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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend 15th / 16th February 2025

Saturday 15/02	6pm	Battle	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 16/02	9am	Northiam		Penny Clements, RIP
Sunday 16/02	11am	Battle		Intention of Micheal Conroy
Monday 17/02	NO MASS			
Tuesday 18/02	6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time	Intention of Fr Wilson
Wednesday 19/02	10am	Battle	Wednesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time	In Memory of the Holocaust Victims
Thursday 20/02	6.30am	Battle	Thursday of week 6 in Ordinary Time	Idina Mary, Viscountess Brassey, RIP (FM)
Friday 21/02	10am	Battle	Friday of week 6 in Ordinary Time	Barry Desmond, RIP
Saturday 22/02	6pm	Battle	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Veronica Molloy, RIP
Sunday 23/02	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 23/02	11am	Battle		Intention of Rose-Marie O'Brien

There will be a Retiring Collection for Racial Justice Sunday this weekend

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23**

David does not raise his hand against his enemy even though he has the power and opportunity.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

We, who are earthly beings, will be modelled on Christ when we are in heaven.

- **Gospel: Luke 6:27-38**

We are called to love our enemies and to follow in God's ways of compassion, forgiveness and generosity.

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, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Fr Wilson, Dilys Fraser.

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:

Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons RIP, Katie Spall RIP, Cilla Wintle RIP.

- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday morning, in the Parish Room at 10am 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 battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Tinned Meat Pies; Bottle of Squash or Cartons of Juice; Jars of Coffee; 500gm bags of sugar and Cat and Dog Food both wet and dry please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **First Aid Course:** If you are interested in renewing your certificate or taking part in this Parish funded course, please e-mail Maggie in the office on battle@abdiocese.org.uk. It will be a three hour certified Emergency First Aid Course held in the Parish Room at Battle during an evening in March. We need at least eight people to be first aid trained, and we need people at both Battle and Northiam please.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Thank you to everyone that has handed in their applications, but we still need a few more members to cover the cost of the prizes please. The cost stays at £12 per ticket and prizes are £12 and £24 monthly with two extra prizes of £50 each at Easter and Christmas. If you wish to be included in the first draw for 2025, get your application form in quick!
- 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.
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Diocesan run news/events

- **Applications for this summer's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (25-31 July by air or own transport, 24 July-1 August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>**

Our pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual Diocesan calendar. Pope Francis has declared 2025 is a Jubilee year, the Lourdes theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. We are invited to set out on our pilgrimage journey with our Lady and St Bernadette, in the 'hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ.' (Pope Francis, *Spes non Confundit* 2025). Lourdes is a place of renewal, unlike tourists, visiting a popular attraction, we are pilgrims, making the journey together, we laugh together, break bread together, and we enter a space in which we can be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in ways that, perhaps, we would never have thought possible before.

- **Join our CAFOD Volunteer team**

Tackling global poverty; it sounds like a big task. But like most big tasks, once it is broken down into small actions and shared



between a team of passionate people amazing things can happen. Join our CAFOD volunteer team and, alongside others in your parish, share your time to call for prayer, increase awareness and raise funds to help our poorest and most vulnerable sisters and brothers. For more info contact: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk or call: 07710 09444. Together we can make a difference.

- **Young Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: 28th July – 4th August, cost £995**

Join our pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate the special Jubilee year. Celebrate with other like-minded people, travelling to the beautiful city of Rome for opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of Hope.

E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information. *Closing date 31st March.*

- **Diocesan Youth Project Worker - Part time:** Join the diocesan Central Office Team as our new P/T Youth Project Worker. The successful applicant will be responsible for two major projects - coordination of the CYMFed Faith in Action Awards across the Diocese, and the newly developing Young Adults programme. They will also be required to assist with engaging young people from across the Diocese in the ASCENT process (a three-year discipleship process for young people) and offer support to the Youth Adviser in enabling diocesan attendance at national and international events such as Flame and World Youth Day. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

- **Diocesan IT Technician – Full Time:** The Diocese is recruiting a full-time IT Technician based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The IT Department supports a wide range of stakeholders. As a small team, flexibility around tasks is essential to contribute fully to this busy and often reactive service provision. The successful candidate will have experience of a similar role and a willingness to learn further skills as and when required to expand their IT knowledge. Due to the nature of the role all hours are worked onsite at our Crawley office, with no scope for hybrid or remote working. To find out more and apply: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/sphc-it

➤ **Interested in training to teach?** Xavier Teach SouthEast are currently recruiting primary and secondary teachers for Sept 2025 to train across their local partnership of schools. So, if you have a degree and are passionate about working with young people, why not attend an event or speak to them today about a possible career change. www.teachsoutheast.co.uk 01932 578 682 or email Joanna Crome to find out more j.crome@xaviercet.org.uk Next event: Thursday 6th February 2025 9.30-11am Salesian school, Chertsey, Guildford Road, KT16 9LU

Vatican News

Pope: Indigenous peoples have right to preserve cultural identity

“Land, water, and food are not mere commodities but the very foundation of life and the bond of [indigenous] peoples with nature.”

Pope Francis offered that reminder on Monday in a message sent to the 7th Indigenous Peoples’ Forum organized by the UN’s International Fund for Agricultural

Development (IFAD). The forum takes place in Rome on February 10-11 under the theme: “Indigenous Peoples’ right to self-determination: a pathway for food security and sovereignty”.

In his message, the Pope said indigenous peoples have the right to preserve their identity but noted that this right is severely threatened by the increasing seizures of farmland by multinational corporations and states. These seizures cause much harm to indigenous peoples and put at risk communities’ right to a dignified life, he lamented.

“The defence of the right to preserve one’s culture and identity requires the recognition of the value of their contribution to society, as well as the safeguarding of their existence and the natural resources essential for their livelihood,” he said. Pope Francis added that defence of indigenous peoples’ rights are a matter of justice, as well as a way to guarantee a sustainable future for all humanity. “Driven by our sense of belonging to the human family,” he said, “we can ensure that future generations enjoy a world in harmony with the beauty and goodness that guided God’s hands in creation.”

The Pope praised the heritage of indigenous peoples, saying their ancestral traditions reveal a “horizon of hope in our present time, marked by intense and complex challenges and numerous tensions.”

In conclusion, Pope Francis prayed that efforts to protect the rights and traditions of indigenous peoples may bear fruit.

“I pray to Almighty God that these efforts,” he said, “may serve as an inspiration to the leaders of nations so that appropriate measures are taken to ensure that the human family walks together in pursuit of the common good, leaving no one excluded or forgotten.”

