

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,
BATTLE**

with

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**Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**The 10th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Weekend 8th / 9th June 2024**

Saturday 08/06 6pm	Battle	The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 09/06 9am	Northiam		Annie Cowley, RIP (FM)
Sunday 09/06 11am	Battle		Intention of Cilla Wintle
Monday 10/06	NO MASS		
Tuesday 11/06 6.30pm	Battle	Saint Barnabas, Apostle	No Intention
Wednesday 12/06 10am	Battle	Wednesday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time	Intention of Michael Conroy
Thursday 13/06 6.30am	Battle	Saint Anthony of Padua	No Intention
Friday 14/06 10am	Battle	Friday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Saturday 15/06 6pm	Battle	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Grace McAdie RIP & Veronica Molloy, RIP
Sunday 16/06 9am	Northiam		Canon Charles Walker, RIP (100th birthday)
Sunday 16/06 11am	Battle		People of the Parish

There will be a Retiring Collection next weekend for Day for Life

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

In his image of a tree Ezekiel paints us a picture of the Lord who cares for his people and brings them to shelter and safety.

- **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

Paul writes of his longing to be with the Lord and his intention of pleasing him always.

- **Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

Jesus tells us two parables to show us that for the Kingdom of God great things come from small beginnings.

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, Marianne Clemence.

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

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 RIP, Katie Spall RIP.

- **Moving towards Becoming a Moderated Parish:** In the autumn (November) we will formally begin the journey into becoming a Single Parish from Eastbourne to Rye, bringing together what are now 8 separate parishes. The clergy are already reflecting on the good resources we can share, how to work closely together, how to collaborate in mission, and identifying good leadership from within our communities. As the journey unfolds, we will all have a part to play. May the Holy Spirit bless and guide us every step of the way.
- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday in the Parish Room at 10am with Lindsey. New members always welcome! Please stay for a relaxed coffee and chat afterwards too. Contact the office for more information: 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **We need more Readers for the Sunday 11am Mass at Battle please.** It doesn't have to be every week, but we are very short of people to cover if our regular readers are away, and it would be lovely to give new people a chance if they wish. Please let Fr Richard, Kate or the office know, if you would like to put your name down. Very many thanks.
- **Battle Foodbank** – we are still well stocked but are low on Treats; Plain Biscuits and 500gm bags of sugar please - Any toiletries, baby or household items are always welcome thank you so much.
- To date we have seen such a great collaboration with the churches in our local community, as we all seek to support those most in need, and so we are getting in touch with you again to ask if you would share our latest project with your church community. This new project is called the Schools Summer Picnic Project. We will provide food parcels to any local family that needs us and alongside that we want to provide a picnic provisions bag, full of healthy snacks, sandwich items, juice cartons, fresh fruit and some fun summer toys, sun hats

and sunscreen to ensure the kids can stay safe in the sun. If you can donate money online, every £1 that you give will be doubled as we have been accepted for match-funding from the East Sussex Community Wellbeing Fund – all donations can be Gift Aided.

Here is the link to give online - <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/bexhill-battle-foodbank-summer-picnic-project/backers#start> Or for more information through

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bexfoodbank/posts/pfbid05dagPdjb87xK8jPSJTuaAkMFxHuU5p4NKWLQF8h2Ge2XhM79P1ZqfcQKjaLgTeiNI>

Our hope is to reach the target of at least £2000 which would become £4000 with the match-funding. That will allow us to be generous to 60-80 families over the summer holiday period in Bexhill, Battle and our surrounding villages. If people are unable to give money, maybe they could donate an item or two next time they are in a shop. Or they could join up with others at work or in a social group to collect a bag full, and we can arrange to collect it.

- 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.
- 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/news

- **Santa Marta Group – Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation – Saturday 29 June 11-1pm at St Peter’s Hall, Shoreham:** By kind invitation of Bishop Richard Moth all are invited to attend a presentation and discussion on Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking – Communities and Parishes. In 2014 Pope Francis instructed Cardinal Vincent Nichols to lead the work of the Santa Marta Group as an important mission for the Catholic Church. It now has partners in over 40 countries; from acorns oak trees grow. Places can be booked through the attached link [Santa Marta Group - Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation \(29-Jun-2024\)](#) · ChurchSuite Events If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Tessa Ricketts, Diocesan Advisor E: tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk
- Pope Francis often highlights the importance of Grandparents and the elderly in our communities. We are celebrating them with two special events this Summer:
Grandparent’s Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – 26 June 11am – 3pm at The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead: Led by Bishop Richard, a day of prayer including Benediction and Mass, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat and cake, at our Diocesan Shrine. Please sign up through the link provided [Grandparents' Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\)](#) · ChurchSuite Events or through the Diocesan website.
Celebrating the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne - 20 July 3pm at Arundel Cathedral: This Mass is held to honour the annual day Pope Francis has instituted. We are encouraging both natural and parish families to bring their more senior members of the community to join Bishop Richard in thanksgiving for all they do to sustain our faith through their lives and

witness. Please sign up through the link provided. Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne (20-Jul-2024) · ChurchSuite Events or book through the Diocesan website.

- **Adoremus - Saturday 14 September Cost: £40pp; includes coach travel and entry to the event:** Join Bishop Richard as part of our diocesan Adoremus group journeying to St Mary's College Oscott. Adoremus 2024 will be an important moment in the life of the Church in England and Wales with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and a range of opportunities for renewal and a deepening of devotion to the Eucharist in preparation for next year's Jubilee. Each diocese has just 44 places, with tickets including coach travel from Crawley and entry to the day-long event. To book your place please use the attached link Adoremus 2024 (14-Sep-2024) · ChurchSuite Events or book through the Diocesan website or contact E: communications@abdiocese.org.uk
- **CCRS – South – beginning Tuesday 24 September – Fee payable:** The CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) will be run at Cardinal Newman School in Hove on Tuesdays from 3.45-5.45pm. Each module (5 sessions) will be delivered over a term and the course will complete in 2 academic years. There is a £20 registration fee which enables us to register you with the national administrator of this course. Additionally, £30 is charged for each of the 8 modules. This may be paid by the student, or they may be sponsored by their school/parish. To book your place please use the attached link CCRS - South (24-Sep-2024) · ChurchSuite Events or book through the Diocesan website.
- You can find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese, through the Diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>
- The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist - it's a great way to stay in touch!

External Events

- **Day for Life: Prayer at the Memorial to Children Lost Before Birth, Arundel Cathedral Cemetery, London Road, Arundel, BN18 9AT – Sunday 16 June 4pm:** There will be a short service to pray for and remember all babies lost before birth, for women and families affected and for an end to abortion. All welcome. Please come to mark the Bishops' Conference Day for Life and 15 years of the erection of the memorial. As Pope Francis has reminded us "a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development". This is an initiative of the Chichester and District Pro Life Group. Please contact Maria Whitehouse on T: 01903 413606 with any queries.