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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 18th / 19th July 2026

Saturday 11/07	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	No Intention
Sunday 12/07		9am	Northiam	Annie Cowley, RIP (FM)
		11am	Battle	People of the Parish
Monday 13/07	Monday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	No Intention
Tuesday 14/07	Tuesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 15/07	Saint Bonaventure	10am	Battle	No Intention
Thursday 16/07	Thursday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS		
Friday 17/07	Friday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	No Intention
Saturday 18/07	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	People of the Parish
Sunday 19/07		9am	Northiam	No Intention
		11am	Battle	No Intention

**There will a Special Collection for Sea Sunday (Stella Maris) this weekend
Next weekend there will be a special collection for CAFOD DEC for Venezuela.**

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

You give repentance for sins.

- **Second reading: Romans 8:26-27**

The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

- **Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43**

Let both grow together until the harvest.

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.

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

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-Ferlaine, RIP, Philippe Bedford, RIP.

- **Parish 100 Club:** Congratulations to the winners of the July draw!
£12 - Mary Wilson £24 – Kate Grun
- **Date for your diary - 22nd August 2026:** A special event will be held at Battle Fire Station to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mary-Joy Langdon joining the Fire Service in 1976 as the first British operational female firefighter in peacetime. This will include displays, abseiling demonstrations, community activities and signing of Mary-Joy's book 'A Journey of Service'. All profits from the sale of the book will be donated to the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service Fire Cadet Programme. More information will be given nearer the time.
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Tins of Potatoes; Tins of Mackerel or Sardines; Tins of Corn Beef; Tins of Spaghetti; Tins of Sweetcorn and Small jars of Coffee please - 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

- **CAFOD are working with DEC (Disaster and Emergency Crisis)** to help in Venezuela. We will be having a special collection next weekend for this crisis. If anyone would like to donate, if you have not done so already then this gives you an opportunity to do so. To coin a phrase "every little helps". Thank you all so much for your support and generosity.
- **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
- 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.
- The Parish Office is open on Monday & Thursday mornings 9.30am-2.00pm.

Diocesan run events/notices

Sunday 26 July is the Catholic Church's sixth World Day for Grandparents and Elderly: So many of us remember with deep fondness our relationship with our grandparents as we grew up. The theme for the day is "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)," What a wonderful opportunity to encourage our youngsters to phone, visit or reach out to their grandparents, "parish" grandparents, or elderly relatives to show their love and affection. The link below takes you to the Popes full letter for this day of celebration of life, experience, and love.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-for-sixth-world-day-of-grandparents-and-elderly.html> Many parishes have a grandparent's group, but if this is something you would like to know more about or explore, please email Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser
E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Young Adults' Retreat Day on Saturday 26 September 2026 10am-6.30pm at St Wilfrid's Burgess Hill. Tickets start from £20pp: Young Adults (18-35) from across the UK are invited to join the Youth team from Arundel and Brighton Diocese for a Retreat Day. A jam-packed day of prayer, formation, friendship, and fun as together, we will seek hearts open to His healing presence, trusting that Jesus desires to bring freedom, restoration, and transformation to our lives. As we encounter Him, we pray to discover true peace within ourselves, to become peacemakers in the world around us, and to be renewed with an apostolic fire

burning brightly within our hearts. Lunch and refreshments are included in the ticket price. To book your place or find out more visit the Diocesan website events page or use this link: [Young Adults Retreat \(26-Sep-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Participants are very welcome to join the Parish Mass at 6.30pm, with social time at a local pub to follow.

‘Mary, Cause of our Joy’ Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 23- 25 October 2026: Led by Fr David Murphy, journey in prayer to Walsingham this autumn, joining people from across our Diocese at “England’s Nazareth”. Pilgrims will travel to Walsingham by coach, with collection and return at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. To book your place or find out more visit the Diocesan website or use this link <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/kjbnthfp>

External news

CAFOD School volunteers required: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, Catholic social teaching and add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office: Jenny Finlayson T: 07710 094448 E: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk W: cafod.org.uk [Sign up to volunteer](#)

SUMMER DEANERY UPDATE: A final short final update, as we come towards the summer holiday season. Thanks to everyone from across our Deanery churches who have been working hard to help us prepare for change and re-organisation. We realise as time goes by that we are in for a long-distance run rather than a quick sprint, quite rightly so as change needs to happen in a way that makes sense for people. We have just had news of appointment of our new Bishop-Elect, Stephen Wang. I know him well and am confident he will be a great new Shepherd for us all. Just to end with some encouraging words he shares with us on his appointment: *“There are many challenges ahead, but I am full of hope. I’ve seen so many times what God can do when people pray and work together, and when they put their trust in him. If we listen to one another, and to the Lord, then he will show us the way forward”* We pray for him as he prepares to join us after the summer.

Diocesan Pastoral Team