

**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 - Battle**

**(Frank Fitzpatrick)**

**9am Sunday - Northiam**

**(Lawrence D'Souza RIP)**

**10.45am Sunday - Battle**

**(Julie Lobo RIP)**

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

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

## **Parish Newsletter for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020** **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 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](mailto: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.
- Next weekend the Church in England and Wales will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady at Mass next weekend 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Mass Procedures for the Weekend 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> August**

- Work on the Parish room roof has now been completed, but the scaffolding may still be in place. As a result, the one-way system is still temporarily out of operation at Our Lady Immaculate and St Michael, and entry 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.
- If you are reading, wear gloves and a face covering. Please follow the Steward's guidance and sit on the right-hand side of the sanctuary ensuring you are one metre from the other reader. You may drop your mask when reading if you wish, remembering to replace it! Readers should approach the priest at the small table for Holy Communion before parishioners are brought to the altar. The second reader will not be joined by the first for the Responsorial Psalm. Please remain until after the priest has left the altar and then exit via the Main Door.
- Collection plates will be available as you leave the Church.
- Thank you to the Church Stewards who have enabled the church to open for Private Prayers.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

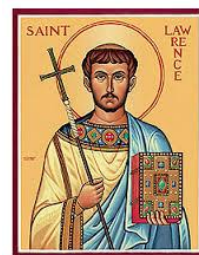
### **Chestnut Tree Hospice Fund**

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](http://www.justgiving.com/Richard-Meade8910). Thank you.

### **Saints of the Week**

#### **St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr - 10<sup>th</sup> August**

St Lawrence (+258) was one of the seven deacons of Sixtus II killed during the persecution of Valerian. On his arrest, he was ordered to hand over the riches of the Church but pointed to a crowd of poor people, saying 'Here are the true treasures of the Church.' According to tradition, he was roasted to death on a gridiron.



#### **St Clare, Virgin - 11<sup>th</sup> August**

St Clare (c.1193-1253) was born in Assisi (Italy) and became a disciple of St Francis. She founded the Order of the Poor Clares or Minoresses and lived a life of radical poverty at the convent of San Damiano. She wisely led her community for forty years and gave counsel to many high-ranking prelates. Such was the fame of her holiness, she was canonised two years after her death.



### **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](mailto: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.