

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 26th September

- Battle (Les Harvais, RIP)

9am Sunday 27th September

- Northiam

(Elizabeth Buckly, RIP)

10.45am Sunday

27th September - Battle

(James Fraser, RIP)

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

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day For Migrants

Weekend 26th/ 27th September 2020

• **When You Join Us at Mass this Weekend**

So that we can all feel safe, please observe the instructions of the stewards, and ensure that you wear a face covering at all times when in Church. A steward will guide you at Communion time and the Priest will place Holy Communion on your hand. You may place your Offertory Thanksgiving in the collection plate which will be available as you leave the church.

We need to follow the Government and Diocesan Guidelines on social distancing, so if you know you intend to join us at Mass in either of our churches one weekend, it will be a great help if you let us know so that we can allocate you a place, preferably by e-mail to battle@abdiocese.org.uk, or phone 01424 773125 by 9am on Thursday or earlier in the week if possible, as the office closes at lunchtime on Thursday. If you are new to the Parish, please let us know and we will send you a New Parishioner Form. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions, they will be said 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.
- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, (Special Ministers) and this is no longer the case, please let the office know on either 01424 773125 or e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **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 live Mass Arundel Cathedral streams Mass here [live stream](https://www.churchservices.tv). <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, Jean Jameson, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Eileen Scott, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Jack Morgan, Richard Widenka.

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

- **Offertory**

There is a Special Collection this weekend for Education for Future Priests. Next weekend (3rd / 4th October) there will be a Special Collection for Peter's Pence.

- **First Holy Communion Celebration in Battle**

Next Sunday, 4th October will be First Holy Communion Day in our parish family. At the 10.45am Sunday Mass, MILLHEN, KELYAN and EVELYNN along with KIRINDI and ELI will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. Please remember them and their families at this very special time for them and for our whole parish family.

- **Preparation for Sacraments**

Parents with children in year 3 or above in primary school who are considering enrolling in the programme of preparation for next year's First Holy Communion group are asked to contact the office for an application form and return it personally to Father Paul after weekend Mass. If you are currently aged 14 or over and have not yet been Confirmed and would like more information, please have a word with Fr Paul after weekend Mass.

- **Parish Finances**

Parishioners will be pleased to know that the costs of running the parish during the first half of 2020 continue to be carefully managed and as a result are much the same as last year (about £22,000). There will be no surprise that the same cannot be said of our offertory income which totalled about £15,000 for the first half of 2020 (compared with about £37,000 in the same period in 2019). THANK YOU SO MUCH to everyone who makes their offertory by bankers order, many of which are Gift Aided (so far, we have received £3,000 from this source this year), as this has ensured that the Parish has continued to receive

substantial income during the period of lockdown restriction. As we have not had public masses, and as those that we do have, have been very restricted as to numbers, clearly the cash offertory has been much reduced - about £5,000 has been received for the first six months of 2020 compared with about £20,000 in the same period last year). I know that this method of contributing to the Parish is not for everyone, but I do urge parishioners who can to consider making their offertory by bankers order if at all possible - please contact Maggie in the Parish Office, and she will provide you with all the details to set this up if it is suitable for you. If anyone would like more specific information, please email the office and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

John Reid. Honorary Parish Treasurer

Saints of the Week

St Vincent de Paul, Priest - 27th September

St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) was born in Gascony (France) and ordained a priest at the early age of twenty. Legend says he endured a period of captivity in Tunis; at any rate, after being falsely accused of theft, he dedicated himself to evangelising the poor, the unfortunate and the suffering. He founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission (Lazarists) and, together with St Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity. These congregations, together with the well-known Society of St Vincent de Paul, continue his charitable work today.



The Feast of St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels 29th September - Battle's Patronal Feast Day

This Feast celebrates the three archangels named in Sacred Scripture, reminding us of the angelic world and of their constant ministrations to the world.

St Michael (meaning 'Who is like God') is venerated as captain of the heavenly army, victor over Satan, protector of the Church and helper of the sick and dying. Today's feast originated as that of the dedication of a Roman Basilica in his honour.



St Gabriel (meaning 'Strength of God') announced both the birth of St John the Baptist (to Zechariah) and of Jesus Christ (to the Blessed Virgin Mary). His greeting at the Annunciation, 'Hail, full of grace,' has become one of the most familiar prayers.

St Raphael (meaning 'God heals') took care of Tobias on his journey, as described in the book of Tobit, and is often associated with the angel of the sheep pool (Jn 5:1-4). He is a patron of the blind, travellers and physicians and nurses.

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (St Teresa of Lisieux), Virgin - 1st October

Born in 1873, she entered Carmel at the age of 15. She achieved perfection through the daily renunciation of little things, and through prayer and meditation on the life of Christ. She wanted to be a missionary, and as her health made this impossible, offered her daily life within the convent for the mission of the Church. She died in 1897.



The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex – 3rd October

John Rugge, Thomas Percy, Thomas Pylcher, Henry Webley, Edward Shelley, Ralph Crockett, Edward James, George Gervase, Thomas Bullaker, William Howard.

On this day we honour ten martyrs, whose suffering span the whole period during which men and women were put to death in England for their loyalty to the Catholic faith: a period of over 140 years, during the reigns of 5 monarchs. Among them are 4 laymen, 2 of noble birth, and 6 priests, including a Benedictine monk, a Franciscan friar and 3 'seminary priests'



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.

Snowflake Night Shelter

The situation regarding Rough Sleeper/Homeless provision for this winter is still under review. Advice from the Director, Covid-19 Rough Sleeping Taskforce at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in July, confirmed in August, states "Government advice therefore continues to be that all communal night shelters should remain closed at the present time". Parishioners will appreciate that the Snowflake Trustees have been working closely with Hastings BC Housing Department to consider the support needs of Rough Sleepers/Homeless this winter and how Snowflake can assist in providing support. We are advised that the areas which would be of the most benefit would be for the Snowflake Trust to provide meals for those in Temporary Accommodation and also to undertake welfare checks.

We envisage having either one or two weekly meals in a town centre venue, which would provide an opportunity both for welfare checks and enable a member of the Hastings Housing Team to book people who have nowhere to stay into temporary accommodation. We have been offered Personal Protective Equipment by another charity and will be following Public Health England's safety requirements regarding Covid-19. On all other days, meals would be provided by the Snowflake Trust as requested by Hastings Housing Department. There will also be welfare checks carried out by phone - training (and phones!) will be delivered by Hastings Borough Council to Snowflake Volunteers willing to undertake this outreach work.

Whilst formal arrangements are - and will - remain unclear for some time yet, the trustees ask that (prospective) volunteers let them know as soon as possible (by email to info@snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk) if they would be able/willing to:

1. Provide welfare checks by phone
2. Help with the provision of meals
3. Both

Further details will be available shortly on the website

www.snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk, or please email me, John Reid, via the parish office battle@abdiocese.org.uk.