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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays



**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday<br>12/09  | 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time             | 5pm     | Battle   | Paul Weller, RIP                      |
| Sunday<br>13/09    |                                                         | 9am     | Northiam | People of the Parish                  |
|                    |                                                         | 11am    | Battle   | James Fraser, RIP                     |
| Monday<br>14/09    | Feast of the<br>Exaltation of the<br>Holy Cross         | 10am    | Battle   | No Intention                          |
| Tuesday<br>15/09   | Our Lady of<br>Sorrows                                  | 6pm     | Battle   | Margaret & Lilian Heaney,<br>RIP (FM) |
| Wednesday<br>16/09 | Saints Cornelius,<br>Pope & Cyprian,<br>Bishop, Martyrs | 10am    | Battle   | Good Estate<br>Fr Gilmour McDermott   |
| Thursday<br>17/09  | Thursday of Week<br>24 in Ordinary<br>Time              | NO MASS |          |                                       |
| Friday<br>18/09    | Friday of Week 24<br>in Ordinary Time                   | 10am    | Battle   | Good Estate<br>Fr Gilmour McDermott   |
| Saturday<br>19/09  | 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time             | 5pm     | Battle   | People of the Parish                  |
| Sunday<br>20/09    |                                                         | 9am     | Northiam | Stephen Atkinson, RIP                 |
|                    |                                                         | 11am    | Battle   | Kevin Regan, RIP                      |

**There will be a Special Collection for Education Sunday this weekend**  
**Next weekend there will be a Special Collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**

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

- **First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9**  
My thoughts are not your thoughts.
- **Second reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**  
For to me to live is Christ.
- **Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**  
Do you begrudge my generosity?

### **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, June Bailey.

***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, Anne Meade, RIP, Thomas Dodd, RIP.

- **Maggie's Fund Raising Challenge for the Sara Lee Trust:** The Sara Lee Trust is celebrating its 30 year anniversary this year, so I will be running/hiking 30 miles from sea level to the summit of Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon) on 26<sup>th</sup> September – it seemed like a good idea at the time! The Trust offers complimentary therapies and counselling, working with St Michael's Hospice and were very supportive to my husband and myself during his treatment for throat cancer. If you would like to donate to this wonderful charity, please follow the link and read my story – any donations would be so very gratefully received! Thank you so much! <https://www.justgiving.com/page/margaret-walford-1>
- **A Time to Reflect – Year B – Sister Gemma Simmonds:** following the success of Sister Gemma's previous book, Donkey Roads and Camel Treks, she has written another book, A Time to Reflect – Year B. Produced by SPCK Publishing this book is available as a hardback for £19, but if there is enough interest Corinne could get copies for parishioners for £15. Please let Fr Richard, Corinne or the office know if you are interested.
- **Bexhill Foodbank Advice Service & Bexhill CAP Debt Centre:** Our Advisor, Gareth Delany, working at our new Amherst Road premises, is available to help

our clients look at the wider issues that are driving them to use a foodbank. He can help with benefit reviews and claims, energy help, grants, digital devices, SIM cards and budgeting, and we partner with CAP to help our clients become debt-free. We also have a fantastic volunteer Peter, who delivers a 1:1 3-part money coaching course to our clients to help them manage their money better in the long-term. We are about so much more than just food nowadays!

- **Our Two Pantries:** Our subsidised pantries in Pebsham and Battle continue to be a success. These are different from the foodbank in that they do not require a referral, the customers pay a nominal amount for their shopping, and they are targeted at helping local people to stay out of crisis and avoid getting to the point where they need a foodbank.
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Bottles of Lemon or Berries Squash; Packets of Cornflakes etc (not Oats); Bottles of Tomato Ketchup; Bottles of Salad Cream or Mayonnaise and 500gm packets of pasta (not spaghetti) - 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](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 or [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- The Parish Office is open on Monday & Thursday mornings 9.30am-2.00pm.

### **Diocesan run events/notices**

**Arundel & Brighton Young Adults Retreat days in the Diocese - Standard ticket price £20:** Young Adults (18-35) are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Retreat Days in parishes across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. The theme for our year of Young Adult retreats is *"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me"* (Jn 15:27). From Pope Leo XIV's message for the 40th World Youth Day. Our first retreat day in the series is at St Wilfrid's Church in Burgess Hill. The day

will include guest speakers Emily Bennett and Fr Scott Coleman, discussion groups, time for Adoration and confession, Mass, a shared lunch (included in the ticket price) and workshop sessions including Scripture art, finding inner peace and exploring the Rosary. This is the first in our series of Young Adult Retreat days across the diocese, make sure to book your place at our other retreat days (attendance at all is encouraged but not mandatory):

- St Wilfrid's Church, Burgess Hill on Saturday 26th September 2026 [Young Adults' Retreat \(26-Sep-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- St Richard's Church, Chichester on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2026 [Young Adult Retreat \(07-Nov-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2027 [Young Adults' Retreat \(23-Jan-2027\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- St Joseph's Catholic Church, Guildford, Saturday 20th February 2027 [Young Adults' Retreat Day \(20-Feb-2027\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge on Saturday 10th April 2027 [Young Adults' Retreat Day \(10-Apr-2027\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

## **External news**

**The Abbot Stephen Ortiger Memorial Concert is being held on 22 November at 7.15pm at Worth Abbey. Cost £16.50 per person.**

Net proceeds from this event will be split 50:50 between the Fr Stephen Ortiger Bursary Fund and the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Composed by Julian Gairdner, an alumnus of Worth School, Abbatial Requiem will be performed by London-based choir Vox Cordis alongside Worthian singers. As Abbot Stephen was so dedicated to supporting the youth of the Diocese through the pilgrimage and his love of Our Lady, aptly, the work unusually incorporates 'Salve Regina'. Further details and information on how to book a ticket, can be found in the attached press release.

## **Rediscover the Roman Church's Liturgical Heritage**

Join us at Stonyhurst or online for our study weekend on the Traditional Roman Rite, which will examine the elements and history of the Church's ancient liturgy, and also provide a ground for a deeper appreciation of the Ordinary Form. Takes place 11th–13th September.

Link: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-traditional-roman-rite-study-weekend/>

Can't make it to Stonyhurst? Let me know if you'd be interested in joining online: [comms@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:comms@christianheritagecentre.com)