

**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 24th / 25th June 2023

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 24/06 6pm	Battle	The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jack Morgan, RIP
Sunday 25/06 9am	Northiam		Intention of Madeleine Salter on her 93 rd birthday
Sunday 25/06 10.45am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 26/06	NO MASS		
Tuesday 27/06 6pm	Battle	Tuesday of the Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention
Wednesday 28/06 10am	Battle	Saint Irenaeus	Intention of the Salter Family
Thursday 29/06 10am	Battle	Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul	No Intention
Thursday 29/06 7pm	Northiam		No Intention
Friday 30/06 10am	Battle	Friday of the Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time	Fr David Russell, RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- **First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16**

The prophet Elisah receives hospitality and repays it with the promise of new life.

- **Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4. 8-11**

By baptism, we come to share in the divine life of Christ.

- **Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42**

To be worthy of Christ, we must take up our cross and follow him.

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 Youlten.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong.

- 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/>
- **Second Collection next weekend for Peter's Pence** (Gift Aided with your own envelopes).
- **Coffee & Cake after Mass in Battle next Wednesday 5th July** in the Parish Room – everyone is very welcome!
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are tins of Pulses; Tins of Fish; Tins of Tomatoes; Jars of Honey; Jars of Coffee; Boxes of Tea Bags 40's; and packet of biscuits please - toiletries and household products are always appreciated. Thank you so much, whatever we receive is much appreciated.
- **Quiz night in aid of Demelza, Hospice Care for Children:** We would love to get a second team together to take part in the Quiz Night on Friday 14th July at 6.30pm, in the Wynne Road, Battle Memorial Hall, to raise funds for TVS School in Africa, Demelza Hospice at Home. £10 per person to include finger buffet. Please see the Poster at the back of the Church, and the tear-off slips to complete and pop in the collection basket if you would like to be part of a team!
- 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

- **Mental Health Courses - course costs are (per delegate) - Half day £30. Full day £60. 2 Day certified £120 (Certified by Mental Health UK):** The sad reality is that mental health across the nation is a growing concern and reality. Recently we saw in the national press, the truly horrible indictment that suicide is the leading cause of teenage deaths in the UK. The idea of the Mental Health First Aid Course is to give delegates the skills to identify the early warning signs of a problem developing, from across the wide spectrum of mental health conditions and then to provide the direction to signpost people accordingly to the right help and support. The half day and full day course are aimed at identifying systems and exploring appropriate routes to signpost those who are experiencing the challenge and darkness of mental health. Do speak to your Parish Priest to explore the potential of this Ministry in your Parish or email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk for more details. Planned courses are as follows (all of which can be booked via Churchsuite through the Diocesan website).
- Sat 15 July - Worth - One day Champion Course
 - 12/13/19/20 September - Online - Two Day Youth MHFA (4 evenings)
 - Sat 4 November - Worthing - Half day MH Aware
- **Catechists' Day – Saturday 23 September at 11am 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](#)

Externally run events/items

- **You are warmly invited to Thanksgiving Day at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre on Saturday 8th July.**
- The theme for Thanksgiving Day is 'The God of surprises'. He meets us at our point of need and gently draws us to Himself and transforms us moment by moment into all we were created to be – like Him. As ever, throughout the day we will be celebrating God's abundant goodness and hearing some stories of God encounter moments at CCHC. If you have never been to a Thanksgiving Day at CCHC before, it's very much like an open house. You are welcome to come and go as you please and the house and grounds are open for you to explore and enjoy. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at 11am followed by a complimentary ploughman's lunch and plenty of tea and coffee served at different points throughout the day.
- The 11am Thanksgiving Service will also be on Zoom for those unable to attend in person. There is no charge for the day and no need to book but please contact us on 01424 830204 if you have a question about the day, if you need the Zoom codes or if you would like to tell us you will be coming.

Vatican News

Pope: Continue to inspire love for the Holy Eucharist

to contribute to a revival of faith in, and love for, the Holy Eucharist, the "source and summit of the Christian life."

With these words, Pope Francis expressed his gratitude to the members of the Committee preparing for the forthcoming National Eucharistic Congress in the United States of America, for their efforts to promote love for the Eucharist.



"Indeed, the Eucharist is God's response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life, for, in the Eucharist, Christ Himself is truly in our midst, to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey."

"Sadly nowadays, there are those among the Catholic faithful," the Pope lamented, "who believe that the Eucharist is more a symbol than the reality of the Lord's presence and love."

The Pope also decried that the proper sense of Eucharistic adoration is becoming more and more lost, urging the faithful to combat this trend. Moreover, he urged, we need to value the elderly, often discarded, and who, instead, through their prayer and devotion, set a beautiful and powerful example of faith.

Sense of awe at Lord's gift of Himself: The Pope expressed his wish to bring the Eucharist's true meaning to the forefront.

"It is my hope, that the Eucharistic Congress will inspire Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of Himself..."

He also stated his desire that the Congress inspire the faithful to "spend time with Him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration, before the Blessed Sacrament." "I cannot fail to mention," the Pope said, "the need for fostering vocations to the priesthood, for as Saint John Paul II said, 'There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood.'" "Priests are needed," he underscored, "to celebrate the Holy Eucharist."

Where we meet One Who gave everything for us: The Pope called on the faithful to commit themselves, with ever greater zeal, to being missionary disciples of the Lord, in the world.

"In the Eucharist," the Pope said, "we encounter the One Who gave everything for us, Who sacrificed Himself in order to give us life, Who loved us to the end. We become credible witnesses to the joy and transforming beauty of the Gospel only when we recognize that the love we celebrate in this sacrament, cannot be kept to ourselves, but demands to be shared with all."

For this reason, he said, the Body of Christ, impels us to a strong and committed love of neighbour, especially those suffering, in need, or weary.

Significant moment in life of US Church: Addressing those gathered before him as friends, the Holy Father recognized, "the National Eucharistic Congress marks a significant moment in the life of the Church in the United States."

"May all that you are doing," the Pope said, "be an occasion of grace for each of you, and may it bear fruit in guiding men and women, throughout your nation, to the Lord who, by His presence among us, rekindles hope and renews our lives."

Pope Francis concluded by entrusting them to the maternal intercession of Mary Immaculate, assuring them of his prayers for them, their families, and local Churches, and imparting upon them, his blessing.