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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays

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**Weekend 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

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

Saturday 01/07 6pm	Battle	The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	David Davis, RIP & Family
Sunday 02/07 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 02/07 10.45am	Battle		Gerard Norman Scott Rumble, RIP
Monday 03/07	NO MASS		
Tuesday 04/07 6pm	Battle	Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention
Wednesday 05/07 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention Followed by Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room
Thursday 06/07 6am	Battle	Thursday of the Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 07/07 10am	Battle	Friday of the Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 07/07 12noon	Northiam		No Intention
Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request			

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

- **First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10**

The prophet visualises the Messiah arriving in Jerusalem and being presented to the crowds as their king – a humble king, seated on a donkey.

- **Second Reading: Romans 8:9. 11-13**

Paul reminds the early Christians in Rome that God has filled them with the life-giving Spirit of Jesus.

- **Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

Throughout Matthew's Gospel Jesus teaches us that we show that we are true followers of his not so much by our words as by our deeds.

**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, Dilys Fraser, 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 Youlten.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong.

- 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 new 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/>
- **Second Collection next weekend, 8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> July for Sea Sunday** (Gift Aid).
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are tins of Tins of Fish; Jars of Coffee; Jars of Honey; Bottles of Squash; Cartons of Fruit Juice; Packets of Cereals and Sweet Treats please - any toiletries or household items are always appreciated - thank you so much.

**Clients:** Whilst we are still feeding quite a number of people a week (around 150 people, just over 1350 meals a week) we have not seen the sharp increase that many food banks across the country have and we are confident this is because our clients are working with our CAB Advisor, Amy. She has been able to positively impact the financial situation of so many of our clients, to the point that many are no longer having to use us, or at least they have been able to decrease the frequency.

**Outreach:** We feel sure there are still people in need of help from the foodbank who don't know we are there, or feel they cannot access the foodbank (as they wrongly believe they must be on benefits etc) and we would love your help to spread the word that we are open and able to help. Whilst we never want it to be OK for there to have to be food banks in the

UK, we do want to break down some of the stigma attached to food bank use. People from all walks of life and professions are now finding themselves in a tough position and need help.

- **Volunteers needed please:** we are looking for volunteers to help set up before Mass on a Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church if you can help, thank you.
- **Quiz night in aid of Demelza, Hospice Care for Children:** We would love to get a couple of teams together to take part in the Quiz Night on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm. To be held in the Wynne Road, Battle Memorial Hall and raise funds for TVS School in Africa, Demelza Hospice at Home. £10 per person to include finger buffet. Please see the Poster at the back of the Church, there are quite a few people interested in being part of a team already, if you still wish to join them, please complete a tear-off slip and pop it in the collection basket!
- **Lima amount donated for May** from the Parishioners of St Teresa's came to £52,14 and the grand total since 1999 is £19,066,92. Thank you all for your continued support.
- 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

- **Mental Health Courses - course costs are (per delegate) - Half day £30. Full day £60. 2 Day certified £120 (Certified by Mental Health UK):** The sad reality is that mental health across the nation is a growing concern and reality. Recently we saw in the national press, the truly horrible indictment that suicide is the leading cause of teenage deaths in the UK. The idea of the Mental Health First Aid Course is to give delegates the skills to identify the early warning signs of a problem developing, from across the wide spectrum of mental health conditions and then to provide the direction to sign post people accordingly to the right help and support. The half day and full day course are aimed at identifying systems and exploring appropriate routes to signpost those who are experiencing the challenge and darkness of mental health. Do speak to your Parish Priest to explore the potential of this Ministry in your Parish or email [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk) for more details. Planned courses are as follows (all of which can be booked via Churchsuite through the Diocesan website).
  - Sat 15 July - Worth - One day Champion Course
  - 12/13/19/20 September - Online - Two Day Youth MHFA (4 evenings)
  - Sat 4 November - Worthing - Half day MH Aware
- **Marriage Anniversaries mass – Saturday 30 September 11.30am at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne:** Marriage is a vocation to celebrate. Whether you have been married for a year or for 70, if this year is a special one for you, join Bishop Richard and many others from across the Diocese to celebrate. The booking link is attached here [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(30-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) A poster is also attached for display in your parish.
- 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>. You can also visit the news page for Formation Team Events W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/formation-team-courses-events](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/formation-team-courses-events)

## Externally run events/items

- **Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group** supports asylum seekers and other migrants who are held in immigration detention at Gatwick. Some of those held arrive with only the clothes they are wearing. The charity gives out good quality second-hand men's clothes and would be extremely grateful for laundered donations. The clothes they need are : Tracksuit bottoms: M, L, XL, XXL. T-shirts: S, M. Jeans: 32", 34", 36". Trousers: 32". Trainers: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (40-45). They do not give out second-hand underwear. No women's clothes please. To arrange delivery or collection of much-needed supplies please contact Nasima E: [nasima@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:nasima@gdwg.org.uk) The charity's staff only speak a few of the languages of those detained. They buy in interpreter skills, but these are expensive. If you speak any of the following languages, could you offer just a few hours per week to speak to a detained person on the phone and find out how we can help them : Albanian, Romanian, Portuguese Brazilian, Polish, Lithuanian, Arabic, Kurdish Sorani. Please contact Karris if you can help E: [karris@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:karris@gdwg.org.uk)

## Vatican News

### **Pope thanks hospital staff for post-operation 'fraternal care and attention'**

Describing Rome's Gemelli Hospital where he was recently operated upon and spent nine days of post-surgical recovery as "a place of suffering and hope", Pope Francis sends a letter of gratitude to the entire hospital staff, whose care and attention, he said, were crucial in helping him get better.

In the letter, addressed to Marco Elefanti, President of the "Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli Foundation", the Pope writes

of his wish to express gratitude for how he was cared for after his abdominal surgery on 7 June. The Pope was admitted to the hospital on 7 June where he underwent abdominal surgery to repair a hernia and remove scarring from previous operations. He was discharged on 16 June, with his surgeon, Dr Alfieri, describing him as "better than before" his nine-day hospitalisation. It was the third time the pontiff received treatment at the hospital after having undergone surgery for a "symptomatic diverticular stenosis of the colon" in July 2001 and three days of treatment for bronchitis in June 2023.



### **A place of suffering and hope**

"In that place of suffering and hope, once again I was able to enjoy the family-like, fraternal and welcoming atmosphere, which was hugely helpful for my recovery after the operation," he writes.

The Pope said his "heartfelt appreciation goes to the entire Gemelli Hospital community for its human and spiritual closeness."

Concluding, he sends his blessings, asks for prayers, and "fraternally" assures Dr Elefanti of his own prayers for him and his family.

A note released by hospital Board Directors said they have shared "the joy and emotion for the words of the Holy Father," with the entire staff.