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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 19th / 20th July 2025

Saturday 19/07	6pm	Battle	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 20/07	11am	Battle		No Intention
Sunday 20/07	2.30pm	Northiam		Fr Mario Sanderson, RIP
Monday 21/07	NO MASS			
Tuesday 22/07	6.30pm	Battle	Saint Mary Magdalen	No Intention
Wednesday 23/07	10am	Battle	Saint Bridget of Sweden	No Intention
Thursday 24/07	9.45am	Battle	Thursday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 25/07	10am	Battle	Saint James, Apostle	No Intention
Saturday 26/07	6pm	Battle	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Sunday 27/07	9am	Northiam		Denis Meares, RIP
	11am	Battle		People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32**

Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak.

- **Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14**

God made you alive together with him, having forgiven all trespasses.

- **Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

Ask, and it will be given to you.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser.

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:

Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons RIP, Katie Spall RIP, Cilla Wintle RIP, Paul Weller RIP, Michael Conroy RIP, Fr Wilson RIP, Maureen Shaw RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett, RIP, Pauline Fraser, RIP.

- **NEW PARISH UPDATE:** I want to update you on where we are in the journey towards becoming a New Parish, joining together all the 8 parishes of our Eastbourne – St Leonard's Deanery. There have been, over the past 6 months, fruitful meetings of a Parish Leadership Group of the clergy and some lay reps from our parishes. There have also been plenty of meetings with the Diocese and those involved across the other Deaneries in this process. Our 11 Deaneries will become 11 large parishes in the coming months. We have realised as the months have passed that this is a "long haul" journey, not a sprint, that must not be rushed but instead, step by step and with everyone playing their part, we can build together a vibrant and mission centred "Community of Communities". We are now ready for more concrete work to be done and will begin in July working in 2 X Hub Leadership Groups, at the 2 ends of what will be the New Parish (Eastbourne and St Leonards). These Hub Leadership Groups, clergy and lay reps from each church, will work with you all in implementing changes that will allow us to use our many good resources in a way that best serves everybody, and also reaches out to those many people who are searching for Christ and faith. The first 2 important areas we are working on, ready for the autumn, will be [1] coordinating a joined-up approach to our Sacramental Programmes (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA etc), and [2] working on coordinated new Hub Mass Schedules that provide all our churches with a better thought-out and sustainable range of Mass times. In the coming days we will be launching a New Parish Website that will provide lots of detail of what's happening and how you can be involved [<https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk>]. Please continue to keep all this important work in your daily prayers. Many thanks. Fr Kevin Dring (Moderator – on behalf of the Clergy Team)

**** Please note change of Mass time to 2.30pm at Northiam
this weekend only, 20th July ****

- **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.
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are:- Tins of Fish (not Tuna); Tomato Ketchup; Mayonnaise; Marmite, Chocolate Spread and Peanut Butter please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Sea Sunday:** thank you for giving to Sea Sunday last weekend. Our Parish raised £299.73. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fisher in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk
- **New Deanery Website & Newsletter** to help with regular communication across our deanery, especially relating to the formation of a single parish, we have developed a temporary website which can be found at www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk. The website also has the Summer issue of the deanery newsletter to read online.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Congratulations to our winners for the June draw!
£12 – Anne Auger £24 – Rose-Marie O'Brien
And Congratulations to the winners for July too!
£12 – Brendan O'Connor £24 – Louise Akister
- 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 events

Building the Domestic Church – Saturday 4 October at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley: The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the faith. During baptism, parents are also called to promise the Lord, that they will teach and pass on the faith to their children. But what do they pass on? It can be a daunting promise, and after all "you can't give what you don't have" (2Cor 8:12). So how can we help parents, future parents and perhaps grandparents to experience a deeper encounter with Christ and build a plan to bringing their family into a more intimate, lifelong relationship with the Lord. Join us as we explore the concept of the Domestic Church and all it means for our families in faith. Teas and coffees will be available from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch with you. To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or you can book through the events page on the Diocesan website. If you have any questions about this event please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

News from the Vatican

Pope Leo calls for prayers for peace and those suffering due to war

Following the catechesis of Sunday's Angelus, Pope Leo XIV called on everyone to pray for peace and to remember all who are suffering due to violence and war and find themselves in need. The words echoed what he had expressed earlier in his homily during the Mass over which he presided on Sunday morning at the parish of



Saint Thomas of Villanova when he spoke about the wounded man in the parable of the Good Samaritan and how violence and poverty destroy dreams and lives.

Standing on the red platform set up in front of the doors of the Apostolic Palace, the same one used by his predecessors, Pope Leo XIV arrived by foot around 11:30 a.m. from the parish of Saint Thomas of Villanova.

He said he was delighted to be in Castel Gandolfo, and he thanked everyone for their warm welcome.

Heroic witness of Blessed Licarion May: He then recalled the beatification celebrated Saturday, 12 July, in Barcelona of Br. Licarion May, born François Benjamin, a Marist Brother who was killed during the popular uprisings of 1909 out of hatred for the faith and in hostile circumstances. "He lived his educational mission with passion and courage among the poorest," the Pope noted, praying that his witness "serve as inspiration for all," especially for those who work in the field of education.

Tribute to youth leaders and educators: Continuing his reflections on the world of education, the Pope thanked youth leaders and educators who spend the summer months with young people. In this context, he mentioned the Italian Giffoni Film Festival as an "important initiative." The film festival in Italy's province of Salerno gathers children and teens, some very young, from all over the world each year.

This year's edition, which begins on 17 July, is dedicated to the theme "Becoming Human."

Applause for Italy's Carabinieri: Greeting the various groups at the conclusion of the Angelus, Pope Leo addressed the crowds, which included thousands of faithful gathered in the area or watching from balconies since early morning, under a sky that began sunny but turned cloudy. He greeted the participants of the Summer Course of the Liturgical Academy from Poland; pilgrims from the Parish of San Pedro Apóstol in the Diocese of Alcalá de Henares, celebrating their 400th anniversary; a group of Augustinian nuns in formation, and the Choir from the Académie Musicale de Liesse in France.

In particular, the Pope addressed the cadets of the Carabinieri School of Velletri, named after the Venerable Salvo D'Acquisto, encouraging them to persevere in their service of the country and civil society, and asking everyone to give a round of applause to those serving.