

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE
with
ST TERESA OF LISIEUX, HORNS CROSS

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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays

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Private Prayer Sessions - Battle
Monday, Wednesday
Friday 10am - 11am

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday
Weekend 17th / 18th October 2020

Service of Holy Communion will recommence on Wednesdays only
starting 21st October from 10am, followed by Private Prayer.

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

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Jean Jameson, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Eileen Scott, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Jack Morgan, Richard Widenka.

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

- **Faith & Friendship Group** - It has been suggested that the group meetings should start again via Zoom!. Many of us have begun to use technology more and more over the recent months and whilst there are a number of issues to be resolved, it would be very helpful if those interested would let Maggie in the office know at battle@abdiocese.org.uk. If there are sufficient numbers, it is hoping that we can recommence meetings in November.

Weekend Mass Times
6pm Saturday 17th October
- Battle (Richard Meade RIP,
SVP Intention)
9am Sunday 18th October
- Northiam
(Fredrick Garner RIP)
10.45am Sunday 18th October
- Battle
(Peter & Gretta Johnson)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
after 6pm Mass Saturdays

- **If you used to receive a visit** from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, (Special Ministers) and this is no longer the case, or if you know of someone that is sick or housebound, and would appreciate the prayers of our Parish, please let the office know on either 01424 773125 or e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Prayer Intentions:** During these uncertain and worrying times, there are many people out there who are suffering in one way or another, whether it be through illness or loneliness, taking an exam, or for any reason at all. Many of these are non-parishioners or non-Catholics but would appreciate and benefit from all our prayers. If you know of somebody you would like to be added to our list, please either e-mail the office: battle@abdiocese.org.uk, or pass their name on to one of the stewards or to Fr Paul after the weekend Masses.

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

Edwyn Simmonds, Una Wade, Margaret C, Weislaw, Rowena,

- Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions, they will be said privately, unless you would specifically like them to be said at one of the weekend masses, in which case you will need to contact the Parish Office. 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.
- In cases of special need Fr Raglan Hay-Will may be contacted in Eastbourne on 01323 723222.
- **When You Join Us at Mass this Weekend.** So that we can all feel safe, please observe the instructions of the stewards, and ensure that you wear a face covering at all times when in Church. A steward will guide you at Communion time and the Priest will place Holy Communion on your hand. You may place your Offertory Thanksgiving in the collection plate which will be available as you leave the church. We need to follow the Government and Diocesan Guidelines on social distancing, so if you know you intend to join us at Mass in either of our churches one weekend, it will be a great help if you let us know so that we can allocate you a place, preferably by e-mail to battle@abdiocese.org.uk, or phone 01424 773125 by 9am on Thursday, as the office closes at lunchtime on Thursday. If you are new to the Parish, please let us know and we will send you a New Parishioner Form. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Church in Battle Open for Private Prayer.** The church is our spiritual home, and parishioners are encouraged to attend if they can on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am - 11am. More stewards please!** Let Maggie know by e-mail: battle@abdiocese.org.uk if you can spare an hour on any of these mornings.
- **If you cannot attend Mass** and wish to follow a live Mass Arundel Cathedral streams Mass here [live stream](https://www.churchservices.tv). <https://www.churchservices.tv> is also a source of streamed Masses.
- Last Friday the new diocesan website went live. Take a look, see who's who and what's happening in the diocese: <https://abdiocese.org.uk>.

- **This year, the Solemnity of All Saints** will be celebrated on the weekend October 31/November 1. Mass times will be as usual. On MONDAY 2nd there will be Mass for All Souls at 10.00am at Battle.

- **Offertory.** There is a Special Collection this weekend for Missio, please use the Gift Aid envelopes available and read the article at the end of this newsletter. Next weekend (24th/25th October) there is a collection for the Retired Priests Fund (Gift Aid).

- **APF Mill Hill Missions - Red Boxes Battle**

I am now undertaking the annual return when we ask all Battle Red Box holders to hand in their box to be emptied. Please bring your box into Mass over the next couple of weeks or hand it in to the office on a Monday or Thursday morning 9.30am-12.30pm. If anyone has difficulty bringing in their box, I can collect it. *Thank you - Suzanne: 775565.*

The latest edition of the Missio Magazine and bookmarks will be available at the back of the Church this weekend, please pick up your copy when you leave Mass.

- **Preparation for Sacraments.** There is still time for any parents with children in year 3 or above in primary school, who are considering enrolling in the programme of preparation for next year's First Holy Communion group to contact the office for an application form. This can either be handed personally to Father Paul after weekend Mass, or posted, or e-mailed back to the office if you prefer. If you are currently aged 14 or over and have not yet been Confirmed and would like more information, please have a word with Fr Paul after weekend Mass.

- **Dan Schutte - Virtual Retreat 'Walking the Sacred Path'**

Dan is offering a virtual one, two or three-day retreat, Filled with guided reflections and music, along with a digital workbook/prayer journal, this event serves as a great opportunity for parishes and small groups to grow and develop their relationship with God.

Plus, there's a new individual retreat option as well! Each day features :

- six video prayer reflections with music - approximately one hour
- includes downloadable workbook/journal
- includes optional live Zoom conversation with Dan at the end of the retreat

For more information please copy and paste the following link:

<https://www.danschuttemusic.com/wordpressstore/parish-group-retreat-details/>

- **The Pope's new Encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti' - on Fraternity and Social Friendship**

This powerful encyclical is Pope Francis' "cry from the heart" to all people of the earth to see beyond their differences—indeed to work with their differences—and begin to grow together to build a new and peaceful world. This remarkable document comes from a pastor's heart, setting forth Francis' vision for a new church and new world, against the backdrop of a catastrophic pandemic that has spared nothing and altered everything. You can read the full letter here:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

Saints of the Week

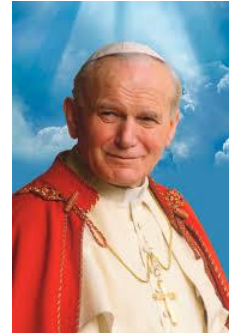
Solemnity of St Philip Howard, Martyr, Patron of the Diocese – 19th October

Saint Philip Howard, 20th Earl of Arundel (28 June 1557 -19 October 1595) was an English nobleman and Co-Principal Patron of the Diocese. He was canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970, as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church, as Tertullian famously stated in the 2nd century. St Philip Howard, with so many of the martyrs of the Reformation, chose the suffering of the cross over worldly acclaim. Why? Because Christ was his first love. May he be yours and mine too.



Memorial of St John Paul II, Pope – 22nd October

Pope John Paul II was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 1978 until his death in 2005. He was elected pope by the second papal conclave of 1978, which was called after Pope John Paul I, who had been elected in August to succeed Pope Paul VI, died after 33 days.



Memorial of St John Capistrano, Priest – 23rd October

St John Capistrano (1386-1456) was married in his youth but it was later annulled. He gave up a promising career in order to become a Franciscan and became a popular preacher in Italy and beyond, often being entrusted with papal missions. He preached a crusade after the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453 and exhorted the victorious Christian troops at the battle of Belgrade in 1456. He died shortly afterwards of the plague at Ilok (Croatia).



Memorial of St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop – 24th October

Born at Sallent in Spain in the year 1807. After becoming a priest he spent several years preaching to the people throughout Catalonia. He founded a society of missionaries (Claretian Fathers) and was made a bishop in the island of Cuba where he worked for the good of souls with great profit. Coming back to Spain he had to endure many trials for the sake of the Church. He died at Fontfroide in France in the year 1870.



The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm. If you have yet to do so, please send Maggie in the office your updated contact details, as we would prefer not to have to send too many letters but use e-mail for contact if possible.

The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

Mission Sunday 18th October 2020

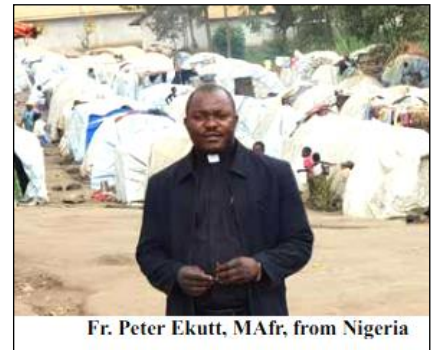
Bishop Richard has made a short podcast for this year's World Mission Sunday, which will be available on the Diocesan Website and in e-news, he has also sent us this message from the National Director of Missio - Fr. Antony Chantry:

'This year, World Mission Sunday falls on 18th October. On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. The need is even greater this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, especially in countries with inadequate financial and medical resources. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year World Mission Sunday is **'Here I am, send me!'** In these difficult and uncertain times, the Holy Father encourages us with these words: "God continues to look to those he can send into the world, and to the nations, to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, and his liberation from evil." All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world. Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church.' For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit www.missio.org.uk.

In this and our previous newsletter two people, one nun and one priest, who work in the missions are featured. We are familiar with the term 'missionaries,' but what exactly do they do?

WHAT DO MISSIONARIES DO?

Fr Peter Ekutt is a White Father missionary working in north east Congo. Recently a kind reader of the White Father's magazine sent £200 which allowed Fr Ekutt to come to the rescue of many of his parishioners. He writes ' The money was used to provide shelter to displaced people in the refugee camp of Mahagi where I do my pastoral work. The situation of the displaced people is dire. More than 1.5 million Congolese have lost their homes through conflict and tribal war especially in the Eastern Congo where I am working. The displaced people live in makeshift shelters made of banana leaves and raffia bags. When it rains conditions are horrible. The plastic sheets I have been able to give helps keep out the worst.



Fr. Peter Ekutt, MAfr, from Nigeria

On one of my visits to one of the camps on the shores of Lake Albert, I saw villages where over half of the houses were destroyed. Jeanee, fled her village in Djuru in February together with her children. ***'Our house was burnt to the ground. We saw it behind us as we were fleeing. We heard gunshots and fled but by then they had killed my husband. They looted my home and then burnt it down.'***

Mungufeni, a displaced 19 year old boy told Fr Peter how he had managed to survive ***'Armed men broke the windows of our house and started chopping off the heads of people in the neighbourhood. My Dad, my Mum and my elder brother were killed. I was in school when I heard - I could not go back. I have not buried any of them!'***



Blue plastic sheeting put to good use