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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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**Weekend 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday 16/09 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Brian Knowles, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 17/09 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 17/09 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Monday 18/09</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 19/09 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Tuesday of week 24 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 20/09 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, and Paul Chong Hasang &amp; Companion Martyrs</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 21/09 6am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Saint Matthew</b>	<b>Margaret Mulligan, RIP</b>
<b>Friday 22/09 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Friday of week 24 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>

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

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9**

God is nearby and can be found.

- **Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27**

Christ is in our living and dying, present to us beyond the grave and for all eternity.

- **Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

The landowner practised positive discrimination towards the latecomers and less able workers.

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

*From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael:* Margaret Thunder, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Ruth Ayres, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

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

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons.

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office on 01424 773125 if you would like these visits to recommence, with a Minister or with Fr Richard direct on 07578 725914 or email [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk), thank you.
- If you wish to follow a live Mass please follow this link from our Diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/>
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are Tins of Potatoes or Instant Mash; Tins of Hot Meat and Pies; Tins of Fish; Jars of Peanut Butter, Marmite and Honey and Children's Cereals please - any toiletries, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **The Church will now be left open** to allow you to go in at any time you want to for private prayer, or just a sit down. Please be aware there is CCTV set up at the back of the Church for health and safety reasons, as well as security.
- **Key change at Northiam this coming week**, the new key will be left in the key safe. Key holders will receive their new key from Fr Richard next weekend.
- **Hastings-Bexhill Catenians:** The Catenians are a Charitable Group who, as well as supporting Catholics to keep their faith in sociable, friendly groups, can also offer some financial assistance with the costs for going to Lourdes or similar faith related events for those between 16-24 years. They are always looking for new members, please take a leaflet from the back of the Church or look at their website [www.sussexcatenians.org](http://www.sussexcatenians.org) for more information. They are a true fellowship believing a friend in need is always a friend indeed.

- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

### News from our Diocese

#### **Diocesan run events**

➤ **Day Retreat for Discerning the Priesthood - Saturday 14 October at St Pius X Church in Guildford**

Have you considered that Christ may be calling you to serve Him as His priest? Join the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Tristan Cranfield, for a day of reflection, prayer, and to find out more about this beautiful and essential vocation. Contact E: [vocations@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@abdiocese.org.uk) to register your place and find out more.

➤ **Anti-Slavery Day – Slavery on Your Doorstep - Wednesday 18 October 6.30 - 8pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, 2 Bristol Road, Kemptown, Brighton BN2 1AP**  
Come and find out how modern slavery is very much here in our local area, and how we can respond.

**Marriage Catechists Day – Saturday 18 November 11am – 3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley**

Please join us for our Annual Day of Formation. Bishop Richard looks forward to welcoming you to celebrate all that you offer in your Ministry and to share how marriage preparation will continue to develop under the revised Pastoral Plan. Anyone interested in supporting marriage in their parish is very welcome.

➤ **Do you have an empathetic ear and a calling to accompany those most in need of the Lord's Consolation?** The course runs on Wednesdays from 10 January 2024 through to and including 21 February 2024 via Zoom. We are recruiting our next group of candidates to join our Ministry of Consolation Team. You will be joining a wonderful team of over 120 volunteers across the Diocese who extend the consoling hand of Christ when people are most in need. The sessions will include listening skills, accompanying those effected by loss, supporting those who have been given a terminal prognosis or are experiencing challenging health issues, supporting parents who have lost a child and an exploration of Church teaching on suicide, euthanasia, palliative care and organ donation. It will be on Zoom from 9.30-1.30pm and you will need to be available to attend each session. If you would like to find out more, please email E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk) for more details. In the interim, do speak with your Parish Priest about the idea of the Ministry within your Parish and your interest in being involved.

#### **Externally run events**

➤ **A Quick Journey through the Bible - free study course at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, Guildford – Saturday 23 September - no need to book**

A new Chilworth Abbey Study Morning is starting at the living Benedictine monastery of St Augustine's Abbey. It's led by Fr John Seddon OSB and will focus on Part 1 of Jeff Cavin's 'A Quick Journey through the Bible'. Catholic Holy Mass with Chilworth's Benedictine monks is at 9am followed by Video and Talks from 10.30am-12.15pm. Bring a friend if possible. Visit the monks online at W: <http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com>

➤ **Who cares? We do. Let's Grow Together – beginning 7 October**

A free support group for people going through divorce and separation. This is a self-help group run by others who have experienced this loss and change in their lives and are on a recovery journey. We meet monthly in various locations in West Sussex and Surrey. Contact one of our group leaders Caroline or John: E: [whocares.team@outlook.com](mailto:whocares.team@outlook.com) We will be running our next set of 'Restored Lives' sessions at St Joseph's Dorking, beginning on 7 October, and meeting monthly thereafter.

➤ **Beginning Experience Weekend - 13-15 October**

If you have suffered a divorce, separation, or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex (easily reached by road or by the new Elizabeth Line). For more details, please contact Maura M: 07795 498445, Mary T: 020 8647 4760 or E: [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com).

➤ To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

### Vatican News

#### **Pope Francis renews prayers for quake-struck Morocco**

Just a day after sending a telegram to express his sorrow, Pope Francis publicly expressed his condolences for the thousands of people who have died or were affected by an earthquake in central Morocco. The 6.8-magnitude quake struck on Friday night in the mountainous region south-west of Marrakesh, causing widespread damage and destruction.



#### **Papal care and concern**

Speaking at the Angelus prayer on Sunday, the Pope offered his closeness to the “dear Moroccan people”. He prayed for the injured and those “many people” who have died and for their families.

“I thank the rescue workers and those who are seeking to alleviate people’s suffering,” he said. “May the concrete aid of everyone sustain the people in this tragic moment.”

Pope Francis concluded by inviting everyone to be near to the people of Morocco.

#### **Rising death toll**

Meanwhile, rescuers are searching for survivors under the rubble after the massive earthquake. As of Sunday afternoon local time, at least 2,012 people were reported killed and 2,059 injured in Friday’s earthquake. In the last few hours, the Moroccan army has cleared one of the main roads leading to the epicenter of the quake – allowing essential assistance to reach people.

The route to the Atlas Mountains had been blocked by landslides. The Red Cross has pledged \$1.1 million from their Disaster Response Emergency Fund to support the rescue effort.

Video footage taken by drone shows ancient villages near Marrakech reduced to rubble. The first three days after a natural disaster are a critical time period for finding survivors, relief organizations say. Fearing aftershocks, many people have chosen to stay outdoors, sleeping on the streets or in fields. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs says more than 300,000 people in Marrakesh and its outskirts have been affected by the quake.