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BATTLE**

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**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities**

**Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**Weekend 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

## **15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday 15/07 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 16/07 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 16/07 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>Intention of Anthony Gibbons</b>
<b>Monday 17/07</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 18/07 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 19/07 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 20/07 6am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Thursday of the Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Friday 21/07 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Friday of the Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request**

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

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

God, who is all-powerful, shows strength in gentle judgement.

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

God understands our weakness and the Spirit expresses our yearning.

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

The world, God's field of wheat, is invaded with dandel weed. Let it grow till harvest time.

### **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 Youtlen.

### **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/>
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are Tins of Hot Meat; 500gm packs of Spaghetti; Packs of Biscuits; Chocolate Treats; Jars of Coffee and Children's Cereals please - any toiletries, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **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.
- **Ashburnham Place - Visit the Food Forest**  
Our food forest in Friar's Field is blossoming! We have diligently planted and nurtured this particular project based on permaculture principles. Our food forest aims to provide a sustainable source of wild and delicious food for years. It's a haven for nature enthusiasts, food lovers, and anyone who appreciates the beauty of a thriving ecosystem. We invite you to come and visit our forest, immerse yourself in its tranquillity, and witness the growth firsthand. If you're passionate about environmental conservation and want to



contribute to this beautiful initiative, we welcome volunteers to join us in planting, tending, and nurturing our food forest. It's an opportunity to connect with nature, learn about permaculture, and positively impact our local community.

- 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**

- **Mental Health training courses:** Would you like to understand more about the challenges and reality of mental health on those around you? We continue to run courses focused on raising awareness of symptoms and the impact on people's lives along with ways to signpost those who are struggling. For more details see the Diocesan website or email Simon South, Formation Advisor E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **Catechists' Day – Saturday 23 September at 11am at Worth School:** A day of formation, prayer and conversation for existing catechists, those interested in exploring being a catechist and those who might need a little encouragement to consider this vocation. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. The doors will be open from 10.30am for refreshments, with the programme beginning at 11am. We aim to finish at around 4pm.  
For more information, please contact Jon Harman, Formation Adviser E: [Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk) Register your place here : [Catechists' Day \(23-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- **A Day of Reflection for Grandparents – Tuesday 26 September 11am – 3.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** At a point of time in life when it might appear that we need to slow down it can be easy to dismiss the relevance of our contribution. To turn that on its head is to realise that we have time on our side; time, wisdom and experience, all of which enable us to be valuable witnesses to the faith. We don't know much about Sts Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, but we can be sure that their presence, their witness and their love sustained their family and their neighbours. We can ponder their relationship with the child Jesus. 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. Refreshments from 10.15am. Please bring a packed lunch. Register your place here : [A Day of Reflection for Grandparents \(26-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- 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>
- The Diocese are advertising the following role and we ask that you also advertise this in your parish. The job description is attached and applications can be made via this link <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/diocese-of-arundel-brighton>.  
Feel free to contact E: [coo@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:coo@abdiocese.org.uk) or [cooea@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:cooea@abdiocese.org.uk) for any further information.

**Senior Administrator – Tribunal team:** Salary: £22,400 PA, (FTE - £28,000)

Part-time (0.8 FTE) - 28 hours a week – Permanent

The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Senior Administrator to support two members of clergy in a key team based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The successful candidate will have strong administrative skills, be highly organised with an eye for detail, and be capable of working independently while liaising with colleagues locally, nationally, and internationally. Prior knowledge of Church Administration is not necessary as full training will be given. We welcome applications from people of all faiths and none; the successful candidate does not have to be Catholic but should be sympathetic to the work and mission of the Catholic Church. Application deadline: Tuesday 18 July. Shortlisting: Wednesday 19 July. Interview date: Wednesday 26 July, in Crawley.

Expected start date: 1 September 2023

### **Vatican News**

#### **Cardinal-elect Bustillo: A special link with the Pope for faithful of Ajaccio**

Amongst the 21 men to be created Cardinals by Pope Francis on 30 September is Cardinal-designate François-Xavier Bustillo, the Bishop of Ajaccio in Corsica, who expresses his surprise and awareness that his duty will involve working closely with the Pope and the people of his French diocese.

*"I was not at all prepared for this news."*

Cardinal-elect François Bustillo, the Bishop of Ajaccio on the French island of Corsica, was taken aback when he received the news by phone about his creation as a Cardinal, which Pope Francis revealed at midday on Sunday. "At first, I even thought someone might be playing a joke on me," he says.

The Cardinal-elect, a Franciscan

Franco-Spaniard, has been Bishop of Ajaccio for two years. Having received a call to inform him of his recent election as Cardinal in Pope Francis' upcoming consistory on 30 September, he tells Vatican News' Xavier Sarte that he feels the full weight of the responsibility that now falls on him.

He admits that, for the moment, he does not really know what becoming a Cardinal will mean in concrete terms, but he already knows that this responsibility is synonymous with "fidelity and closeness to the Holy Father."

The Cardinal-elect notes that one of the important things that being a Cardinal will involve is his link, as Bishop of Corsica, "with a specific people, a diocese".

"I must try to create a link, with great simplicity and balance, between Rome and what the Pope will ask of me, and the responsibility that I currently have here in Corsica, directly with the people of Ajaccio and its diocese," he says.

This is the first time in history that a bishop from Ajaccio has been created a Cardinal. To explain the Holy Father's decision, the Franciscan refers to the Pope's "freedom".

"We're not forcing anyone; we're not applying to be a Cardinal," he points out.

However, he noted, the Holy Father sometimes chooses "bishops from small dioceses" and, he adds, "that's my case".

