

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,
BATTLE**

with

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**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays**

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Weekend 22nd / 23rd April

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 22/04 6pm	Battle	The Third Sunday of Easter	Intention of the McAdie Family
Sunday 23/04 9am	Northiam		Michael Mannix, RIP
Sunday 23/04 10.45am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 24/04	NO MASS		
Tuesday 25/04 6pm	Battle	Saint Mark Evangelist	Intention of Mary Oliver
Wednesday 26/04 10am	Battle	Wednesday of Third Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Thursday 27/04 6am	Battle	Thursday of the Third Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Friday 28/04 10am	Battle	Friday of the Third Week of Eastertide	No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter:

- **First Reading: Acts 2:14. 36-41**

A call to repentance, and a radical new way of thinking and behaving. Peter declares that the Holy Spirit is promised to all whom God calls.

- **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25**

Peter calls us to turn back “to the shepherd and guardian of (our) souls”. We are called to do what is right, even if it means suffering.

- **Gospel: John 10:1-10**

Jesus is the shepherd and the gate of the sheepfold, guarding and protecting the sheep.

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, Ruth Ayres, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

From St Teresa's: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Lawrence Youten.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung RIP, Gerard Leahy, Mark Clemence RIP, Richard Widenka RIP, Jo Watkins.

- 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/>
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are 500gm packets of Spaghetti; Packets of Microwavable Rice; Bottles of Squash; Cartons of Juice; Cartons of UHT Milk; Jars of Coffee and Small Freezer bags. Any toiletries or washing powder/capsules are always welcome.
- **Wednesday 26th April 7.30 until 9pm a talk by Rev. Neil Chatfield 'The Future for our Children':** Christ the King parish rooms, Princes Rd., Eastbourne BN23 6HT. All welcome. Entrance free. For more information please contact: Alex 07957632208; John 01323 726334.
- **Next Wednesday 3rd May Coffee & Cake** in the Parish Room after the 10am Mass. Everyone is very welcome!
- **Missio – Red Boxes, Battle:** In 2022, Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael raised £761.29 through our Red boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial

assistance. Your support of projects such as the Fundonq Mission station in Cameroon has enable Fr, Leon, a Mill Hill Missionary, to help children learn in a safe environment and instil values that empower them to turn away from conflict and towards faith in God. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.

- **A CAFOD word of thanks:** Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

News from our Diocese

The Diocese is recruiting a part time Safeguarding Administrator based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The successful post holder will process Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for diocesan parishes, volunteers and teams with full training given. For an informal discussion about the role please contact the Safeguarding Office Manager, Bethany Arthur; T: 01293 651148 or E: safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk. For further details and to apply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/soa. The deadline for applications is 19 May 2023.

The Diocese is recruiting a part time Senior Administrator for the diocesan Tribunal, based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The Tribunal team handles marriage cases, including supporting those seeking marriage annulment. The successful post holder will report to the Judicial Vicar and must have excellent interpersonal skills and a pastoral approach. Role begins 1 September 2023. For further details about the role or to apply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/sat . The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 26 May 2023. Interviews will take place Tuesday 6 June 2023.

Diocesan run events

- **Liturgy of the Word with children** – Free training for Liturgy Leaders - Saturday 13 May 9.30am - 1pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.
This is an opportunity for both those who are new to this as well as the experienced.
Why do we have a Liturgy of the Word for Children? How can we best deliver it as a Liturgy at an appropriate level? What resources are there? How can we use this to help families develop their faith at home? If you are interested in any of these questions please do join us. If you wish to discuss your engagement with this training before booking please contact Katherine Bergin, Diocesan Advisor E: Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Mental Health Champion Training Day** – Saturday 10 June – 9-4pm. Cost £60 at St John the Evangelist church hall, Springfield Road, Horsham
This one day course trains you as an MHFA Champion, giving you:
 - An understanding of common mental health issues
 - Knowledge and confidence to advocate for mental health awareness

- Ability to spot signs of mental ill health
- Skills to support positive wellbeing

It is hoped that these skills will empower you to lead on projects in your Parish to improve wellbeing in the community.

The course is accredited by MHFA England and you will receive a certificate of attendance.

If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking please contact Lizzie Wakeling, Diocesan Advisor E: Lizzie.Wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

- To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

➤ Externally run events/items

Worth Abbey

- **Praying the Eucharist - 25-27 April - Fr David Jarmy OSB**
Since the Second Vatican Council enormous time and energy has been put into renewal of the liturgy – mainly through encouraging active participation. In recent years we seem to have reached another stage – where emphasis has changed to ask the question, how do I pray the Mass? What difference does this make to my life?
This retreat will help you ask some of these questions and more importantly move into a deeper prayerful way of celebrating the Eucharist. We will be re-discovering some of the major teaching of the early Church Fathers and becoming more aware of the richness of symbolism which brings the Eucharist to life. “I am increasingly aware that the decisive question is not so much how believers experience the liturgy, but whether believers live from the liturgy” – Goffredo Boselli. The retreat will help you understand the Eucharist more, fully interiorise it more effectively and live it more authentically.
- **Time Out: Individual self-guided retreats - 15-18 May, 26-30 June, 1-6 August. Cost: £90 per person, per night, minimum booking 2 nights.**
Spend time 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 the monastic liturgy, to which you are warmly invited and an optional daily Lectio Divina session. There is also opportunity meet with a monk for reconciliation or a chat.

Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment. For further information please contact T:01342 710318, E:retreats@worth.org.uk or W:worth.co.uk

Vatican News

Pope: Charism of the Community of the Beatitudes is a gift

Pope Francis welcomed members of the Community of the Beatitudes to the Vatican on Monday, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their foundation.

After several reorganizations, the group, which rose out of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, was recognized by the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life as “an Ecclesial Family of Consecrated Life of diocesan right” in 2020. It is the first community of this kind.



A gift to the Church and the world: In a prepared address that was handed to representatives of the community, Pope Francis described their charism as “a gift for the Church and for the world.” He highlighted both the “eschatological dimension” and the “experience of Pentecost” as central to their identity, noting that “with their impetus, [their charism] still expands and manifests itself through life in the Spirit, the communion of states of life, and the apostolate.” The eschatological dimension, he said, makes present the Kingdom of God in liturgy, song, and fraternal life, while the experience of Pentecost is expressed in “the constant search for union with God,” realized through Mass, Adoration, prayer in the Carmelite tradition, and continuous prayer in accordance with Eastern Christian spirituality.

Wide and varied apostolates: Pope Francis praised the “vast and varied” apostolates undertaken by the Community, including liturgies, retreats, and humanitarian projects in developing countries. He noted, in particular, the groups work aiding minors in need, assisting disabled or malnourished children, and helping disadvantaged families and single mothers. “All this,” the Pope said, “is cause for giving thanks to God, especially your commitment to the service of the most fragile and marginalized people in a society polluted by the culture of waste.”

'Your witness is an inspiration': After mentioning several other ministries fulfilled by members of the Community, Pope Francis said he was grateful to them “for the commitment you show in consecrated life and the service you offer to the Church and to the world.” He expressed gratitude, too, for the “valuable contribution” they make to interreligious dialogue, the promotion of peace, and the defence of human rights, saying, “Your witness is an inspiration to many.”

Concluding his address to the group, Pope Francis invited them “to go forward and persevere in your mission with zeal and without fear, to bear witness to the faith with joy and hope, and to remain always open and docile to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.”