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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 22nd / 23rd August 2026

Saturday 22/08	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	John Keeling, RIP (FM)
Sunday 23/08		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Elizabeth Salter-Ferlino, RIP
Monday 24/08	Monday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	For the Orozco Family and everyone involved in the Venezuelan Earthquake
Tuesday 25/08	Tuesday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 26/08	Wednesday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	Intention of Jonathan Gavin
Thursday 27/08	Saint Monica	NO MASS		
Friday 28/08	Saint Augustine	NO MASS		
Saturday 29/08	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	Intention of Tony & Michele Brooks on their 58 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 30/08		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Anthony Gibbons, RIP

Sacrament of reconciliation after all Masses or on request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9**

The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach.

- **Second reading: Romans 12:1-2**

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

- **Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27**

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.

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, Godfrey Linnett.

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-Ferlaino, RIP, Philippe Bedford, RIP.

- **This Saturday - 22nd August 2026 – Celebrating 50 Years of Women in the Fire Service in Britain, Battle Fire Station Open Day:** Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Mary-Joy Langdon joining the Fire Service in 1976 as the first British operational female firefighter in peacetime. This includes displays, sponsored abseil, 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. Please see the timetable attached for detailed information of the day.
- **Parish 100 Club:** The winners of the August draw are:
£12 - Robert McAdie £24 – Tommy Fitzgerald
Congratulations to you both!
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** small boxes of eggs; 500gm bags of Sugar; Small jars of Coffee; Bottles of Squash and Tins or packets of Vegetarian Meals 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
- **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 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- The Parish Office is open on Monday & Thursday mornings 9.30am-2.00pm.

Diocesan run events/notices

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 17 October 10-3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley – cost £40

Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this "Mental Health Awareness" training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. The training is being highly subsidised and tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120). If you have any questions about this training do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

Walsingham Pilgrimage October 2026 cancellation: Following the wonderful news that our Diocese is to be blessed with a new Bishop, Bishop-elect Stephen Wang, we have been advised that a Mass of Welcome, which he has asked to celebrate, will clash with the trip to Walsingham. This clash is unavoidable as there are many circumstances leading to the choice of date and Fr Stephen is very keen to meet the people as soon as possible after his episcopal ordination. The decision has therefore been taken to cancel the Walsingham Pilgrimage for this year. Would you please take down any posters/advertisements you have for this in your parishes. We will look for new dates to travel to Walsingham as a diocese in 2027. Many thanks.
Alex Manko, Pilgrimage Director

New WhatsApp channel for news from the Diocese: Created especially for members of our family of faith who don't use other social media but would like to stay up to date with news from the Diocese, a new WhatsApp channel has been launched. News is shared there regularly, and WhatsApp channels don't have comments or replies so are very safe spaces. No one who isn't in your phone's address book can see your membership or activity there. Click here to subscribe: whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241k0Vyff0E

Assisted suicide Bill: We have just over three weeks left before MPs will vote at Second Reading of the assisted suicide Bill in the House of Commons on 11 September. Only 12 MPs need to switch for the Bill to be defeated. Some MPs have already indicated that they may now vote against it, giving us real grounds for hope. MPs have told us that face-to-face meetings with constituents can make a significant difference to how they vote. A meeting with a parishioner could therefore help change an MP's mind. We are therefore asking people across the country to meet their MP and urge them to vote against the Bill. To make this as easy as possible please go to: <https://righttolife.org.uk/meetyourmp> which lets you request a meeting in just 30 seconds. It also gives them everything they need to prepare, including a short video guide featuring Miriam Cates and our Director of Public Affairs, with practical advice on making the strongest possible case against the Bill. Thank you for all your work to stop assisted suicide from being legalised.

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