

**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 14th / 15th October
2023**

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 14/10 6pm	Battle	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fred Darling, RIP
Sunday 15/10 9am	Northiam		For those buried in the cemetery on the anniversary of its consecration
Sunday 15/10 10.45am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 16/10	NO MASS		
Tuesday 17/10 6.30pm	Battle	St Ignatius of Antioch	Martha Thompson, RIP, FM
Wednesday 18/10 10am	Battle	St Luke, Evangelist	Lucy Cziraki, RIP followed by the Rosary
Thursday 19/10 6.30am	Battle	St Philip Howard	No Intention
Friday 20/10 10am	Battle	Friday of week 28 in Ordinary Time	Dennis Barter, RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Isaiah 45:1. 4-6**

We are all instruments of God, but not always willingly, so that we do know the true meaning of our lives.

- **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

Sometimes we only appreciate the power of God's word in the lives of others who receive it. This is why converts will always give hope to the Church.

- **Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21**

Don't be afraid of tough questions. Every question has an answer from God.

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.

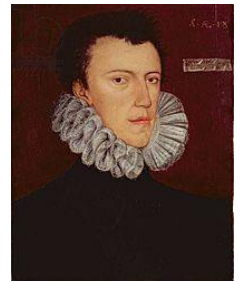
From St Teresa's: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Felicity Youtlen.

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, Anthony Gibbons.

- 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 Fish and Cold Meat and Sponge Puddings please - any toiletries, toilet rolls, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **Exciting News! New 'Move It' Club - starting this Thursday 19th September, 10-11am in the Parish Room.** This is aimed especially at our more senior, or less mobile parishioners and will be a friendly session offering gentle exercise to improve mobility, strength and balance - followed by coffee/tea and biscuits. Exercises can be adapted for those who would prefer to remain seated throughout. Qualified teacher. No charge, but donations towards refreshments gratefully received. See the flyer or contact Lindsey for more information. Mob: 0772494239 Email: lindseyfwilson@outlook.com. Why not come along and join in!
- **October is Rosary month:** As the month of October is Rosary month, Fr Richard has given permission for a small group of the Parish to say the Rosary after Mass on the Wednesdays during October. Everyone is welcome to stay and join in.

- **This Weekend we celebrate Prisoner's Sunday** – a National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families. Prisoners' Sunday is an important opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts and prayers to the needs of prisoners and their families, and those who work to support our brothers and sisters affected by the criminal justice system. There will be a Second Collection for Pact (if Gift Aiding, please use envelopes at the back of the Church).
 - **Battle Community Choir Concert:** Members of the Battle Community Choir accompanied by Stephen Page have arranged a concert featuring the music of Gershwin and Cole Porter and more songs from the 20's and 30's at the Emmanuel Centre on Sunday 22nd October at 2pm. Donations, in lieu of entry tickets, will be in aid of Battle Methodist Church. There will be light refreshments in the interval.
 - **Saints & Sinners Concert: Our Lady of Ransom Church (Grange Road, BN21 4EU) – Saturday 4th November, 7.30pm** with refreshments interval midway. An evening of secular and sacred music and storytelling, exploring and celebrating the journey of faith as saints and sinners on the road. John Holstrom (keyboard) and Dominic Dring (saxophone, flute and vocals), Elisha Dring (singer) and special guests. Donation (suggest £5 to £10) on the night, with money raised going towards a local charity.
 - **Thursday 19th October celebrates the anniversary of Saint Philip Howard, 20th Earl of Arundel** (28 June 1557- 19 October 1595) He 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.
- 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

- **Liturgy of the Word with Children – Leaders' Training – Saturday 11 November 10am–1pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the Liturgy of the Word with Children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel.
- 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>

Externally run events

- **Living with Loss – a retreat 13-16 November Cost £330 per person:** Led by Simon Holland Brown; an integrative therapist who specialises in anxiety, depression and bereavement. The loss of someone close to you can trigger an overwhelming mixture of emotions while you try to process them. We are offering time, space and support to engage with your experience in a healing way.

- **Time Out – Individual self-guided retreats 11-15 December, 22-28 January Cost: £90 per person, per night:** Spend some time at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, space for reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. No set programme other than an optional daily Lectio Divina session, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity for a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.
- **Advent Retreat 4-6 December Cost: £220 per person:** An opportunity to prepare during the season of Advent, a time of expectant waiting, for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ (led by a member of the monastic community).
- For all events book online at W: www.worth.co.uk T: 01342 710318

Vatican News

Pope prays for peace in Israel and Palestine: ‘Every war is a defeat!’

“Please stop the attacks and the weapons,” Pope Francis pleaded on Sunday, “and understand that terrorism and war do not lead to any solution, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people.”

“War is always a defeat! Every war is a defeat!” he insisted. Speaking after the Angelus prayer on Sunday, the Holy Father said he is following “with apprehension and sorrow,” the latest news from Israel, “where violence has erupted even more ferociously, causing hundreds of deaths and injuries.”

He expressed his sympathy to the families of victims, and said he is praying for them and for “all those who are experiencing hours of terror and anguish.” The Pope invited everyone to pray for peace in Israel and Palestine.

Violence in Israel and Palestine: Fresh violence erupted unexpectedly in the Holy Land on Saturday, when Palestinian Hamas militants launched a surprise attack on Israel, firing hundreds of rockets and making armed incursions into Israel.

Israel immediately launched retaliatory air strikes, and the nation’s prime minister has said the country is at war. Unconfirmed reports suggest more than 400 Palestinians have been killed in southern Israel and the Gaza Strip and dozens captured. Some 300 Israelis have been reported killed, and dozens kidnapped, according to some Israeli sources.

Latin Patriarchate calls for de-escalation: In a statement issued on Saturday, the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem lamented, “The too many casualties and tragedies, which both Palestinians and Israeli families have to deal with, will create more hatred and division, and will destroy more and more any perspective of stability.” The statement called on the international community and religious leaders “to make every effort in helping to de-escalate the situation, restore calm and work to guarantee the fundamental rights of people in the region.”

The need for a solution to the conflict: The Patriarchate insisted on the importance of maintaining the so-called “Status Quo” with regard to all the Holy Places in the Holy Land, especially in Jerusalem; and of the “urgent need to find a lasting and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in this land.” The Patriarchate’s statement concluded with the prayer that God might “inspire world leaders in their intervention for the implementation of peace and concord so that Jerusalem may be a house of prayer for all peoples.”

