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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

Saturday 02/08	6pm	Battle	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Grace McAdie, RIP
Sunday 03/08	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 03/08	11am	Battle		Maud Dominica Petre, RIP (FM)
Monday 04/08	NO MASS			
Tuesday 05/08	NO MASS			
Wednesday 06/08	10am	Battle	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	No Intention followed by coffee & cake
Thursday 07/08	9.45am	Battle	Thursday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 08/08	10am	Battle	Saint Dominic	No Intention
Saturday 09/08	6pm	Battle	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 10/08	9am	Northiam		Intention of Fr Anthony Fleming
	11am	Battle		No Intention

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9**

By the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us.

- **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**

He was looking forward to the city whose designer and builder is God.

- **Gospel: Luke 12:32-48**

You also must be ready.

**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, Gretta Johnson, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser.

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

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

Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons RIP, Katie Spall RIP, Cilla Wintle RIP, Paul Weller RIP, Michael Conroy RIP, Fr Wilson RIP, Maureen Shaw RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett, RIP, Pauline Fraser, RIP.

- **NEW PARISH UPDATE:** I want to update you on where we are in the journey towards becoming a New Parish, joining together all the 8 parishes of our Eastbourne – St Leonard's Deanery. There have been, over the past 6 months, fruitful meetings of a Parish Leadership Group of the clergy and some lay reps from our parishes. There have also been plenty of meetings with the Diocese and those involved across the other Deaneries in this process. Our 11 Deaneries will become 11 large parishes in the coming months. We have realised as the months have passed that this is a “long haul” journey, not a sprint, that must not be rushed but instead, step by step and with everyone playing their part, we can build together a vibrant and mission centred “Community of Communities”. We are now ready for more concrete work to be done and will begin in July working in 2 X Hub Leadership Groups, at the 2 ends of what will be the New Parish (Eastbourne and St Leonards). These Hub Leadership Groups, clergy and lay reps from each church, will work with you all in implementing changes that will allow us to use our many good resources in a way that best serves everybody, and also reaches out to those many people who are searching for Christ and faith. The first 2 important areas we are working on, ready for the autumn, will be [1] coordinating a joined-up approach to our Sacramental Programmes (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA etc), and [2] working on coordinated new Hub Mass Schedules that provide all our churches with a better thought-out and sustainable range of Mass times. In the coming days we will be launching a New Parish Website that will provide lots of detail of what's happening and how you can be involved [<https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk>]. Please continue to keep all this important work in your daily prayers. Many thanks. Fr Kevin Dring (Moderator – on behalf of the Clergy Team)

- **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).
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Tins of Fish (not Tuna); Jars of Marmite, Peanut Butter, Chocolate Spread and Jam please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Send a postcard to your fellow parishioners via your parish office this summer**—let's fill our churches with stories of faith and the beauty of the universal Catholic Church! Whether you've visited a local church while on a day trip or holiday, celebrated a saint's feast day, passed through a Holy Door, or been on a pilgrimage, share your experience with your parish community. Your postcard will be proudly displayed this September as part of our Jubilee Year celebration. Let's journey together as **Pilgrims of Hope!**
- 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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk)
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

### **Diocesan Vacancies**

#### **Head of Finance, full-time, permanent**

- Salary: £60,000 to £65,000
  - Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (on site)
  - Application deadline: 18 August 2025 at 5pm \* Interviews: 26 August 2025
- The successful applicant will oversee the support of cloud-based reporting for 80 parish sites and the delivery of timely, accurate management accounts for central operations based at our Crawley site. You will have a key role in providing high-quality financial reporting to our Trustees and Diocesan Finance Committee (DFC). You'll also lead the team in producing statutory audited accounts, acting as the principal contact for external auditors. With additional responsibility for cashflow forecasting, treasury and investment management, tax compliance, VAT (for one subsidiary), and gift aid, this role ensures that the Diocese maintains robust financial governance. While Charity sector experience is a significant advantage in this position, it is your flexible and positive leadership of a diverse staff and volunteer finance community across some 80 sites that will set you apart.

#### **Communications Officer, part-time, permanent**

- Salary: £17,500 for 0.5 FTE (Based on a full-time salary of £35,000)
  - Location: Based in Crawley, with hybrid working & travel across the Diocese required
  - Application deadline: 13 August 2025 at 5pm \* Interviews: 19 August 2025
- The successful applicant will attend events, and produce and edit accurate, well-written online and offline content across diocesan platforms, telling the Church's story and its contribution to society. They will be expected to support the Head of Communications in managing the digital and print presence of the diocese, including content management for the Diocesan website and social platforms.
- To find out more and to apply, go to the Diocesan website: [abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications](https://abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications)

## News from the Vatican

### **Pope Leo XIV: A change of course is needed on environment**

The increasingly grave “environmental devastation that is occurring” is profoundly challenging people’s consciences....There is an “urgency” to address this by “all of humanity...” Pope Leo XIV underscored this to the scouts and guides of France in a message sent for the great “Clameurs” Rally in Jambville, which began on July 24 and concludes today, July 28. The gathering was organized to “reflect on a more just and sustainable world,” with the goal of “contributing to the protection of the environment,” “strengthening commitment to the common good,” and “being agents of change, putting Scouting at the service of combating climate change.”



**New paths to safeguard creation:** The Pope explained to the young people that “in the face of pollution and climate change, the loss of biodiversity, the deterioration of life and social degradation, global inequalities, the lack of drinking water and access to energy for many populations, an ecological education is essential for everyone to reverse the order of things.” Therefore, the “Clameurs” Rally, the Holy Father said, “allows [us] to discern and find new paths and directions to safeguard our common home. You are young, you are full of ideas and enthusiasm. You want to conquer the world not to subdue it, but to serve the life that comes from God,” the Pope observed, adding that to fully live out Christian values requires “humility,” a “spirit of service,” and “a deep relationship with Christ.”

**Interior conversion is necessary:** “Only an inner conversion makes possible the change of habits and mentality that leads to a new way of living in communion with the environment,” Pope Leo affirmed. He acknowledged that scouts—accustomed to living in nature, to crafting objects, participating in games and night vigils, and finding their way—tend “to treat creation with respect,” and for this reason they can “give so much to society through” their “way of life.” Convinced that the days at the Jambville event can further enrich young people “with values such as encountering and welcoming others in their differences and complementarity,” the Pope urged the youth of the movement founded by Robert Baden-Powell to be “ambassadors of fraternity and peace” in their daily environments. The “different cultural traditions,” the various “social contexts” they come from, and their different ages and personalities, the Holy Father pointed out, are “a richness, a resource,” because they allow one to see things more broadly “and to imagine a world of peace with the weapons of the Christian: faith, truth, justice, and the Gospel of peace.”

**The responsibility of being disciples of Christ:** Then, addressing those who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the gathering, Pope Leo specified that in this sacrament one receives “the Holy Spirit in fullness,” a “divine presence” that “guides, enlightens and comforts” on the “journey of faith.” Hence comes the “invitation to invoke Him often so as to be filled with His gifts and graces.” With confirmation there arises “the responsibility” to be active disciples of Christ, committed “to proclaiming the Gospel and to loving one’s neighbour,” the Holy Father added. The faithful, he said, are thus “charged with bearing witness” to their “faith in the world, [of] being agents of change and hope in society,” and for this, one needs “a life of prayer and friendship with God.”