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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 2 for Weekdays



THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekend 5th / 6th November 2022

Weekend Mass Times

5pm Saturday 5th November, Week 32 - Battle (Intention of Anne & Don
Bishop - Diamond Wedding Anniversary)
9am Sunday 6th November, Week 32 - Northiam (Fronisia (Francesca)
Macradona, RIP)
10.45am Sunday 6th November, Week 32 - Battle (People of the Parish)

Weekday Masses at Battle

NO MASS Monday 7th November
6pm Tuesday 8th November, Week 32 - Battle (Intention of Carmel
Worboyes)
10am Wednesday 9th November, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Battle
(No Intention)
6am Thursday 10th November, St Leo the Great - Battle (No Intention)
10am Friday 11th November, St Martin of Tours - Battle (No Intention)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
available after all Masses and upon Request

Advance Notice:

- There will be a Mass at 12noon on Saturday 12th November at St Teresa's, Northiam, followed by a Blessing of Graves.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- **First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20**

Christ fulfils the promise of the prophet Malachi, who tells us that those who remain close to God will be rewarded for their faithfulness.

- **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

St Paul invites the church at Thessalonica to imitate his example of humble service to others.

- **Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

The saints and martyrs witness to the faithfulness of God to rescue their lives and protect them in adversity, even in death.

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, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

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

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Gerard Leahy.

- 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 new 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/>
- **Family Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation:** Fr Richard is hoping to start a family group for sacramental preparation, baptism, first communion and confirmation on Saturdays and would like some feedback as to the best time for this.
- **Reading at Mass** - We are still in need of volunteers for reading at the Sunday Mass - thank you to everyone that has volunteered for the Saturday evening, it's a great help.
- **Battle Music Group** - we meet at 7pm on Tuesday evenings for one hour in the church in Battle and everyone is invited. All are welcome (no auditions!) and we are particularly hoping that we can increase the number of singers and instrumentalists as we plan further services for those affected by the war in Ukraine, and knowing that Advent and Christmas services are not too far away. Please join us if you can.
- **Rwanda Action Christmas Cards and Crafts:** These will be on sale at Our Lady Immaculate, Battle after Mass on **Sunday 13th November**, please come and have a look, there will be refreshments. Or you can find cards and craft at the online Shop at www.rwanda-action.org

- **Knights of St Columba - Autumn Quiz 19th November, 7.30pm** to be held at Holy Redeemer Church Hall, Upper Church Road, St Leonards on Sea TN37 7AS. Tickets £5 per person and are available from Stephen Bradshaw 01424 772887; Fidelis Okoliko 07946 689934; Patrick Coates 01424 439871. Raffle to support local charities Snowflake and Street Pastors. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks. Everybody welcome.
- **Battle Foodbank - Needs and Updates:** This week the Foodbank needs Tins of Soup, Tomatoes, Cold Meat and Fish; Small bags of Sugar; Biscuits; SweetTreats; Jars of Marmite and Peanut Butter and Boxes of 40's teabags. Please put items in the basket at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity.
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm.
- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

News from our Diocese

A Call to Holiness: A series of online talks for young adults (18-35)

The series continues with a session on 'Everyday Discernment' where we will discover ways that we might be able to live according to God's will in our day to day decisions and actions. Don't worry if you missed the first talk, you can still join us on 14 November at 7.30pm on Zoom. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

Catechists' Day - Saturday 19 November 11-4pm - Worth School. Please pass this information and the attached poster to your Catechists.

A day of formation, reflection and conversation for current catechists and those interested in exploring this ministry. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. Please sign up at: [Catechists' Day \(19-Nov-2022\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) E: Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

If you are a Welcomer in your Parish and have any queries or would like to receive formation for this Ministry do get in touch with me so we can have a discussion about it. I am also able to work with people who have challenges accessing Liturgies, Sacramental preparation or Parish events. Please do contact me if you have specific needs as I can work with you and the relevant people in the Parish (Parish Teams, Catechists and Clergy) to identify ways to enable you to better access the life of your Parish. Contact: Margaret Fraher, Diocesan Inclusion Adviser. E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk

Ministry of Consolation

Do you feel that you have a listening ear and are able to offer support to those who are experiencing loss or bereavement in their lives. Is there a Pastoral need to support and for accompaniment in your Parish. We have a trained team of bereavement supporters across the Diocese who share the consoling hand of Christ during these difficult times. Would you like to join the team? Our next training course will be running on Wednesdays through January and February 2023 via Zoom.

If you would like to learn more please email E: simon.south@abdicoese.org.uk before Monday 14 November to find out what's involved and the way forward in this beautiful Ministry.

Pope to COPERCOM: Your reality is noble, requiring patience and vision

Greeting members of the Coordination of Communication Associations (COPERCOM), for the twenty-fifth anniversary of their founding, Pope Francis took the opportunity to "reflect with you on a few objectives".

Coordination: The first objective was "coordination". Pope Francis described this as "a noble objective to bring several realities together to achieve a very specific goal". He noted that it is not an easy task, but rather one that requires patience, vision and unity. "The road travelled in these twenty-five years already offers you a good wealth of experience to further improve the work of coordination", noted the Pope.

Change: The second objective, the Pope continued, is "change". He noted that "we have repeatedly observed that 'what we are living through is not simply an era of change, but a change of epoch". Bearing this in mind, the Pope continued, "you should not be afraid to let yourselves be challenged by the challenges and opportunities that the present time proposes". In this, he added, you should be experts: "experts in change". But be careful, he cautioned, "because change does not mean going along with the fashions of the moment, but converting one's way of being and thinking, starting from the attitude of amazement at what does not change and yet is always new".

Encounter, listening and speaking: Pope Francis went on to speak of the third objective: encounter, listening and speaking. He described this as a sort of "a, b, c" of the good communicator "because it is the dynamic that underpins all good communication".

Encounter means opening one's heart, without pretence, to the person in front of one, said the Pope. "Encounter is the prerequisite for knowledge". If there is no encounter, there is no communication, he added. And listening is a matter of learning to be silent, first of all within oneself, and to respect the other by listening to him.

"Let your work always be guided by these actions, always focusing on nouns, that is, on people, rather than on distracting adjectives", said the Pope.

The synodal path: The fourth and final objective the Pope focused on was "the synodal path". The Pope noted that the Church is walking a path and that walking in a synodal way means "living ecclesiality to the full".

Bringing his discourse to an end, Pope Francis urged that as national associations, "you are places where every day concepts and theories are measured against the fatigue and hope of women and men".

Finally, the Pope entrusted each member to St Francis de Sales, "patron of journalists and communicators, and to Blessed Carlo Acutis, who shows us how important it is to be creative and ingenious in the world of digital communication".

