

**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 26th / 27th August 2023

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26/08 6pm	Battle	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Sunday 27/08 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 27/08 10.45am	Battle		No Intention
Monday 28/08	NO MASS		
Tuesday 29/08 6pm	Battle	The Beheading of St John the Baptist	No Intention
Wednesday 30/08 10am	Battle	Wednesday of week 21 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Thursday 31/08 6am	Battle	Thursday of week 21 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 01/09 10am	Battle	Friday of week 21 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 01/09 12noon	Northiam		No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9**

Despite the hardships of his calling, Jeremiah allows himself to be seduced by God.

- **Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2**

Paul encourages the Christians of Rome to model their lives on Christ.

- **Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27**

The paradox of the cross: this is the way to life.

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, 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 & Felicity Youlten.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward.

- 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 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 Tins of Potatoes or Instant Mash; Tins of Hot Meat and Pies; Tins of Fish; Jars of Peanut Butter, Marmite and Honey and Children's Cereals please - any toiletries, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **Lawrence Youlten RIP:** Please remember dear Lawrence, his family and friends in your prayers. Lawrence died peacefully in his sleep early last Saturday morning. His wife Felicity and two of his children Paul and Maddy were at his side and able to wish him goodnight on the Friday evening. Lawrence will be greatly missed by his family and all his friends within and away from the Parish. May he rest in peace.
- **Rwanda Action Quiz Night - Friday 22nd September**
Venue: Vinehall School **Time:** 6:30 pm for 7 pm start
There will be a bar and an exciting raffle; competitors may bring their own snacks or picnic. Each table of 8 players costs £100, or individuals wanting to join a table £12.50 each (please contact Sally if you want to join a table at scepsmarsh@hotmail.com and she will arrange it). **Payment:** Rwanda Action Sort code: 20-27-91 Account No: 50874531
- **Reminder** – coffee and cake in the Parish Room next Wednesday, 6th September after the

10am Mass at Battle. Everyone is very welcome.

- **Janet Brodrick-Ward** is making marmalade for charity and would like any clean, empty jam jars with lids 370g size. If you have any, could you please leave them at the back of the Church for Janet to collect, thank you.
- 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

Diocesan run events

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid** – 4 evenings on-line – Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 September 6pm – 9.30pm
This Youth Mental Health First Aid course is for everyone who works with, lives with or supports young people aged 8-18. It will teach you the skills and confidence to spot the signs of mental health issues in a young person, offer first aid and guide them towards the support they need. In doing so, you can speed up a young person's recovery and stop a mental health issue from getting worse. Our course won't teach you to be a therapist, but we will teach you to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis - and even potentially stop a crisis from happening.
But more than that, we aim to give you the information and skills to look after your own mental health so that you can set an example for young people. By giving you the tools to have these conversations, we hope to empower you to create a mentally healthy, supportive environment in your family, school, peer group or community. Let's create a future where mental health is treated as a normal part of life, in the same way as physical health. A future where every young person has access to support if they need it. The course is accredited by MHFA England and you will receive a certificate of attendance. Attached is the booking link [Youth Mental Health First Aid - 4 Evenings Online \(12-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Catholic Young Adults: Dating & Relationships** – starts Monday 18 September - online
The Diocesan Youth Adviser, Lizzie, is hosting a short course on the Theology of the Body, and exploring what it means to navigate society's dating culture as a young Catholic. The course starts on Monday 18 September, lasts for 4 weeks and takes place online - we look forward to welcoming you whoever you are, whether you are happily single, in a relationship or looking for love! We also encourage young married couples to join, as you will learn more about how God wants to bless your marriage.
E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.
- **Youth Ministry Training Course** – 16 September & 7 October at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
Do you want to see more young people engaged in your Parish? Are you a Confirmation Catechist looking to learn more about how to engage and evangelise teenagers? Do you feel called to set up a youth group? If the answer to any of these is yes, then you need to attend the two day training course hosted by our Diocesan Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details.
- **Catechists' Day – Saturday 23 September at Worth School**
A day of formation, prayer and conversation for existing catechists, those interested in exploring being a catechist and those who might need a little encouragement to consider this vocation. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First

Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. The doors will be open from 10.30am for refreshments, with the programme beginning at 11am. We aim to finish at around 4pm.

For more information, please contact Jon Harman, Formation Adviser E:

Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk Register your place here : [Catechists' Day \(23-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) A poster is attached for display in your parish.

➤ **Altar Server Mass – Saturday 23 September at Arundel Cathedral**

Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 23 September at 12 noon, led by Bishop Richard. The Mass is for all those who have served, all those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve - all are very welcome. Fr Aaron requests attendees bring a cassock/cotta or an alb (if possible), and a packed lunch. There is no need to register, though attendees are asked to E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk to confirm numbers. Please note that children need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian/carer and that Fr Aaron/the Cathedral cannot take responsibility for unaccompanied minors.

➤ **A Day of Reflection for Grandparents – Tuesday 26 September 2023 11am-3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley**

Life experience comes at the price of the hard knocks and joyful moments and Fr Stephen Ortiger will help us to explore those and how we can see the hand of God in our lives. Our Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling, will offer some helpful hints and tips into communicating with young people and tuning into what they may find helpful as they navigate their way in life. Attached is the booking link [A Day of Reflection for Grandparents \(26-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your participation please contact the Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk.

➤ **Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 30 September 2023 11.30am-2pm at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne**

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at 11.30am followed by a small drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. Attached is the booking link [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(30-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your participation please contact the Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk. A poster is attached for display in your parish.

➤ **Anti-Slavery Day – Slavery on our doorstep! Hidden in plain sight – Wednesday 18 October – Fitzherbert Community Hub, Brighton**

Come and find out how modern slavery is very much here in our local area and how we can respond. Speakers from Sussex Police, Justice and Care, Help for Homes and Sussex and Surrey Modern Slavery Ambassadors. Light refreshments provided. Attached is the booking link [Anti Slavery Day - Slavery on our doorstep! Hidden in plain sight. \(18-Oct-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

For more information, please contact Tessa Ricketts, Caritas Social Action Network Adviser E: tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

➤ **St Philip Howard Mass at Arundel Cathedral - 22 October at 3pm.** People across our Diocese are invited to join the annual St Philip Howard Mass at Arundel Cathedral followed by refreshments at the Cathedral Centre. There will be an opportunity to view materials from the recent Arundel Museum exhibition 'Arundel Cathedral 1873 – 2023'. All are welcome, booking is not required.

➤ **Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Faith?**

As part of the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies, different subjects are taught in depth over Saturdays in Crawley. These include the Scriptures, the Person of Jesus Christ, the Church and its sacramental life and moral understanding. The modules can be attended

separately or can build as part of the Certificate. These courses, beginning in October run to April and suit anyone who is interested in developing knowledge of their faith, whether personally or to support a ministry. For more information, please contact the Formation Adviser, Deacon Jon Harman E: jon.harman@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>

Vatican News

Pope greets Polish faithful on pilgrimage to Piekary Slaskie Shrine

"The Pope wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium* that it is necessary to make room for a more significant presence of women in the Church, that there must be greater spaces for the mission service they can provide," says Archbishop Adrian Galbas, Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of Katowice on whose territory the Shrine of the Mother of Justice and Social Love in Piekary Slaskie is located. The Archbishop greeted the participants in today's pilgrimage that involves women and girls, that Pope Francis mentioned in his greetings at the conclusion of the Sunday Angelus.



Annual women's pilgrimage: Piekary Slaskie has been a shrine to the Mother of God since the 17th century. According to tradition, in May there is a pilgrimage for men of all ages, and in August, for women of all ages. Tens of thousands of the faithful attend every year.

Referring to the motto of this year's pilgrimage, "blessed is she who believed," Bishop Galbas looked at the challenges facing believers today, including "our conscious neglect of the spiritual life, lack of prayer, sacramental life, or regular contact with the Word of God."

Included among the many topics the Metropolitan of Katowice addressed was freedom of speech, especially in social media. "We could use a little more moderation in expressing our thoughts, and certainly better manners at times, especially when their absence takes the form of hate that destroys the good name of many a person" the Metropolitan of Katowice noted in welcoming the pilgrims.

During the solemn Mass, Bishop Wieslaw Lechowicz, Polish Military Bishop, delivered the homily. Addressing the women pilgrims in attendance, he encouraged them to use their feminine genius, to contribute to the environments where they live. "And the most important dimension is love," he stressed. He pointed to Mary as a model of faith, but also of beautiful relationships with neighbours.

Bishop Lechowicz then noted that on 10 September, there will be a beatification in Markowa of the Ulma family, whom the Nazis murdered for saving Jews. They died with those they rescued. This beatification will be unprecedented, as it will be the first time an entire family will be beatified together and the first time an unborn child will be beatified.

"The postulator in the beatification process recounted that for a long time, it was difficult to determine whether the actions of Wiktoria and Józef Ulma were motivated by faith," Bishop Lechowicz said. Much became apparent only when a Bible belonging to them was found. The copy of their Bible is full of comments and underlining, and next to the parable of the Good Samaritan, there was an addition in capital letters: 'YES.' 'Whoever says 'yes' to God also says 'yes' to another person," he stressed in the homily.