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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 9th / 10th August 2025

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| Saturday 09/08 | 6pm | Battle | 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 10/08 | 9am | Northiam | | | Intention of Fr Anthony Fleming, RIP |
| Sunday 10/08 | 11am | Battle | | | No Intention |
| Monday 11/08 | NO MASS | | | | |
| Tuesday 12/08 | NO MASS | | | | |
| Wednesday 13/08 | NO MASS | | | | |
| Thursday 14/08 | 9.45am | Battle | Saint Maximilian Kolbe | No Intention | |
| Friday 15/08 | 10am Battle | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | (Holyday of Obligation) | No Intention | |
| | 7.30pm Battle | | | No Intention | |
| Saturday 16/08 | 6pm | Battle | 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | No Intention |
| Sunday 17/08 | 9am | Northiam | | | Intention of Ann Lloyd |
| | 11am | Battle | | | People of the Parish |

Second collection for CAFOD Gaza Crisis Appeal this weekend and next weekend

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**

You bore me, a man of contention to the whole land.

- **Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4**

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

- **Gospel: Luke 12:49-53**

I have not come to give peace but division.

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 Youlten.

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.

- **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.
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Tins of Fish (not Tuna); Cartons of LongLife UHT Whole Milk; Jars of Jam and Pkts of sweet biscuits please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **CAFOD - Gaza Crisis Appeal:** There will be a Second Collection this weekend and next weekend. Your support can make a real difference. Every donation helps local aid workers give urgent, practical help to families in Gaza. This is a critical time, thousands of families are facing unimaginable hardship. With your help, we can bring hope, relief and practical assistance directly to those who need it most.
- **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
- 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

News from the Vatican

Pope at Youth Mass: The Lord is gently knocking at the window of your soul

Jesus is our hope, adventure with Him throughout your life, and let Him enlighten you...

Pope Leo XIV expressed this during the Mass for the Jubilee of Young People at Tor Vergata in Rome on Sunday morning. The Holy Father introduced this by acknowledging [in his homily](#) that even if today's liturgy does not mention the episode directly, it invites us to reflect on the encounter with the Risen One "Who transforms our lives and enlightens our affections, desires and thoughts."



The Lord is knocking at window of our soul: He noted that the first reading, taken from the Book of Ecclesiastes, invites us, like the two disciples, to come to terms with the

experience of our limitations and the fleeting nature of all things that pass away. “We are not made for a life where everything is taken for granted and static, but for an existence that is constantly renewed through gift of self in love.” “This is why,” he said, “we continually aspire to something 'more' that no created reality can give us; we feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this,” he said, “let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!” Rather, he suggested, “Let us listen to them! Let us turn this thirst,” the Holy Father suggested, “into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God. We will then find ourselves before Him, who is waiting for us, knocking gently on the window of our soul.”

St. Augustine's wisdom: “It is truly beautiful, especially at a young age,” the Holy Father said, “to open wide your hearts, to allow him to enter, and to set out on this adventure with him towards eternity.”

Saint Augustine, reflecting on his intense search for God, the Pope recalled, asked himself: 'What, then, is the object of our hope [...]?' Asking whether our source of hope is the earth or something beautiful that comes from it, he argued that these items were not, but rather 'the One Who made them,' 'He is your hope.' St. Augustine, Pope Leo reminded the young people, thinking of his own journey, prayed and said, “You [Lord] were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you [...] You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness.” Like Augustine’s search for meaning, the Pope acknowledged the young people at times ponder similar questions.

Things that are above: The Pope acknowledged, “There is a burning question in our hearts, a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom and mediocrity?” In recent days, Pope Leo recalled the young people have had many beautiful experiences, adding that through all this, “you can grasp an important point,” namely the fullness of our existence does not depend on what we store up or, as we heard in the Gospel, on what we possess. Rather, he reminded, fullness has to do with what we joyfully welcome and share. “Buying, hoarding and consuming are not enough. We need to lift our eyes, to look upwards, to the 'things that are above...’”

Jesus is our hope: “Dear young people, Jesus is our hope,” Pope Leo insisted. “It is He,” as Saint John Paul II said addressing young people in the same place during the 2000 Jubilee, Pope Leo remembered, “who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives [...] to commit... to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.” Therefore, the Holy Father exhorted, “Let us remain united to Him, let us remain in His friendship, always, cultivating it through prayer, adoration, Eucharistic Communion, frequent Confession, and generous charity, following the examples of Blessed Piergiorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis who will soon be declared saints.” Hence, he invited, “Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you.” Finally, after entrusting the young people to the Blessed Mother, Pope Leo XIV concluded, praying that as they return home, they “continue to walk joyfully in the footsteps of the Savior, and spread your enthusiasm and the witness of your faith to everyone you meet!”

