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BATTLE**
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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays

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Weekend 4th / 5th November 2023

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 04/11 <u>5pm</u>	BATTLE	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mr Francis Fernandez, RIP
Sunday 05/11 <u>10.45am</u>	BATTLE		People of the Parish
Sunday 05/11 <u>2pm</u>	NORTHIAM		Blessing of the Graves followed by refreshments
Monday 06/11	NO MASS		
Tuesday 07/11 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of week 31 in Ordinary Time	Intention of Sandra Clemence
Wednesday 08/11 10am	Battle	Wednesday of week 31 in Ordinary Time	Fronsia Macradonna, RIP followed by the Rosary
Thursday 09/11 6.30am	Battle	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	No Intention
Friday 10/11 10am	Battle	St Leo the Great	Intention of The Parsons Family
Saturday 11/11 5pm	Battle	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 12/11 10.45am	Battle		Intention of Marianne Clemence
Sunday 12/11 2pm	Northiam		No Intention

Next weekend there will be a Retiring Collection for the Royal British Legion

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom, God's loving purpose for us, is waiting for us to find her.

- **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Paul gives us reasons to hope. If we die in Jesus, God will bring us with him to stay with him for ever.

- **Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus warns us to stay awake, ready for the bridegroom to come, ready for the wedding feast of heaven.

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

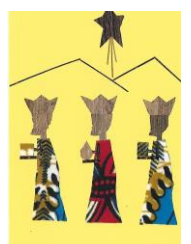
From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Ruth Ayres, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

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

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.
- 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, 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/>
- **Please note the change of Mass times this weekend!**
Saturday 4th November, 5pm Battle
Sunday 5th November, 2pm Mass at St Teresa's – NO 9am Mass
- **The Rosary will now be said every Wednesday after the 10am Mass at Battle** as this proved very popular with everyone, you are all welcome to stay and join us.
- There will be a Retiring Collection for Retired Priests this weekend (Gift Aided).
- **Rwanda Action Christmas cards and Craft Sale- Sunday 26th November**
after the 9am Mass at St Teresa's and the 10.45am Mass at Battle. Sally will be selling Rwanda Action Christmas cards, greetings cards and Craft. Please support the widows, orphans and disabled young people in our co-operative in Rwanda, who make these handmade items.



- **Battle Foodbank** – It is coming around to that lovely Christmas time again and we are using the Reverse Advent Calendar Initiative again this year (a copy is attached and at the back of the Church). The donations need to be with us by Friday 8th December. We are still fairly well stocked following the Harvest Donations but could do with 500gm bags of Sugar and Sponge Puddings; also any toiletries, toilet rolls, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **New 'Move It' Club – every Thursday, 10-11am in the Parish Room.** Sessions are going really well, and enjoyed by all who attend, especially the coffee and chat afterwards! Aimed especially at our more senior, or less mobile parishioners, a friendly session offering gentle exercise to improve mobility, strength and balance - followed by coffee/tea and biscuits. Exercises can be adapted for those who would prefer to remain seated throughout. Qualified teacher. No charge, but donations towards refreshments gratefully received. Contact Lindsey for more information.
Mob: 0772494239 Email: lindseyfwilson@outlook.com. Come and try it for yourself!
- **The Lima amount donated for September** from the Parishioners of St Teresa's came to £68.50 and the grand total since 1999 is £19,339.62. A cheque for £300 was sent to Father Edward O Connell on the 20th September. Thank you all for your continued generosity.
- **APF MILL HILL MISSIONS - RED BOXES: BATTLE**
I am now undertaking the annual return when we ask all Battle holders to hand in their box at church to be emptied so that in order that I can complete our annual return. Please can you bring your box into Mass over the next couple of weeks or by the end of November and hand it to Father or myself. If anyone has difficulty bringing in their box, please let me know and I will collect it. Thank you. Suzanne 07958 353722
- 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

- **Marriage Catechists' Day – Saturday 18 November 11am-3.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP**
Are you involved with, or would like to be involved with, supporting couples on their engagement journey towards marriage? Bishop Richard invites you to join him for our annual day of formation. We will be looking at the impact of the new pastoral plan on the Diocesan preparation scheme and on the need to support couples in their communities. Please register using the link [Marriage Catechists Day \(18-Nov-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- 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>

Externally run events

➤ **Who cares? We do. Let's Grow Together**

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 The next meeting of the group is on 4 November at St Joseph's Church Hall, Dorking RH43DL. Car parking behind Church.

Vatican News

Pope Francis calls for a ceasefire in the Holy Land



View of the remains of a mosque and houses destroyed by Israeli strikes in the central Gaza strip.

Pope Francis has called for a ceasefire in the Holy Land. Addressing the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for his Sunday Angelus, the Holy Father invited everyone to "continue to pray ... for the serious situation in Palestine and Israel". In particular, he asked that humanitarian aid be allowed to enter Gaza and that all hostages be freed.

The situation in Gaza has intensified over the last few days. Over 7,200 people are confirmed dead since 7 October, after Hamas carried out a deadly attack on Israel, which responded with bombardments and a ground invasion.

The Holy Father quoted Father Ibrahim Faltas, the Egyptian Franciscan vicar of the Custody of the Holy Land in Jerusalem, who recently spoke on the Italian television programme *A Sua Immagine (In his image)*. I listened to him and he said "cease fire, cease fire", explained the Pontiff.

"We too, like Father Ibrahim, say cease fire", said the Pope, adding "stop, brothers and sisters: war is always a defeat—always, always!"