

**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 10th / 11th June 2023

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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| Saturday 10/06 6pm | Battle | Solemnity of Corpus Christi | Bina Phelan, RIP |
| Sunday 11/06 9am | Northiam | | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 11/06 10.45am | Battle | | No Intention |
| Monday 12/06 | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday 13/06 6pm | Battle | Tuesday of the Tenth Week of Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Wednesday 14/06 10am | Battle | Saint Antony of Padua | No Intention |
| Thursday 15/06 6am | Battle | Thursday of the Tenth Week of Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Friday 16/06 10am | Battle | Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | No Intention |

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

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

- **First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6**

The Lord makes Israel his very own people, a consecrated nation.

- **Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11**

Christ has reconciled and saved us through his death.

- **Gospel: Matthew 9:36 – 10:8**

Jesus sends out his disciples to labour in his harvest.

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/>
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are tins of Pulses; Tins of Fish; Boxes of Cereal either Weetabix or Variety Pack and Sweet Treats - any toiletries or household products are always appreciated - thank you so much. Thank you so much whatever we receive is much appreciated.
- **Volunteers needed please:** we are looking for volunteers to help set up before Mass on a Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church if you can help, thank you.
- **The Parish Music Group** are still mourning the departure of our Musical Director, John Reid and his lovely flute-playing daughter Vicky. We need to try to find a replacement singer (who can sight read) and another competent piano player and instrumentalist who could spare an hour on Tuesday evenings between 7.00 - 8.00 pm. to practice and join the 'orchestra' for the Sunday morning mass in Battle. If anyone wants to come and chat with us as to what is involved, they are very welcome to see us after mass on Sunday in Battle.
- 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

- **Worth Abbey - Explore the Richness of Benedictine Spirituality - 24 June, 1-4pm**
Join Midday Prayer at 1pm in the Abbey Church, followed by a welcome talk from Abbot Mark Barrett, and sung Benediction at 3.30pm. Sessions include: accompanied walks to the Quiet Garden, Silent Prayer, Lectio Divina and talks by lay people on how the Rule of St Benedict inspires their lives. Families are very welcome (Children's activities are available) with complimentary refreshments. [Register your place here.](#)
- **Divine Renovation 'From Programmes to Pathways: Making, Maturing and Missioning Disciples' Monday 26 June at 7pm - Online**
Do you find yourself pouring time and energy into programmes that don't bear the fruit of transformed lives? Are you tired of seeing people come and go instead of maturing as disciples and getting involved in mission? You are not alone! Join Julianne Stanz, Fr. Dan Mason and Fr. Victor Vella online and learn how your parish can bring people to Jesus by embracing discipleship pathways over programmes. Register your place here: divinerenovation.org/events.

Vatican News

Pope: We have responsibility before God to protect Common Home

The catastrophic effects of climate change hold us accountable before God. Pope Francis stressed this on Monday in the Vatican as he addressed participants in and organizers of the Green&Blue Festival, coinciding with World Environment Day, today, 5 June 2023, as he appealed for recognizing our shared responsibility to take concrete action to protect the planet. With events scheduled today in Rome, and from 6 - 8 June in Milan, the festival brings together Italian and international players who are united in their commitment to urgently combat climate change. During the audience, the Pope encouraged them in their commitment to protect the environment. He also drew attention to the ever-more violent natural disasters devastating the globe, as he urged the International Community, and all people of good will, to do their part in safeguarding our Common Home.



"Experts clearly point out how the choices and actions put in place this decade will have an impact for thousands of years. Our knowledge about the impact of our actions on our Common Home and those who inhabit it, and will inhabit, it has expanded."

Responsibility before God: "This," the Pope insisted, "has also increased our sense of responsibility before God, Who has entrusted us with the care of Creation, before our neighbours and before future generations." While the humanity of the post-industrial period, he recalled, "may be remembered as one of the most irresponsible in history," it is, he added, "to be hoped that the humanity of the early 21st Century may be remembered for generously assuming its grave responsibilities." The phenomenon of climate change, the Holy Father said, reminds us insistently of our responsibilities, especially to the poorest and most fragile, who contribute the least to the phenomenon, but suffer from it the most. "It is necessary today," the Pope urged, "for the entire international community to put as a priority the implementation of collegial, solidarity-based and forward-looking actions," recognizing "the magnitude, urgency and beauty of the challenge before us."

A change of course required: Pope Francis recognized that it is a great and demanding challenge "because it requires a change of course, a decisive change in the current model of consumption and production," too often fed by a throwaway culture, full of indifference. *"Moreover, as indicated by many in the scientific world, changing this model is 'urgent' and can no longer be postponed."*

The Pope called for educating ourselves in how to protect the planet, and how that in turn, can transform society. He applauded various opportunities and initiatives aimed at seriously addressing this challenge, as he highlighted the need for a shared commitment at all levels, "from small everyday choices to local policies, to international ones." The Holy Father acknowledged the often, added expense, and sacrifice required, in order to properly protect the environment, and applauded those who keep in mind the greater picture, for the future of mankind. "It is necessary to accelerate this change of course in favour of a culture of care," he said, where caring for human dignity and the common good, are at the centre.

Hope for future generations: Pope Francis concluded by thanking them for all they do to protect the environment.: "Let us not rob the new generations of hope in a better future," he said. This national event for the environment will be held over four days in unique locations. The festival, which "aims to not only highlight the urgent need to tackle climate change but also emphasize the immense opportunities presented by the necessary transformation," will feature a line-up of distinguished guests, talks, and music performances to foster an atmosphere of collaboration, inspiration, and celebration.