

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE

with

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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 2 for Weekdays

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Weekend 21st / 22nd January 2023

Weekend Services at Battle

21/01	6pm	Saturday Battle	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Epiphany Fernandes, RIP)
22/01	9am	Sunday Northiam		(People of the Parish)
22/01	10.45am	Sunday Battle		(Mr George Thomas, RIP & Mrs Maisie Mary Thomas, RIP)

Weekday Services at Battle

23/01		NO MASS		
24/01	6pm	Tuesday Battle	St Francis de Sales	(No Intention)
25/01	10am	Wednesday Battle	The Conversion of St Paul	(Intention of William)
26/01	6am	Thursday Battle	Sts Timothy and Titus	(No Intention)
27/01	10am	Friday Battle	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 3	(Intention of Margaret Williams)

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

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

- **First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

The day of judgement will leave a humble remnant to enjoy the earth in peace.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

In choosing “nobodies”, God makes a nonsense of our human scale of values.

- **Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

Jesus teaches that only a life of integrity can bring true and lasting happiness.

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/>
- **There will be an appeal in our Parish next weekend (28th / 29th January), by Lepra for World Leprosy Day.** Lepra is a non-governmental organisation (NGO), and has been working to find and assist people affected by Leprosy since 1924. Their vision is a world free from prejudice and disability due to leprosy.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Thank you to everyone that has already returned their forms. There is still time to join if you haven't done so yet, the last draw for this present 100 Club is this month. 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.
- **Ecumenical Christian Unity Week Service:** This will take place at 4pm next Sunday, 22nd January in the Baptist Church. Please come along if you can.
- **Jim Ayers RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Ayres, who sadly died recently, his funeral will be on 1st February at 12noon at St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham. Please remember his wife Ruth and their family in your prayers.

- **Fr Richard's Induction and Parish Lunch:** Thank you to everyone that attended Fr Richard's Mass and came to the Parish Lunch. It was lovely to see so many of our parishioners from Battle and Northiam together, meeting up with old friends and getting to know new ones and everyone enjoying themselves. Also, a big thank you to Eddie and Sally for helping set everything up and to everyone who helped clear away afterwards, especially Anne and Brenda who did all the washing up – a great team effort! We won't leave it so long next time until we have another celebration together.
- **The Newman Association, Eastbourne and Bexhill:** Monday 30th January at 7.30pm Lesley Dawson will be speaking on the work of 'MATTHEW 25', an organisation that supports homeless, unemployed or otherwise vulnerable people in Eastbourne. Christ the King parish room Princes Rd., Eastbourne BN23 6HT. All welcome. For further information please contact: Alex Mthobi 07957632208 or Barbara Echlin 01424 219788.
- **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) or by giving your donation to one of us on any Sunday.
- **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

- **Evenings of Reflection 7-9pm with a choice of venues across the Diocese**
 - 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.
- **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](https://www.churchsuite.com/events/annual-justice-and-peace-assembly-hungry-for-change-28-jan-2023)
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](#) E: Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

➤ **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

➤ **Worth Abbey**

Time Out individual self-guided retreats 6–9 February, 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.

Vatican News

Pope announces Ecumenical Prayer Vigil for Synod

Addressing the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis looked ahead to the traditional Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which takes place each year from 18 to 25 January.

This year's theme, he noted, is taken from the prophet Isaiah: "Do good, seek justice" (1:17). In light of this, Pope Francis asked that we each give thanks to the Lord "who faithfully and patiently guides His people towards full communion, and let us ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten and sustain us with His gifts".



Christian unity and synodal conversion are linked



Pope Francis went on to note that the path to Christian unity and the Church's synodal conversion are linked. For this reason, he announced an Ecumenical Prayer Vigil, set to take place in St Peter's Square on Saturday 30 September. At the Vigil, he explained, "we will entrust to God the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops". The Pope added that for the young people who will come to the Vigil there will be a special

programme throughout that weekend, organised by the Taizé Community. "As of now", the Pope concluded, "I invite brothers and sisters of all Christian denominations to participate in this gathering of the People of God".