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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 4th / 5th July 2026

Saturday 04/07		5pm	Battle	People of the Parish
Sunday 05/07	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Northiam	Nancy Lindisfarne, RIP followed by coffee & cake
		11am	Battle	Intention of Rose-Marie O'Brien
Monday 06/07	Monday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	No Intention
Tuesday 07/07	Tuesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 08/07	Wednesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	Barbara High, RIP
Thursday 09/07	Thursday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS		
Friday 10/07	Friday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	No Intention
Saturday 11/07	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	No Intention
Sunday 12/07		9am	Northiam	Annie Cowley, RIP (FM)
		11am	Battle	People of the Parish

Next weekend there will a Special Collection for Sea Sunday (Stella Maris)

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11**

The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.

- **Second reading: Romans 8:18-23**

The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

- **Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23**

A sower went out to sow.

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 Youlten.

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

- **Jack Morgan RIP – Thank you from Frances:** Jack's daughter Frances, would like to be remembered to everyone who knows her, and sends her best wishes and thanks to everyone who remembered her dad on his anniversary.
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Tins of Spaghetti; Tins of Corn Beef; Tins of Sardines or Mackerel; Jars of Chocolate Spread and Jars of Peanut Butter please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
 - Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468
 - Open Foodbank Sessions for collecting food -Battle, Wednesday 1.30-2pm
- **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

More than 800 pupils from schools across the Diocese gathered for the Good Shepherd Celebration at Worth Abbey on Thursday (18 June). The joyful annual gathering offers primary and secondary pupils across Sussex and Surrey with an enriching opportunity to explore and celebrate the Catholic faith as a diocesan community, with children of all ages sharing their gifts and talents. Speaking shortly after the celebration, Diocesan Director of Education, Julie Oldroyd, said: "We focused on the Gospel reading of the Calming of the Storm this year, and were reminded that the anchor, a powerful symbol for Christians, remains an expression of our hope in Christ. Each school presented their own beautifully decorated 'Legacy of Hope' anchor to Monsignor Tony Barry, who celebrated the service." Diocesan schools fundraise throughout the year in support of Mission Together, the children's branch of [Missio](#), the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission. This year's combined fundraising efforts saw a cheque for £3,309 presented to the charity, representing generous charitable giving from across our family of schools. The funds raised will enable Mission Together to support children living in poverty and turmoil around the world, regardless of their background or belief, through food programmes, educational provision, medical assistance, and residential, pastoral and spiritual care.

Sunday 26 July is the Catholic Church's sixth World Day for Grandparents and Elderly: So many of us remember with deep fondness our relationship with our grandparents as we grew up. The theme for the day is "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)," What a wonderful opportunity to encourage our youngsters to phone, visit or reach out to their grandparents, "parish" grandparents, or elderly relatives to show their love and affection. The link below takes you to the Popes full letter for this day of celebration of life, experience, and love.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-for-sixth-world-day-of-grandparents-and-elderly.html> Many parishes have a grandparent's group, but if this is something you would like to know more about or explore, please email Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser
E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Young Adults' Retreat Day on Saturday 26 September 2026 10am-6.30pm at St Wilfrid's Burgess Hill. Tickets start from £20pp: Young Adults (18-35) from across the UK are invited to join the Youth team from Arundel and Brighton Diocese for a Retreat Day. A jam-packed day of prayer, formation, friendship, and

fun as together, we will seek hearts open to His healing presence, trusting that Jesus desires to bring freedom, restoration, and transformation to our lives. As we encounter Him, we pray to discover true peace within ourselves, to become peacemakers in the world around us, and to be renewed with an apostolic fire burning brightly within our hearts. Lunch and refreshments are included in the ticket price. To book your place or find out more visit the Diocesan website events page or use this link: [Young Adults Retreat \(26-Sep-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Participants are very welcome to join the Parish Mass at 6.30pm, with social time at a local pub to follow.

‘Mary, Cause of our Joy’ Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 23- 25 October 2026: Led by Fr David Murphy, journey in prayer to Walsingham this autumn, joining people from across our Diocese at “England’s Nazareth”. Pilgrims will travel to Walsingham by coach, with collection and return at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. To book your place or find out more visit the Diocesan website or use this link <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/kjbnthfp>

External news

CAFOD School volunteers required: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, Catholic social teaching and add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office: Jenny Finlayson T: 07710 094448 E: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk W: cafod.org.uk [Sign up to volunteer](#)

LATEST DEANERY UPDATE:

As the new larger parishes come into being across the Diocese, clergy are encouraged to embrace opportunities for delegation, including developing the skills and gifts of lay staff and volunteers to enable the clergy to focus on their primary mission and achieve balance in their life and ministry. This will also engage and empower laity into new roles and ministries. The new parishes will make decisions collectively. The key will be working in synodality. This emphasises relationships, collaboration and listening to the voices of all. To enable our clergy to lead, and for communities and parishioners to feel connected and involved, there will need to be some new structures, roles, teams, and communication channels. *Diocesan Pastoral Team*