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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 14th / 15th February 2026

Saturday 14/02	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	Paul Weller, RIP
Sunday 15/02		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Private Intention
Monday 16/02		NO MASS		
Tuesday 17/02	Tuesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 18/02	Ash Wednesday	10am	Battle	Barbara High, RIP
Thursday 19/02	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9.45am	Battle	No Intention
Friday 20/02	Friday after Ash Wednesday	10am	Battle	Idina Mary, Viscountess Brassey, RIP (FM)
Saturday 21/02	1 st Sunday of Lent	5pm	Battle	Thanksgiving Mass, Bedana Family
Sunday 22/02		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Fe Chiva, RIP

There will be a second collection this weekend for Racial Justice Sunday

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent

- **First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

The creation and sin of our first parents.

- **Second reading: Romans 5:12-19**

Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.

- **Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

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

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

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:

Jean Douglas RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP.

Advance Notice – change to weekday Mass times:

Starting the week following the First Sunday of Lent, weekday Mass times will change with following effect:

New mass every Monday at 10am at Battle

No mass on Thursday mornings at Battle



Please remember to bring your palm leaves from last year to Mass this weekend, they will be burned for the ashes on Ash Wednesday.



- **Parish 100 Club:** Thank you to those that have already returned their forms for the coming year. If you would like to join this year, please get your applications in as soon as possible. Your £12 subscription is divided, half for prizes and half for Church maintenance. The forms are now available at the back of the Church, I have also attached one to this newsletter as well. Please pop completed forms in the mailbox outside the office marked for the attention of Maggie, or e-mail them back to battle@abdiocese.org.uk and pay your £12 by bank transfer using the following details

Account name: RCD Arundel & Brighton, Our Lady & St Michael

Sort code: 40-05-20

Account number: 71077120

Thank you!

- **CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day:** This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



- **Unbound UK – Catholic Course:** The next Unbound UK course starts on 10th March. It is a non-confrontational on-line deliverance Catholic course which focuses on the person and not the evil spirits and has been running in England since 2016. The meetings will take place every Tuesday and last for 14 weeks. To find out more about the course go to <https://www.unboundprayer.com/> and to register <https://www.unboundprayer.com/events-retreats-unbound>
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Tins of Cold Meat, Hot Meat and Fish; and Bottles of Squash please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated. Opening times: 1.30pm - 2pm with a referral voucher
- **Battle Pantry:** The pantry is now up and running, members just pay as they turn up to use it. Members can choose to pay £2.50 or £5.00, and for that they get four times the value in food and other essential items. They get to pick what they want, and everything is fresh and in date. Our pantry is not a waste minimisation initiative; it is there to help those struggling with the cost of living.

Opening times - 12noon - 1pm

Venue: St Mary's Church Upper Church Hall (back of the car park).

Can clients use both the pantry and the foodbank?

No. These are both initiatives of the same charity, and we can only support people using one avenue. The logic of the pantry is to help people before they get to the crisis stage and need a foodbank. Also, it may be that once a foodbank client has worked with our advisor, it is appropriate for them to then become a pantry client and stop using the foodbank, as their disposable income has improved/ is more stable. Our financial capability advice service is available to help clients of both the pantry and the foodbank.

Do get in touch if you have any questions, and share this with others who may need this information.

Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468

Email: info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk

Website: www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk

- **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, e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 2.00pm.

External and Diocesan run events/news

The Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Adur Valley, has a long established First Saturday devotion, attracting people from across the Diocese for these special Fatima prayers. We are honoured to be the first parish in 2026 to be chosen for a visitation from the World Apostolate of Fatima England & Wales. Join us for a special First Saturday:

Saturday 7th March 2026, 09.45 until 16.45

National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. The day includes a procession and mass, prayer, veneration of relics, adoration and video presentation. There will be items for sale, and you are welcome to all or part of the day.

St Peter's Church, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG

(Tea/coffee available; please bring a packed lunch)

Email: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk for more information or visit the website here: <https://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/the-first-five-saturdays-devotion-explained>