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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Weekend 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Saturday 06/12	Second Sunday of Advent	6pm	Battle	David Reynders, RIP
Sunday 07/12		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish followed by Coffee & Cake
		11am	Battle	Carmel Worboyes, RIP
Monday 08/12	NO MASS			
Tuesday 09/12	Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent	8am	Battle	Advent Devotions
		6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 10/12	Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent	10am	Battle	Deceased Members of the Ferlaino Family
Thursday 11/12	Thursday of the Second Week of Advent	9.45am	Battle	Intention of Nora Folan
Friday 12/12	Friday of the Second Week of Advent	8am	Battle	Advent Devotions
		10am	Battle	Intention of Mme Josette Vaughan
Saturday 13/12	Third Sunday of Advent	5pm	Battle	Deceased Members of the O’Hara & Mullen Families
Sunday 14/12		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Helen O’Brien, RIP
		3pm	Battle	Taizé Service

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent**

- **First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10**

God himself will come and save you.

- **Second reading: James 5:7-10**

Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

- **Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?

**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.

**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:**

Jean Douglas RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Greta Johnson RIP.

- **Family Celebration - Christmas Day Lunch:** Everyone is most welcome to come and share; come and help; come and enjoy this 'Family Celebration' lunch at 12.30pm at The Emmanuel Centre. We welcome any individuals or couples who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Please contact Christine Freeland as soon as possible by phone 01424 774363 or e-mail: [mail@dcfreeland.plus.com](mailto:mail@dcfreeland.plus.com). Please see the noticeboard at the front of the Presbytery for more information.
- Would any parishioner be interested in becoming a member of the Ecumenical team for the World Day of Prayer, a single service usually held in March of each year. Please contact Vikki Cook on 01424 773721 or e-mail: [cvcook26@gmail.com](mailto:cvcook26@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Parish 100 Club winners:**  
Congratulations to the winners of the draw for November  
£12 – Eddie McCall      £24 – Joe Hanson  
and for December – the winners are:  
£12 – Peter Bates      £24 – Helen Ashing
- **CAFOD World Gifts:** Booklets are available at both Churches. If you are struggling to find that perfect gift for the person who has everything, why not buy them a Queen Bee, or a goat, or some chickens, or even a loo! This will solve your problem, and every purchase helps families overcome poverty, build

brighter futures and celebrate Christmas with dignity.

- **Coffee & Cake:** Please join us for coffee & cake after the 9am Mass this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Northiam. Everyone is very welcome!
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Tins of Cold Meat; 500gm packs of Long Grain Rice; Bottles of Sunflower or Vegetable Oil; Jars of Pasta Sauce 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.
- **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).

### **Diocesan run events/news**

A reminder that the Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up [mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist](https://mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist) – it's a great way to stay in touch!

- **Pastoral Plan Update**

Bishop Richard issued a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese *[The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission](#)* in January 2024. The Plan marks an important new stage in the development of diocesan parish structures, with the 11 former deaneries of the Diocese becoming 11 new parishes.

Two new parishes have been established this year; Brighton & Hove (14 September) and Guildford (29 November). Weybridge will be inaugurated on 7 December. To find out more about the Pastoral Plan, scan the attached QR code or visit the diocesan website W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan)

- 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 1.30pm.

**As we continue in Advent, we move to our new permanent Mass Time for Saturday evening of 5pm.**

## **Advent Preparing for Christmas**

### **Morning Advent Reflections**

#### **Christians in Battle, Advent Devotions:**

Please join us for our Advent prayer sessions, an Advent Past, Present and Future, every Tuesday and Friday morning at 8am, starting 2<sup>nd</sup> December and ending 19<sup>th</sup> December, in the Church followed by a light breakfast in the hall. Everyone is very welcome.

### **Taizé Service at Battle**

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm**

Please come and join us for an afternoon of contemplative prayer, meditative chants and readings. This distinctive style of Taizé Prayer was developed by an ecumenical community of monks in rural France.