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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

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|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| Saturday<br>18/07  | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>in<br>Ordinary Time | 5pm     | Battle   | People of the Parish |
| Sunday<br>19/07    |                                                | 9am     | Northiam | Rev Jim Lawler, RIP  |
|                    |                                                | 11am    | Battle   | No Intention         |
| Monday<br>20/07    | Monday of<br>Week 16 in<br>Ordinary Time       | 10am    | Battle   | Mona & Bill Lee, RIP |
| Tuesday<br>21/07   | Tuesday of<br>Week 16 in<br>Ordinary Time      | 6pm     | Battle   | No Intention         |
| Wednesday<br>22/07 | Saint Mary<br>Magdalen                         | 10am    | Battle   | No Intention         |
| Thursday<br>23/07  | Saint Bridget<br>of Sweden                     | NO MASS |          |                      |
| Friday<br>24/07    | Friday of Week 16<br>in Ordinary Time          | 10am    | Battle   | No Intention         |
| Saturday<br>25/07  | 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time    | 5pm     | Battle   | No Intention         |
| Sunday<br>26/07    |                                                | 9am     | Northiam | Denis Meares, RIP    |
|                    |                                                | 11am    | Battle   | People of the Parish |

**There will be a special collection for  
CAFOD DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal this weekend.**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12**  
You have asked for yourself understanding.
- **Second reading: Romans 8:28-30**  
He predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.
- **Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52**  
He sells all that he has and buys that field.

### **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-Ferlino, RIP, Philippe Bedford, RIP.

- **Date for your diary - 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2026:** A special event will be held at Battle Fire Station to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> 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:** Tins of Potatoes; Tins of Mackerel or Sardines; Tins of Corn Beef; Tins of Spaghetti; Tins of Sweetcorn and Small jars of Coffee 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
- **CAFOD are working with DEC (Disaster and Emergency Crisis) Venezuela Earthquake Appeal:** Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of Venezuela after two devastating earthquakes near Caracas. Many of our

neighbours have been killed or injured, and buildings, including churches, seminaries and Caracas Cathedral, have been damaged. Despite this, our trusted Church partner in Venezuela has been helping the survivors of this crisis with emergency water, food and medicine. Your donation today 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". Thank you all so much for your support and generosity.

- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2026 [Young Adult Retreat \(07-Nov-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)**
- **Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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  
E:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk

### **External news**

**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.

**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***