

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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Weekend Mass Times

**6pm Saturday 15th August -
Battle (Rod Richardson RIP)**

**9am Sunday 16th August -
Northiam (Salvadore Lobo RIP)**

**10.45am Sunday 16th August -
Battle (Philip Lynn)**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
after 6pm Mass Saturdays**

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady

- Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions for the weekend Masses.
- Mass Intentions passed to Fr Tony earlier this year will be said by Fr Paul 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.

Mass Procedures for the Weekend 15th/16th August

- Arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass.
- Work on the Parish room roof has now been completed so the one-way system will be back in operation at Our Lady Immaculate and St Michael as soon as the scaffolding has been removed, when entrance will be through the Sacristy and exit will be via the main door. Please observe the instructions of the Stewards when entering or exiting the church.
- The layout of the churches in Battle and Northiam are using the '1 metre plus face covering' regulations. *Please ensure that you wear a face covering at all times when in Church.*
- Holy Communion will be a host placed in the hand (not on the tongue). A Steward will tell you when to approach the altar. You will see a small table at the head of the aisle.

Stand close to this table and the priest will give you a Communion Host. The steward will show you back to your seat. If you are sitting on the aisle side of the bench, allow the wall side parishioners to enter the bench first: do not change places.

- When Mass is over - please wait in your bench until a Steward asks you to leave and maintain a one-metre separation and please keep your face covering in place until you leave the church. Please do so as quickly as possible as the Church has to be sanitised after Mass before the next Mass or prayer session.
- Collection plates will be available as you leave the Church.
- A continued thank you to our Church Stewards who enable us to keep the Church open.
- Please dispose of used masks and gloves in the white bins in Church and not in the house recycling bins.

- **Booking for Mass in future weeks**

At present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended. For those able to attend, and if you wish to attend Mass in either of our Churches, for the foreseeable future you must first register, preferably by e-mail to battle@abdiocese.org.uk, or phone 01424 773125 by 9am on the Thursday of the week prior - the earlier you can do this, the better please. This is necessary to ensure compliance with Diocesan Guidelines on social distancing in our small churches.

- **Home Visits.** At present home visits by Ministers have been suspended. Parishioners will be informed as soon as they are able to visit.
- **Baptisms and other Sacraments** - Please contact the Parish Office with any requests.
- **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 local live Mass, Fr Eamonn Monson from St Mary Star of the Sea in Hastings, will stream his 10am Mass on You Tube (in the search bar type in Eamonn Monson). Arundel Cathedral streams Mass here [live stream](#). <https://www.churchservices.tv> is also a source of streamed Masses.

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, Pauline Fraser, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Eileen Scott, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim Ayres.

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

Gift Aid Envelopes

If you are booked into the weekend's Mass your current year's Gift Aid envelopes will be left at the back of the Church for you to collect. Please only collect your own box.

Parish 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the August draw!

£15 - Dominic Leahy, £25 - Hazel Lobo, £100 - Phoebe McAdie

Chestnut Tree Hospice Fund

There are some envelopes at the back of the Church for the Chestnut Tree House Hospice which supports local families with children who have limited life illnesses. This was Anne's chosen charity for her late husband Richard Meade. Gifts can also be made online with Gift Aid www.justgiving.com/Richard-Meade8910. Thank you.

Saints of the Week

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15th August

The Solemnity of the Assumption is, in some ways, the paramount feast of Our Lady, since it commemorates her passing, body and soul, into glory in Heaven, where she stands bedside her Son 'in garments of gold'. Though the dogma of the Assumption was only defined in 1950, it was widely believed by the earliest Christians. The Blessed Virgin truly leads the way; she fulfilled her vocation in humility and, given her Immaculate conception, the grave was no place for her body. Where she is now, we one day hope to be.



Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope - 21st August

St Pius X (1835 - 1914) was born in Riese, near Venice (Italy), the son of the village postman. Ordained in 1858 he is one of the few popes to have spent a substantial period in parochial ministry. After serving as Bishop of Mantua and Patriarch of Venice, he succeeded Leo XIII as Pope in 1903. He defended Catholic doctrine against modernism, described as the 'synthesis of all heresies', and also promoted the dignified celebration of the liturgy. Aiming 'to restore all things in Christ', he extended the practice of frequent communion.



Fr Pat

Fr Pat has sent his greetings to all in the Parish and is very sad that due to the Coronavirus he will not be with us in October. He assures us of his prayers and asks that we remember him in ours.

Summer Holiday Food Project

This project is being run by a group of volunteers from the Battle Churches. We are offering weekly food parcels to local families whose children have free school meals and who will struggle to feed them during the 6 weeks when schools are closed (July 27 - Sept 5). Our aim is to make sure the children have something suitable to eat at lunchtime. The project is an addition to the support already being offered by Battle Foodbank.

We shall need donations of food and cash to buy food. If you would like to donate or can volunteer to help pack and deliver food parcels, please contact Alison Hassell for more information. Email: hassellaj@gmail.com Tel: 774737 or text 07783 671624

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.