

**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 29th / 30th July 2023

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 29/07 6pm	Battle	The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Richard Weston, RIP
Sunday 30/07 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 23/07 10.45am	Battle		Igor Czuruk, RIP
Monday 31/07	NO MASS		
Tuesday 01/08 6pm	Battle	St Alphonsus Mary de’Liguori	No Intention
Wednesday 02/08 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention followed by Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room
Thursday 03/08 6am	Battle	Thursday of the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 04/08 10am	Battle	St John Mary Vianney	Maud Dominica Petre RIP, FM
Friday 04/08 12noon	Northiam		No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Transfiguration of the Lord:

- **First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14**

The sovereignty of Christ is the sovereignty of humanity over death.

- **Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19**

The world seems dark, because we are called to a greater light.

- **Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

That Christ is the beloved Son of the Father is the most fundamental truth of all, and the key to the mysteries of our life.

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, Lawrence & Felicity 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 500gm packs of Spaghetti and Pasta; Long Grain Rice; Sponge Puddings; Angel Delight and Jellies and Children's Cereals please - any toiletries, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **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.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Congratulations to the winners of the July draw!
£12 – Ros Vinall, £24 – Nick Iglinski
- **Battle Baptist Church, job vacancy: Renew 1066 Development Worker**, to support existing work of Renew 1066, identifying opportunities for growth and development in the Battle area. 14 hours a week (flexible), £12.90 p/h, starting 4th September 2023. Closing date 11th August, interviews 21st/22nd August. For more details and an application form please contact Jo Reeves 01424 774825 / office@battlebaptistchurch.org.uk.

- 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

- **World Youth Day 1-6 August 2023:** Please pray for the Young Adults of the Diocese who are attending World Youth Day with The Holy Father this week, that the Lord may bless the them with open hearts that allow them to experience God's unfailing love, open minds that they may become aware of where the Lord is calling them, and open hands that they be willing to 'Rise Up' to become faithful workers in the vineyard of the Lord. You can follow their journey on Instagram @aandb_youth
- **Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Faith?** As part of the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies, different subjects are taught in depth over Saturdays in Crawley. These include the Scriptures, the Person of Jesus Christ, the Church and its sacramental life and moral understanding. The modules can be attended separately or can build as part of the Certificate. These courses, beginning in October run to April and suit anyone who is interested in developing knowledge of their faith, whether personally or to support a ministry. For more information, please contact the Formation Adviser, Deacon Jon Harman E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Youth Mental Health First Aid – 4 evenings on-line – Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 September 6pm – 9.30pm**
This Youth Mental Health First Aid course is for everyone who works with, lives with or supports young people aged 8-18. It will teach you the skills and confidence to spot the signs of mental health issues in a young person, offer first aid and guide them towards the support they need. In doing so, you can speed up a young person's recovery and stop a mental health issue from getting worse. Our course won't teach you to be a therapist, but we will teach you to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis - and even potentially stop a crisis from happening. But more than that, we aim to give you the information and skills to look after your own mental health so that you can set an example for young people. By giving you the tools to have these conversations, we hope to empower you to create a mentally healthy, supportive environment in your family, school, peer group or community. Let's create a future where mental health is treated as a normal part of life, in the same way as physical health. A future where every young person has access to support if they need it. The course is accredited by MHFA England and you will receive a certificate of attendance. Attached is the booking link [Youth Mental Health First Aid - 4 Evenings Online \(12-Sep-2023\) ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk
- **A Day of Reflection for Grandparents – Tuesday 26 September 2023 11am-3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** Life experience comes at the price of the hard knocks and joyful moments and Fr Stephen Ortiger will help us to explore those and how we can see the hand of God in our lives. Our Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling, will offer some helpful hints and tips into communicating with young people and tuning into what they may find helpful as they navigate their way in life. Attached is the booking link [A Day of Reflection for Grandparents \(26-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your participation please contact the Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk.

- **Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 30 September 2023 11.30am-2pm at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne:** Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at 11.30am followed by a small drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. Attached is the booking link [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(30-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your participation please contact the Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk. Poster attached.
- 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

- **Maryvale Institute, Birmingham – International Catholic College:** Maryvale are relaunching their HIRS programmes - [Bachelor of Divinity](#) (application documents can be found on the [BDiv page](#)) and [Licence in Catechetics](#) (email E: postgrad@maryvale.ac.uk for application pack) - (BPhil, MA and PhD programmes to follow). Do visit and follow their social media pages and share/tag/retweet to any individuals or groups that may be interested. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/maryvaleinst> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MaryvaleInst> There is an [early bird discount](#) for applications to the BDiv or Licence programmes for applications received by 31 July 2023. Links to prospectuses on the website W: www.maryvale.ac.uk

Vatican News

Pope Francis links messages of WYD and World Grandparents Day

Speaking at the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis highlighted the celebrations of the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, celebrated on Sunday, and the upcoming World Youth Day, scheduled for 1-6 August in Lisbon, Portugal.

Young and old together: He appeared at the window of his office in the Apostolic Palace together with a young person and his grandmother, and invited the crowd in St. Peter's Square to offer them a round of applause.

"May the proximity of the two World Days offer us an invitation to promote a much-needed covenant between generations, because the future is built together, as we share experiences and as young people and the elderly care for each other," he said.

The Pope also urged everyone never to forget about the invaluable contributions of grandfathers and grandmothers, inviting everyone again to applaud them.

Politics in favour of the elderly: Earlier on Sunday, in his homily at Mass for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis called on politicians everywhere to implement policies that protect the rights and health of the elderly.

Crowded cities, he said, risk becoming "centres of loneliness" if societies forget their elders for "banish them as unprofitable waste".

"May we not chase after the utopias of efficiency and performance at full-speed," said the Pope in his homily, "lest we become incapable of slowing down to accompany those who struggle to keep up. Please, let us mingle and grow together."

