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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 25th / 26th July 2026

Saturday 25/07	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	No Intention
Sunday 26/07		9am	Northiam	Denis Meares, RIP
		11am	Battle	People of the Parish
Monday 27/07	Monday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	Intention of Peter & Claire Bates on their 63 rd wedding anniversary
Tuesday 28/07	Tuesday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 29/07	Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus	10am	Battle	No Intention
Thursday 30/07	Thursday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS		
Friday 31/07	Saint Ignatius Loyola	10am	Battle	No Intention
Saturday 01/08	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	Grace McAdie, RIP
Sunday 02/08		9am	Northiam	People of Parish followed by coffee & cake
		11am	Battle	No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation after all Masses or on request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3**

Come and eat.

- **Second reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39**

Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ.

- **Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21**

They all ate and were satisfied.

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

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Stephen Bould, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Helena Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser, Claire and Peter Bates, Helen Ashing, Andrew Brodrick-Ward.

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

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

Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP, Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP, Philippe Bedford, RIP.

- **Rosary left at the Church:** Someone has left what looks like a Rosary at the church. It is in a plastic bag labelled for 'Chris' and was left on one of the white tables at the front of the Church. It is now at the back of the Church for collection. If someone recognises this and knows which 'Chris' it belongs to please let us know so that we can make sure it goes to the correct person. If it hasn't been claimed in a couple of weeks, it will be donated to charity.
- **Battle First Foodie Sunday – 2nd event next Sunday 2nd August:** Please support your local community by popping along to Market Square between 10am and 1pm. This is a wonderful free event showcasing our local talented bakers and growers, selling delicious bread, cakes, salads, meats and much more! There will also be live music and a free clothes and seeds swap – you can even have a free relaxing hand massage (all donations are very welcome to support future events). Please see the poster attached.
- **Date for your diary - 22nd August 2026:** A special event will be held at Battle Fire Station to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mary-Joy Langdon joining the Fire Service in 1976 as the first British operational female firefighter in

peacetime. This will include displays, abseiling demonstrations, community activities and signing of Mary-Joy's book 'A Journey of Service'. All profits from the sale of the book will be donated to the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service Fire Cadet Programme. More information will be given nearer the time.

- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Packets of Children's Cereal; Jars of Pasta Sauce; Cartons of Long-Life UHT Milk (Skimmed, Semi-skimmed and Whole) and Packets of Sweet Biscuits please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you so much for all your donations which are greatly appreciated.
 - Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468
 - Open Foodbank Sessions for collecting food -Battle, Wednesday 1.30-2pm
- **Thank you from CAFOD with DEC (Disaster and Emergency Crisis) Venezuela Earthquake Appeal:** A fantastic amount of £326.80 was raised last weekend for the people of Venezuela after two devastating earthquakes near Caracas. Thank you all so much for your generosity and support. If you weren't able to attend Mass and would still like to make a donation, there are envelopes at the back of both churches.

Your donation will reach families affected by the earthquakes. Many of our neighbours in Venezuela were already struggling with basic needs and services, so your support will be needed beyond the vital search and rescue work happening right now. To coin a phrase "every little helps".
- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday morning, in the Parish Room at 10.15am with Lindsey. Please stay for a relaxed coffee and chat afterwards too. If you would like to join, please contact the office for more information: 01424 773125 or e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- The Parish Office is open on Monday & Thursday mornings 9.30am-2.00pm.

Diocesan run events/notices

Arundel & Brighton Young Adults Retreat days in the Diocese - standard ticket price £20: Young Adults (18-35) from across the UK are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Retreat Days in parishes

across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. The theme for our year of Young Adult retreats is *"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27)*. From Pope Leo XIV's message for the 40th World Youth Day.

Booking for retreat days is available through the events page of the Diocesan website at the following churches:

- **St Wilfrid's Parish, Burgess Hill on Saturday 26th September 2026 [Young Adults' Retreat \(26-Sep-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)**
- **St Richard's Parish, Chichester on Saturday 7th November 2026 [Young Adult Retreat \(07-Nov-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)**
- **Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel on Saturday 23rd January 2027 [Young Adults' Retreat \(23-Jan-2027\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)**

The day will include guest speakers, discussion groups, Mass, a shared lunch (included in the ticket price) and workshop sessions including Lectio Divina, Spiritual Direction and Scripture art. Any questions about these events should be directed to Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer
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SUMMER DEANERY UPDATE: A final short final update, as we come towards the summer holiday season. Thanks to everyone from across our Deanery churches who have been working hard to help us prepare for change and re-organisation. We realise as time goes by that we are in for a long-distance run rather than a quick sprint, quite rightly so as change needs to happen in a way that makes sense for people. We have just had news of appointment of our new Bishop-Elect, Stephen Wang. I know him well and am confident he will be a great new Shepherd for us all. Just to end with some encouraging words he shares with us on his appointment: *"There are many challenges ahead, but I am full of hope. I've seen so many times what God can do when people pray and work together, and when they put their trust in him. If we listen to one another, and to the Lord, then he will show us the way forward"* We pray for him as he prepares to join us after the summer.

Diocesan Pastoral Team