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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 1st / 2nd August 2026

Saturday 01/08	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	Grace McAdie, RIP
Sunday 02/08		9am	Northiam	People of Parish followed by coffee & cake
		11am	Battle	No Intention
Monday 03/08	Monday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	No Intention
Tuesday 04/08	Saint John Mary Vianney	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 05/08	Wednesday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	Maud Dominica Petre, RIP (FM) followed by coffee & cake
Thursday 06/08	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	NO MASS		
Friday 07/08	Friday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	No Intention
Saturday 09/08	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	Paul Weller, RIP
Sunday 10/08		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Intention of Dilys Fraser on her 90 th birthday

Sacrament of Reconciliation after all Masses or on request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a**

Stand on the mount before the Lord.

- **Second reading: Romans 9:1-5**

I wish that I were accursed for the sake of my brothers and sisters.

- **Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

Command me to come to you on the water.

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 Youlten.

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-Ferlaino, RIP, Philippe Bedford, RIP.

- **CAFOD:** At the end of the Masses this weekend I will be collecting signatures for CAFOD continuing to relieve the debt crisis which is affecting at least 54 countries. I will read a short letter from Cardinal Stephen Mulla in Sudan to give you some illustration of what is needed. Thank you as always for your support and helping to build a better world, Wendy Atkinson.
- **Battle First Foodie Sunday – 2nd event this Sunday 2nd August:** Please support your local community by popping along to Market Square between 10am and 1pm. This is a wonderful free event showcasing our local talented bakers and growers, selling delicious bread, cakes, salads, meats and much more! There will also be live music and a free clothes and seeds swap – you can even have a free relaxing hand massage (all donations are very welcome to support future events). Please see the poster attached.
- **Fr Stephen Wang will be installed as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton on Monday 19 October at 12 noon.** The Mass of Episcopal Ordination, which takes place on the Feast of St Philip Howard, will include invited representatives from across our family of faith and be [livestreamed](#) from Arundel Cathedral. His Holiness Pope Leo XIV appointed Fr Stephen as Bishop of Arundel & Brighton on Thursday 2 July. Speaking

shortly after the announcement, Bishop-elect Stephen said: “I feel a mixture of gratitude and trepidation; an excitement and curiosity about all that lies ahead; and above all, a sense of peace. I’m grateful to Pope Leo for calling me and putting his trust in me and to Archbishop Moth for all his care for the Diocese over these years... I am overjoyed at the thought of coming to Arundel & Brighton, getting to know the people and working together to build God’s Kingdom.” Bishop Stephen will celebrate a special Mass of Welcome for people across our Diocese at Worth Abbey near Crawley, on Saturday 24 October at 11.30am; further details will be announced soon.

- **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:** 500gm bags of sugar; Cartons of Pot Noodles; Sweet Biscuits and Small jars of coffee please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated.
 - Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468
 - Open Foodbank Sessions for collecting food -Battle, Wednesday 1.30-2pm
- **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

Walsingham Pilgrimage October 2026 cancellation: Following the wonderful news that our Diocese is to be blessed with a new Bishop, Bishop-elect Stephen Wang, we have been advised that a Mass of Welcome, which he has asked to

celebrate, will clash with the trip to Walsingham. This clash is unavoidable as there are many circumstances leading to the choice of date and Fr Stephen is very keen to meet the people as soon as possible after his episcopal ordination. The decision has therefore been taken to cancel the Walsingham Pilgrimage for this year. Would you please take down any posters/advertisements you have for this in your parishes. We will look for new dates to travel to Walsingham as a diocese in 2027. Many thanks.
Alex Manko, Pilgrimage Director

New WhatsApp channel for news from the Diocese: Created especially for members of our family of faith who don't use other social media but would like to stay up to date with news from the Diocese, a new WhatsApp channel has been launched. News is shared there regularly, and WhatsApp channels don't have comments or replies so are very safe spaces. No one who isn't in your phone's address book can see your membership or activity there. Click here to subscribe: whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241k0Vyff0E

External news

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11 September. The Church believes in the dignity and value of every human life and urges Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action. This deeply flawed Bill, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured to end their lives and risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill, even if you have done so on a previous occasion.

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