

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,  
BATTLE

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 2 for Weekdays

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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Weekend 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Saturday 09/12 6pm	Battle	Second Sunday of Advent	David Reynders, RIP & Joyce Hind, RIP
Sunday 10/12 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 10/12 10.45am	Battle		Fr Martin Jakobus, RIP
Monday 11/12	NO MASS		
Tuesday 12/12 8am	Battle	Tuesday of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent	Ecumenical Prayer Group
Tuesday 12/12 6.30pm			Intention of Marianne Clemence
Wednesday 13/12 10am	Battle	Saint Lucy	Deceased members of the Salter Family
Thursday 14/12 6.30am	Battle	Saint John of the Cross	Diamond Wedding of Mr & Mrs Oliver
Friday 15/12 8am	Battle	Friday of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent	Ecumenical Prayer Group
Friday 15/12 10am			No Intention
Saturday 16/12 6pm	Battle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Sophie Ford, RIP
Sunday 17/12 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 17/12 10.45am	Battle		Anthony Gibbons, RIP
Retiring Collection for the Knights of St Columba for local charities Snowflake & Food Bank.			

### **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 2023**

- **First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11**

This radiant song of praise reminds us that our experience of human love is a foretaste of the joy promised to those who open their hearts to God.

- **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

We are reminded that we can trust God to be alive and active in our world and in our lives, come what may.

**Gospel: John 1:6-8. 19-28** The story of John the Baptist reminds us that we also are called to give witness to Jesus and prepare a way for him wherever we are.

#### **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.

**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, Marianne Clemence.

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

- **Christmas Giving Tree Decorating 10am Saturday:** Our Giving Tree is up and looks beautiful displaying its purple lights. There will be more decorating this Saturday so please pop along to help - there will be mince pies and seasonal drinks too!
- **Ecumenical Early Morning Prayers in Advent:** These prayer sessions will be held at our Church in Battle every Tuesday and Friday at 8am, beginning Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and ending Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, Fr Richard will be leading the prayers on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. These sessions will be followed by breakfast in the Baptist Church. Everyone is very welcome.
- **Brian O'Connell's funeral will be this Tuesday, December 12 at noon at St Teresa of Lisieux**, Northiam, followed by his burial in the cemetery. Brian was a big wine enthusiast, dating back to his days as a wine waiter at the Hôtel Plaza Athénée in Paris in the 1950s, so the family thought it only fitting to have his wake, from about 2pm-5pm, in a vineyard, well the restaurant of one: Tillingham in Peasmarsh, a 15 minute drive from the church. There will be a buffet lunch, with wine flowing. Would you please be able to let Brian's daughter, Alex, know if you will be attending - e-mail: alexclareoconnell@gmail.com.
- **Crib Collection:** The Crib Collection this year will be in aid of the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) A&B Crisis Fund. The CCS is helping local families in crisis who are struggling to put food on the table, keep warm and provide a safe home for their children. There are many vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's A&B Fund to support local families in need. You can donate at the crib or via the CCS website [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib)
- **There will be retiring collection at both Battle Masses for the Knights of St Columba.** Stephen Bradshaw will have some posters available for you to put up in your windows if possible and will be collecting donations for local charities Snowflake and local Food Banks. Your generosity would be very much appreciated, thank you.
- **Battle Foodbank** – We are still fairly well stocked following the Harvest Donations but could do with Tins of Fray Bentos Chicken or Beef Pies; Tins of Chicken in a Sauce or Curry; Sponge Puddings and Packets of Cereal Shreddies or Weetabix also any toiletries, toilet rolls, household products and nappies are always appreciated. We are starting to receive goodies for Christmas so need Mince Pies; Cake; Biscuits; Shortbread, Chocolates please.
- **'Move It' Club** – every Thursday, 10-11am in the Parish Room. Sessions are going really

well – members are increasing every week. The sessions are enjoyed by all who attend, especially the coffee and chat afterwards! Aimed especially at our more senior, or less mobile parishioners, 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. Contact Lindsey for more information.

Mob: 0772494239 Email: lindseyfwilson@outlook.com. Come and try it for yourself!

- **Christmas Day Lunch at The Emmanuel Centre:** Once again The Emmanuel Centre is having a Christmas Day Lunch at 12.30pm and welcome any individuals or couples who would otherwise be alone on that day. You are most welcome to come and share; come and help; come and enjoy this 'Family Celebration'. Please contact Christine Freeland as soon as possible by phone 01424 774363 or by email mail@dcfreeland.plus.com.
- 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/>
- 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**

Annual Justice & Peace Assembly - Saturday 27 January 2024 10-1.30pm. St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Free of charge: Our assembly will address violence and abuse in our homes, families and wider community, with speakers from Restored, Lifecentre and Pax Christi. The doors will open, with refreshments available, from 9.30am. For more information about this event please contact our Caritas Social Action Adviser, Tessa Ricketts E:

Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk. You can register using the link Annual Justice & Peace Assembly - Safe at home, safe in our communities? (27-Jan-2024) · ChurchSuite Events