

**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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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 20th / 21st July 2024

Saturday 20/07 6pm	Battle	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Sunday 21/07 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 21/07 11am	Battle		No Intention
Monday 22/07	NO MASS		
Tuesday 23/07 6.30pm	Battle	Saint Bridget of Sweden	No Intention
Wednesday 24/07 10am	Battle	Wednesday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Thursday 25/07 6.30am	Battle	Saint James Apostle	No Intention
Friday 26/07 10am	Battle	Saint Joachim & Saint Anne	No Intention
Saturday 27/07 6pm	Battle	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Sunday 28/07 9am	Northiam		Denis Meares, RIP
Sunday 28/07 11am	Battle		People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

Elisha feeds the people with barley loaves and fresh grain.

- **Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6**

We should do all we can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds us together.

- **Gospel: John 6:1-15**

Jesus feeds the crowd with the five barley loaves and two fish, and twelve hampers of scraps are left over.

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.

- **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.
- **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.
- **Battle Foodbank** - thank you so much for all the donations we have received for the Picnic Project we are now well stocked and ready to go at the end of the month - items we need for general stock are 500gm bags of sugar; Sponge Puddings; Chocolate Treats; Sunflower/vegetable oil; Tomato Ketchup and Brown Sauce please - toiletries, household and baby items are always welcome.
- **Mary's Meals Foreign Currency Initiative:** Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. In 2 weekend's time there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year!
*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender.
- 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

- **Adoremus - Saturday 14 September Cost: £40pp**; includes coach travel and entry to the event – there are just 13 tickets remaining. 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 2024 – 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. Teachers, TAs, Catechists and anyone wishing to develop their understanding of the Faith are welcome. To book your place please use the attached link CCRS - South (24-Sep-2024) · ChurchSuite Events or book through the Diocesan website.
- You can also find out about, and book events hosted by the Diocese, through the Diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Externally run events/news

- **Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group**: People held at the two Immigration Removal Centres at Gatwick often arrive with only the clothes they are wearing. Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group would be extremely grateful for good quality second hand men's clothes (only men are held at Gatwick) in all sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL and XXXL. They need the following: Jeans or jogging bottoms or chinos (not suit trousers), T-shirts, jumpers, hoodies, jackets (not suit jackets), flip flops or trainers in sizes 8, 9, 10, holdalls, backpacks or suitcases. Also, new socks or boxers - we don't distribute second-hand underwear. Delivery to our office in Crawley would be very helpful – The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD. The office is not manned all the time. Please telephone the office before coming; M: 07804 903157. With many thanks for your generosity in the past.

Vatican News

Pope at Angelus: Don't distance yourself from Christ's joy

To experience fully God's joy and love, let go of that unnecessary baggage which only weighs us down and hinders the journey, Pope Francis advised during his Angelus address on Sunday in the Vatican. He took his cue from Sunday's Gospel reading according to Saint Mark, in which we hear Jesus tell His followers to pack light in order to follow Him.



Taking only the essentials: In fact, the Gospel, he recounts, tells us about Jesus sending His disciples 'two by two' on mission, and advising them to take only what is necessary. "Let's pause for a moment on this image: the disciples are sent together and must take only what is necessary with them," the Pope said, recalling that the Gospel is not announced alone, but together, as a community.

More content when not weighed down: To do so, the Pope said, it is important to know how to maintain sobriety, which means knowing how to be sober in the use of things, sharing resources, abilities, and gifts. To be free, he said, we need to go without the superfluous, in such a way "that everyone has what they need to live with dignity and to contribute actively to the mission." It also requires, the Pope insisted, being sober in thoughts and feelings, abandoning preconceptions and rigidities that, "like unnecessary baggage, weigh down and hinder the journey," rather than promoting "engagement and listening," which make "witness more effective."

"Let's think, for example, about what happens in our families or communities", he said. "When we are content with what is necessary, even with little, with God's help, we manage to get along and agree, sharing what we have, everyone giving up something and supporting each other." This, he observed, is already a missionary announcement, before and even more than words, because it embodies the beauty of Jesus' message in the concreteness of life. "A family or a community that lives in this way," he said, "creates around itself an environment rich in love, where it is easier to open up to faith and the newness of the Gospel, and from which one emerges better, more serene."

"If, on the other hand, everyone goes their own way," and "what counts are only things - which are never enough," he warned, "the atmosphere becomes heavy, life becomes difficult, and encounters become more occasions of unease, sadness, and discouragement than of joy."

Communion and sobriety: For these reasons, the Holy Father insisted, communion and sobriety are important values for our Christian life and our apostolate, and are "indispensable values for a truly missionary Church at all levels." Therefore, he invited the faithful to join him in asking themselves some questions: "Do I feel the joy of announcing the Gospel, of bringing, where I live, the joy and light that come from the encounter with the Lord?"

And to do this, he pondered, "do I commit to walking together with others, sharing ideas and abilities with them, with an open mind and a generous heart?" "And finally," the Pope asked, "do I know how to cultivate a sober lifestyle, attentive to the needs of my brothers and sisters?" Pope Francis concluded by imploring Mary, Queen of the Apostles, to help us faithful be true missionary disciples, in communion and in sobriety of life.