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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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**Weekend 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

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

<b>Saturday 19/08 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 20/08 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 20/08 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>Eve Maud Dyer, RIP, FM</b>
<b>Monday 21/08</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 22/08 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Our Lady, Mother and Queen</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 23/08 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Wednesday of week 20 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Thursday 24/08 6am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Saint Bartholomew</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Friday 25/08 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Friday of week 20 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 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23**

Should he open, no one shall close; should he close, no one shall open.

- **Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36**

All that exists comes from the Lord.

- **Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

Peter says to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God".

**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, Lawrence & 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.

- 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 Tomatoes; 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.
- **A big thank you from Julie!** Julie was so grateful for your lovely messages in her card and the voucher for Blackbrooks Garden Centre – she is a very keen gardener and loved receiving this gift.  
We are still on the lookout for a replacement, so if you know of anyone trustworthy and reliable who would like to work 2 hours a week @ £10.90p/h cleaning the Church, office and Parish Room, please let either Fr Richard or the office know. Thank you.
- **Rwanda Action Quiz Night - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Venue:** Vinehall School    **Time:** 6:30 pm for 7 pm start  
There will be a bar and an exciting raffle; competitors may bring their own snacks or picnic. Each table of 8 players costs £100, or individuals wanting to join a table £12.50 each (please contact Sally if you want to join a table at [sceasmash@hotmail.com](mailto:sceasmash@hotmail.com) and she will arrange it). **Payment:** Rwanda Action Sort code: 20-27-91 Account No: 50874531

- **Janet Brodrick-Ward** is making marmalade for charity and would like any clean, empty jam jars with lids 370g size. If you have any, could you please leave them at the back of the Church for Janet to collect, thank you.
- 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

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid – 4 evenings on-line – Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 September 6pm – 9.30pm**  
This Youth Mental Health First Aid course is for everyone who works with, lives with or supports young people aged 8-18. It will teach you the skills and confidence to spot the signs of mental health issues in a young person, offer first aid and guide them towards the support they need. In doing so, you can speed up a young person's recovery and stop a mental health issue from getting worse. Our course won't teach you to be a therapist, but we will teach you to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis - and even potentially stop a crisis from happening. But more than that, we aim to give you the information and skills to look after your own mental health so that you can set an example for young people. By giving you the tools to have these conversations, we hope to empower you to create a mentally healthy, supportive environment in your family, school, peer group or community. Let's create a future where mental health is treated as a normal part of life, in the same way as physical health. A future where every young person has access to support if they need it. The course is accredited by MHFA England and you will receive a certificate of attendance. Attached is the booking link [Youth Mental Health First Aid - 4 Evenings Online \(12-Sep-2023\) ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **A Day of Reflection for Grandparents – Tuesday 26 September 2023 11am-3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** Life experience comes at the price of the hard knocks and joyful moments and Fr Stephen Ortiger will help us to explore those and how we can see the hand of God in our lives. Our Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling, will offer some helpful hints and tips into communicating with young people and tuning into what they may find helpful as they navigate their way in life. Attached is the booking link [A Day of Reflection for Grandparents \(26-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your participation please contact the Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk).
- **Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 30 September 2023 11.30am-2pm at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne:** Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at 11.30am followed by a small drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. Attached is the booking link [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(30-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your participation please contact the Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk). Poster attached.
- 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: Church must accompany workers in midst of job insecurity**

Members of the Christian Workers' Movement of the Spanish Catholic Action (HOAC) have gathered in the Spanish city of Segovia for their 14th General Assembly, held on 12-15 August.

Pope Francis sent his encouragements on Sunday in a message to participants in the HOAC meeting, which bears the theme "Building Bridges, Tearing Down Walls: The Church in the World of Work Weaving Bonds of Fraternity".



**Work founded in human dignity:** In his message, the Pope expressed his appreciation for the organization's dedication to helping the Church accompany Catholics in the workforce. Recalling his words in *Evangelii Gaudium*, he noted that work is "an essential component of life and human dignity".

"Work is not simply a productive activity, but a means by which we cooperate with God in the work of creation and realize ourselves as human beings," he said. The Pope added that human labour helps us to be "co-creators and to participate in building a more just and fraternal world."

**Church's solidarity amid joblessness:** Pope Francis went on to reflect on the Church's mission to walk with people in all aspects of their lives, including participation in the workforce. He said the Church especially needs to accompany people who are on the peripheries of the world of work.

"Our commitment cannot be limited to isolated speeches or actions," he said, "but must be a constant witness of solidarity and support to people in situations of labor and social vulnerability."

The Church's mission with workers, he added, includes being close to people who have lost their jobs or suffer from a lack of employment opportunities. Christians cannot remain enclosed in the walls of our church buildings, he urged, inviting everyone to reach out actively to those in need and to seek "just and lasting solutions" to job insecurity.

**Weaving bonds of fraternity:** The Pope lamented the fact that unemployment continues to affect many families, saying the Church bears the responsibility of standing in solidarity with "people who face despair and exclusion due to joblessness." He concluded his message by encouraging the members of Catholic Action to "weave bonds of fraternity, bear the light of the Gospel, and build a more just society.

"I urge you to continue to be God's people in the midst of working life, and to continue to weave stories of love and solidarity," concluded Pope Francis. "The Church needs you."

**HOAC 14th General Assembly:** Over 800 people from 41 dioceses across Spain are attending the General Assembly in Segovia. Participants, who including archbishops, bishops and members of the movement, are meeting to discuss and make decisions regarding the challenges, priorities and proposals of HOAC for the next six years. The movement seeks to reflect a Christian view of reality while confronting the challenges facing the Church in a world burdened by social malaise, inequality, and injustice that particularly affect the workforce.