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**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### **33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 18/11 6pm	Battle	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pedro and Carlotta Ferndandes, RIP
Sunday 19/11 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 19/11 10.45am	Battle		For the deceased members of the Attalah Family
Monday 20/11	NO MASS		
Tuesday 21/11 6.30pm	Battle	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Vernon Ashing, RIP
Wednesday 22/11 10am	Battle	Saint Cecilia	For the Deceased Members of the Powell Family followed by The Rosary
Thursday 23/11 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of week 33 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 24/11 10am	Battle	Saints Andrew D��ng-Lac & Companion Martyrs	For the deceased members of the Ferlaino Family
Saturday 25/11 6pm	Battle	Christ the King	James Barnes, RIP
Sunday 26/11 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 26/11 10.45am	Battle		Intention of Cilla Wintle

**There will be a Retiring Collection for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund this weekend (Gift Aided)**

## Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- **First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17**  
The Lord promises to look after the flock himself.
- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28**  
All shall be brought to life in Christ.
- **Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**  
The last judgement of the nations.


### **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, Keith Bourne.

**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:**

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons.

- **The Rosary will now be said every Wednesday after the 10am Mass at Battle** as this proved very popular with everyone, you are all welcome to stay and join us.
  - **Brian O'Connell, RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian O'Connell who has sadly died. Please also remember his family and friends who are mourning his loss.
  - There will be Retiring Collection for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund this weekend (Gift Aided).
  - **Rwanda Action Christmas cards and Craft Sale- next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
after the 9am Mass at St Teresa's and the 10.45am Mass at Battle. Sally will be selling Rwanda Action Christmas cards, greetings cards and Craft. Please support the widows, orphans and disabled young people in our co-operative in Rwanda, who make these handmade items.
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- **Battle Foodbank** – It is coming around to that lovely Christmas time again and we are using the Reverse Advent Calendar Initiative again this year (a copy is attached and at the back of the Church). The donations need to be with us by Friday 8th December. We are still fairly well stocked following the Harvest Donations but could do with 500gm bags of Sugar; Sponge Puddings and sweet treats (chocolate etc.) also any toiletries, toilet rolls, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
  - **Parish 100 Club:** Late announcement again, sorry! Next year I will be on the ball - promise! The winners of the October draw are:  
£12 – Maggie Walford,    £24 – Lucy Clare  
November winners are:  
£12 – Wendy Atkinson,    £24 – Bernard Salter

- **Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle:** Bob Clarke will speak about the work of Street Pastors on Monday 20th November at Christ the King Church Hall, BN23 6HT commencing at 7.30pm. Street Pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who provide listening and caring help to potentially vulnerable people who are out on the streets late at night. All are very welcome.
- **New 'Move It' Club – every Thursday, 10-11am in the Parish Room.** Sessions are going really well – members are increasing every week. The sessions are enjoyed by all who attend, especially the coffee and chat afterwards! Aimed especially at our more senior, or less mobile parishioners, a friendly session offering gentle exercise to improve mobility, strength and balance - followed by coffee/tea and biscuits. Exercises can be adapted for those who would prefer to remain seated throughout. Qualified teacher. No charge, but donations towards refreshments gratefully received. Contact Lindsey for more information.  
Mob: 0772494239 Email: lindseyfwilson@outlook.com. Come and try it for yourself!
- **MISSIO - RED BOXES: BATTLE**  
I am now undertaking the annual return when we ask all Battle holders to hand in their box at church to be emptied so that in order that I can complete our annual return. Please can you bring your box into Mass over the next couple of weeks or by the end of November and hand it to Father or myself. If anyone has difficulty bringing in their box, please let me know and I will collect it. Thank you. Suzanne 07958 353722
- 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, 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/>
- 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**

#### **Externally run events**

- **St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth: Study Morning – Saturday 25 November 2023**  
Led by Fr John Seddon OSB, on Part 3 of Jeff Cavin's 'A Quick Journey through the Bible', dealing with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Israel's arrival in Egypt. Mass 9am, Video and Talks 10.30-12.15pm. Bring a friend if possible.  
for more details.
- **Advent Prayer Group - Thursdays 7.30-8.30pm - 30 November, 7, 14 and 21 December 2023.** Free to attend. Prepare for Christmas by attending our weekly Advent Prayer Group. Led by a lay person, this informal and relaxed group of members of the public comes to the monastery to reflect and discuss the Scriptural readings for the coming Sunday's Mass during Advent. No knowledge needed; you don't have to say anything if you don't want to. Come as often as you like. Meet in the Assisi Room at the rear of the monastery. Each meeting concludes with the opportunity to attend Compline (Night Prayer) 8.30pm-8.50pm in the Abbey Church with the monks. Visit us online at W: <http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com>

### **Pope expresses closeness to suffering Palestinians and Israelis**

Addressing the crowds in Saint Peter's Square following the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis addressed the very serious situation in Israel and Palestine, underscoring his closeness to all those suffering, Palestinians and Israelis. He said he remembers and prays for them every day, and he offers them his "embrace" at "this dark moment."



*"May the weapons be stopped: they will never lead to peace, and may the conflict not widen! Enough! Enough, brothers! In Gaza, let the wounded be rescued immediately, let civilians be protected, let far more humanitarian aid be allowed to reach that stricken population. May the hostages be freed, including the elderly and children. Every human being, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, of any people or religion, every human being is sacred, is precious in the eyes of God and has the right to live in peace. Let us not lose hope: let us pray and work tirelessly so that the sense of humanity may prevail over hardness of heart."*

### **Pope urges prayers for peace wherever wars rage**

As has now become customary at the end of his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis turned his thoughts to the many nations suffering the horrors of war. He asked for prayers for peace "every day" and "wherever there is war".



**Martyred Ukraine:** In particular, on Wednesday, the Holy Father asked for prayers "for martyred Ukraine, which suffers so much". Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, over 9,600 civilians have been killed and over 17,500 injured.

**Peace in the Holy Land:** Pope Francis also asked for prayers for the Holy Land, "in Palestine and Israel". On 7 October, over 1,400 Israelis were killed in attacks perpetrated by Hamas. Since then, in retaliation airstrikes on the Gaza Strip, over 11,000 people have been killed and some 2,500 are missing under the rubble, according to the Hamas-run health ministry in Gaza.

**Never forget Sudan:** Finally, the Holy Father turned his thoughts to Sudan, where an estimated 9,000 people have been killed and another 5.6 million have been forced to flee their homes due to a devastating war between two rival military factions that erupted in April. That civil war has been described as a "humanitarian catastrophe," with visible signs of ethnic cleansing, according to the UK's Minister for Africa. "Let us think about wherever there is war," concluded the Pope, reminding all the faithful that sadly, "there are so many wars!" "Let us pray for peace: Every day, take some time to pray for peace. We desire peace," said the Pope.

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