

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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Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday 18th September -
Battle (People of the Parish)
9am Sunday 19th September -
Northiam (People of the Parish)
10.45am Sunday 19th September
- Battle (People of the Parish)
10am Wednesday 22nd September
- Battle - Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion
Sacrament of Reconciliation after
6pm Mass Saturdays

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Home Mission Day

Weekend 18th / 19th September

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

- **First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20**
Wrongdoers are reluctant to trust people who focus on doing what is right and sometimes try to catch them out.
- **Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3**
Peacemaker, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.
- **Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**
Jesus says that anyone who welcomes a little child in his name welcomes Christ himself; and anyone who welcomes Christ welcomes not him but the Father who sent him.

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy has now restarted during the 10.45am Mass at Battle. If you have any children that have missed this during the restrictions and would like to join into these sessions again, please bring them along.

- If you feel you need to contact Fr Paul for any reason, his phone number is: 01323 670156.

Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Maureen Hanson RIP, Jack Morgan, Guy Hooper, Di Bean RIP, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Harold Atkins RIP, Henry Cheung, Sam Baker.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, John Reid, Anthony Gibbons, Rosemary Parkes, Suzanne McAdie.

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

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office if you would like these visits to recommence, 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk with a Minister or with Fr Paul who is happy to make home visits.
- Fr Paul is happy to receive Mass Intentions, 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.
- 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/>
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Preparation for next year's First Holy Communion will begin in October. Any children who are now in year 3 at primary school are eligible to join the programme which will involve them and their parents in regular meetings in the coming months. If any parents wish to enrol themselves and their children in the programme, please contact Fr Paul directly when you come to Mass in the next few weeks and obtain the registration form from him. The final details and meeting dates have yet to be arranged but now is time to start the ball rolling for next year.
- **Advance Notice Harvest Festival:** Our Harvest Festival celebration Mass will be held at Battle on Sunday 3rd October at the 10.45am Mass to coincide with CAFOD Family Fast Day. We hope you can join us.
- **St Michael's Hospice 'Moonlight & Memories'** sponsored 10k walk was yesterday, but there is still time to make your donation if you would like to. John is walking in memory of his wife, Margaret, Vicky too in her mum's memory and to support her Dad on the way, and Ingrid will be remembering her sister, Anna. *John Reid, Vicky Chainey & Ingrid Finch*

News from our Diocese

- **Marriage Anniversaries Mass:** Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary that has particular significance for them is welcome to join the annual celebration of marriage at St Joseph's Church in Guildford. This year the celebration, with Bishop Richard, is on Saturday, October 9th with Mass at 11.30. In order that we can be Covid compliant we ask that everyone books their space via our website. Please use the following link [Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass and Reception \(09-Oct-2021\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk (Places are limited to 150). We so look forward to celebrating with you!

Saints of the Week

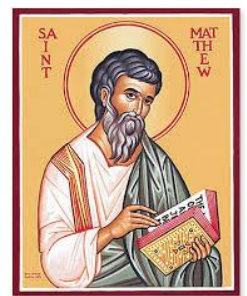
Memorial of St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions, Martyrs of Korea - 20th September

The Korean Martyrs testify to the presence of the faith in that region from the eighteenth century and the terrible persecutions during the nineteenth century. Outstanding among them were St Andrew Kim Taegon (1821-1846), the first Korean-born priest who was tortured and beheaded near Seoul in 1846, and St Paul Chong Ha-sang (c.1794-1839), a lay catechist who was crucified on 22nd September 1839. More than 8,000 Christians from all walks of life lost their lives during the persecution and 103 of them were canonised in 1994.



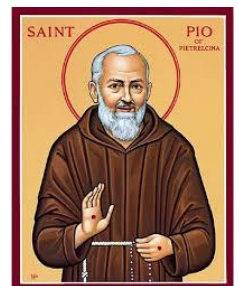
Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - 21st September

St Matthew (first century), also called Levi, was the son of Alphaeus. He worked as a tax collector for the Romans, a despised profession, when he was called by the Lord at Capernaum. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ called him to be an Apostle. After the Ascension he may have travelled to Persia or to Ethiopia; wherever it was, he was martyred. St Matthew's Gospel stands first in the New Testament, and his name appears among the other Apostles in the Roman Canon.



Memorial of St Pius Pietrelcino, 'Padre Pio' - 23rd September

St Pius (1187-1968), better known as Padre Pio, was born in Pietrelcina in Campania (Italy) and joined the Capuchin community at Morcone. Ordained in 1910, he moved six years later to San Giovanni Rotondo in the Gargano peninsula. Bearing the wounds of Christ's passion on his body (known as stigmata), he became famous for his ministry in the confessional, his spiritual direction and his miracles. In 1956 he opened the 'Home to Relieve Suffering' near his friary. Despite his popularity, he faced much opposition, even from Church authorities. He was canonised in 2002.



Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham - 24th September

England's premier Marian shrine dates back to 1061, when a wealthy widow, Richeldis de Faverches, was inspired by a vision to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth in Walsingham, Norfolk. This remained a vibrant pilgrimage centre until its destruction in 1538, although the shrine was later revived by both Catholics (1897) and Anglicans (1922). Formerly, 24th September was kept as the Memorial of Our Lady of Ransom, when prayers were offered for the 'ransom' of England, 'Our Lady's Dowry.'



- The office remains open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm.
- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

Vatican News

Pope Francis expresses closeness to refugees and the homeless

Pope Francis met briefly with approximately 100 homeless and migrant people invited to a screening of the film-documentary "Francesco" on Monday evening in the atrium of the Paul VI Hall in the Vatican, according to a statement to journalists by Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office.



The screening was organized by the Laudato Si' Foundation and the director of the film-documentary, Evgeny Afineevsky, who addressed a personal greeting to the audience, during which he recalled the migration of his own family, originally from Russia, to Israel and then to the United States.

Papal comfort for refugees: According to the statement, at the end of the projection of the film documentary, the Holy Father arrived at the atrium of the Paul VI Hall where he spoke to those gathered for the viewing.

Among those present were 20 people who had arrived from Afghanistan in recent weeks to whom the Pope "addressed words of affection and comfort," the statement noted.

Of these Afghan refugees were four siblings between the ages of 14 - 20 who arrived in Italy thanks to the support of the Community of Sant' Egidio. They have been placed in the care of an uncle who has been an immigrant for some years running. The siblings have had to leave their parents behind in refugee camps in Iran.

Bismillah, the oldest of the four, spoke to Vatican News about the importance of feeling welcomed, listened to, and understood by Pope Francis, and how the Holy Father's presence gave them new hope to face the future. After meeting with those gathered for the screening, Pope Francis returned home to the Casa Santa Marta.

Pope in Slovakia: Bethlehem Centre 'a beacon of hope for poor and homeless'

During his Apostolic Visit to Slovakia, Pope Francis is drawing attention to the poor and the marginalized by making a private visit to "The Bethlehem Centre" for the homeless in Bratislava. The Centre is run by the Missionary Sisters of Charity, founded by St Teresa of Calcutta, and is situated in the largest borough of Bratislava on the banks of the River Danube. The district of Petržalka shares a border with Austria and is home to 110,000 people. It is also known for the many blocks of flats built in the 1970s and '80s by the communist regime. In the '80s and '90s, it was known as the "Bratislava Bronx" due to the high crime rate in the area.

The Missionaries of Charity came to this area in 1997, transforming a kindergarten into a house for homeless people, receiving only the poorest of the poor. The sisters also go and search out those on the margins of society living under bridges in the city. Despite the tireless work of the sisters, this hidden gem of welcome and support is still unknown to many who live in the city. The house provides long-term assistance and there are usually about 20 to 40 people in need living at the centre.

Fr Juraj Vittek is parish priest of the nearby church of the Holy Family, which is the biggest parish in Petržalka and had the honour of welcoming St John Paul II on his visit to Slovakia in 2003.