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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 5th / 6th July 2025

Saturday 05/07	6pm	Battle	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 06/07	9am	Northiam		Natasha Stevens, RIP
Sunday 06/07	11am	Battle		John Ammon, RIP
Monday 07/07	NO MASS			
Tuesday 08/07	6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Wednesday 09/07	10am	Battle	Wednesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	Fr Edmund Loman, RIP (FM)
Thursday 10/07	NO MASS Funeral of Mrs Pauline Fraser RIP			
Friday 11/07	10am	Battle	Saint Benedict	No Intention
Saturday 12/07	6pm	Battle	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rev Jim Lawler, RIP
Sunday 13/07	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
	11am	Battle		No Intention

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Sea Sunday

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

The word is very near you, so that you can do it.

- **Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20**

All things were created through him and for him.

- **Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

Who is my neighbour?

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 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, Paul Weller RIP, Michael Conroy RIP, Fr Wilson RIP, Maureen Shaw RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett, 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)

- **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:** We are doing the Summer Picnic Project again this year, we still need the following items for our picnic project please Cereal/Muesli multipacks; Multipacks of biscuits; Long life cakes and Jelly Pots - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **ST LEONARD'S HUB JUBILEE OF HOPE SUMMER PICNIC**
Our picnic will take place, weather permitting, this Sunday, 6th July, in Holy Redeemer Church Hall and gardens. We are looking forward to welcoming all those who are able to come. Here are a few final points of information, mainly concerning safety:
PARKING- There is limited space in the church car park, with plenty more in the neighbouring streets. Please park considerately, do not block other cars or access to the flats at the bottom of the church car park. Please share lifts where possible.
SIGNING IN SHEETS- You are requested to ensure you sign in, one name per family/couple or individual, and these sheets also give your permission for photos to be taken.
SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN- Parents are requested to keep an eye on their children at all times, especially given easy access to the car park and road.
DOGS- Please leave dogs at home.
PRAYER SERVICE- There will be a short prayer service in Holy Redeemer Church at 3.30pm. This will be followed at 4pm by an hour of Adoration and the Rosary for our new parish. Anyone who is able to stay for this, after the end of the picnic will be very welcome.
Hopefully, see you Sunday!
- **Sea Sunday 13th July 2025:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 13th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church with the envelopes provided, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.
- 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.

News from the Vatican

Pope: 'Hunger must not be used as a weapon of war'

The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization is holding the 44th Session of the FAO Conference in Rome from June 28 to July 4. Pope Leo XIV sent a message to participants, as the FAO marked its 80th anniversary of its founding to combat food insecurity and malnutrition. In his message, the Pope said the Church supports all efforts to end the "scandal of



global hunger," recalling Jesus' care to feed the crowds who had come to hear Him speak. "We realize that the true miracle accomplished by Christ was to show that the key to defeating hunger lies more in sharing than in greedily hoarding," he said. Many people, he lamented, still suffer cruelly and yearn for their needs to be met, as hunger and malnutrition continue despite the excess production in certain parts of the world. "We are now witnessing, with deep sorrow, the inhumane use of hunger as a weapon of war," said the Pope. "Starving civilian populations is a very cheap way to wage war."

Most conflicts are now fought by armed civilian groups instead of regular armies, he added, pointing out that tactics like burning crops and blocking humanitarian aid weigh heavily on defenceless civilians. When conflict breaks out, farmers are unable to sell their produce and inflation skyrockets, leading millions of people to suffer from famine and food insecurity.

Pope Leo called for the international community to take action and set clear boundaries so that perpetrators are held accountable. "Political crises, armed conflicts, and economic disruptions play a central role in worsening the food crisis," he said. "They hinder humanitarian aid, undermine local agricultural production, and deprive people not only of access to food, but also of the right to live a life of dignity and opportunity."

Selfishness and indifference, added the Pope, must be set aside on behalf of dialogue and mutual understanding, so that peace and stability allow societies to build resilient agrifood systems. At the same time, climate change and food systems are closely intertwined, meaning mistreatment of one deeply impacts the other. "The social injustice caused by natural disasters and biodiversity loss," he said, "must be reversed to achieve a just ecological transition, one that places both the environment and people at the centre."

He called for ecosystems to be protected through coordinated climate action in a spirit of solidarity, since our world's resources must be employed so that everyone is guaranteed food security and nutritious diets. Pope Leo XIV lamented that financial resources and innovative technologies are being diverted to arms production and weapons trade.

"As a result, questionable ideologies are being promoted, while human relationships grow cold, corroding communion and driving away fraternity and social friendship."

In conclusion, Pope Leo invited everyone to be "artisans of peace, working for the common good" by setting aside sterile rhetoric and engaging with the issue of hunger with firm political will. "To achieve this noble goal," he said, "I wish to assure you that the Holy See will always serve the cause of harmony among peoples and will not grow weary of contributing to the common good of the family of nations, especially with regard to those most afflicted and those who suffer from hunger and thirst."