*

The Word Who is Life

Thank you to all who came to the Bishop's meeting where he rolled out his diocesan plan. He was very pleased with turnout throughout the diocese. The plan will begin on the 1st January. There are many elements of the plan that you can view on the diocesan website. There will be updates of what we have to do in the new year.



I wish you all a
'Very Happy & Holy Christmas'
Fr Tony

23rd December 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays

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OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL BATTLE with ST TERESA OF LISIEUX NORTHIAM

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK: SAT 22nd – SUN 30th DECEMBER 2018

SAT: 22nd 6.00pm GRACE McADIE, R.I.P. & DAVID REYNERS, R.I.P.

SUN: 23rd 9.00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – ST TERESA'S
10.45am JOHN THOMAS & ANNE PATRICIA WALLIS, R.I.P.
– BATTLE

MON: 24th NO MORNING MASS

VIGIL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

6.00pm INTENTION OF THE FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH

NIGHT MASS

(PRECEDED BY CAROLS FROM 10.10pm)

10.30pm PEACE IN THE WORLD

TUES: 25th

DAWN MASS

(PRECEDED BY CAROLS FROM 8.40am)

9.00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – ST TERESA'S

DAY MASS

(PRECEDED BY CAROLS FROM 10.40am)

11.00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH - BATTLE

WED: 26th

ST STEPHEN'S DAY

10.00am ALTAR SERVERS INTENTIONS & THEIR FAMILIES

THURS: 27th 10.00am DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WHITE FAMILY

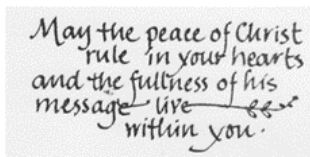
FRI: 28th 10.00am LILIAN PARSONS, R.I.P.

SAT: 29th NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS

6.00pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUN: 30th 9.00am CHRISTINE HUNT, R.I.P. - ST TERESA'S

10.45am INTENTION OF VINNY HOURIHANE - BATTLE



Introduction to the Scripture Readings (Night Mass)

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

We rejoice at the light in the darkness, for a child is born to us who will bring peace.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

God's wonderful grace is revealed and we are called to lead lives worthy of it.

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Mary gives birth to her firstborn son and the shepherds are summoned by the angels to recognize our saviour lying in the manger.

Events and Feast Days This Week

Wednesday is the Feast of St Stephen,

Deacon and Martyr of the Church. If you are an Altar Server, do come along to our St Stephen's Day Mass at 10am to renew your commitment to St Stephen.



Thursday is the Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist.



Friday is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

Saturday is the Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr. Patron Saint of the English Secular Society.

Next Sunday is

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.



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

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Ingrid Reeves, Jean Jameson, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Daphne Kilner, Pauline Fraser, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Jeanne Cogdell, Maureen Dixon, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Lucienne Corner, Marianne Clemence.

From St Teresa's: Derek Robinson, Keith Bourne, Barney O'Neill, Terry & Audrey Evans, Gerard & Joy Scothern & their family, Christine Mooney, Kathleen Courtney, June Nottage, Felicity Youlten, John Campbell.

Offertory

The collection for the weekend of 15th & 16th December was £236.95 in Battle and £118.05 in Northiam. Thank you all for your generosity.

A Note from the PPT

Just a reminder that the Christmas Offering is your personal gift to the Priest. For non Gift-Aiders, there are some envelopes at the back of the Church. This collection, together with the Easter one, make up a substantial part of the Priest's personal income for the year.

Crib Collection 2018

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

Christmas Cards

If you wish to leave Christmas cards for other parishioners, they can be left in the concertina file at the back of the Church. Please file by surname and use the right letter for each name. Check it from time to time as there may be some cards waiting for you to collect.

Parish 100 Club

Many congratulations to the winners of the December draw!

£15 – Charlie Shillingham-Smissen, £25 – Ros Vinall, £100 – Theresa Salter

Sheila Kaye Smith Society

The first meeting in the New Year will be on 12th January at the usual place, Filsham Lodge at 2.30pm. We will be sharing poetry / prose readings.

The Christmas Giving Tree

We have received this message from the SVP in St Leonards:

"Thank you so much for the Christmas items for the asylum seekers and homeless. Really very much appreciated. Please could you thank all those involved with the collection and arranging of this." *Thank you all so much!*

Cards for Prisoners of Conscience

We posted 35 cards to prisoners of conscience in countries around the world, from Vietnam to Eritrea and Tajikistan to South Africa. Many thanks to everyone who came and wrote cards.

Our Lady Immaculate Justice & Peace Group.