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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 19th / 20th September 2026

Saturday 19/09	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	People of the Parish
Sunday 20/09		9am	Northiam	Stephen Atkinson, RIP
		11am	Battle	Kevin Regan, RIP
Monday 21/09	Feast of St Matthew, Apostle	10am	Battle	Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday 22/09	Tuesday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 23/09	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	10am	Battle	Carmel Worboyes, RIP
Thursday 24/09	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	NO MASS		
Friday 25/09	Friday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	No Intention
Saturday 26/09	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	Geoffrey Oliver, RIP
Sunday 27/09		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP

There will be a Special Collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday this weekend
Next weekend there will be a Special Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28**

When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life.

- **Second reading: Philippians 2:1-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

- **Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32**

He changed his mind and went. The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

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, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser, Claire and Peter Bates, Helen Ashing, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Godfrey Linnett, June Bailey.

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, Anne Meade, RIP, Thomas Dodd, RIP, Valerie Robertson, RIP, Liz Tanner, RIP.

- **CAFOD Family Fast Day, Harvest Appeal – next weekend, 26th /27th**

September: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grown food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in Church or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030 – thank you.

- **A Time to Reflect – Year B – Sister Gemma Simmonds:** following the success of Sister Gemma's previous book, Donkey Roads and Camel Treks, she has written another book, A Time to Reflect – Year B. Produced by SPCK Publishing this book is available as a hardback for £19, but if there is enough interest Corinne could get copies for parishioners for £15. Please let Fr Richard, Corinne or the office know if you are interested.

- **Maggie's Fund Raising Challenge for the Sara Lee Trust:** A huge thank you to everyone that has donated so generously – you are all superstars! The challenge is next Saturday 26th September and I will be hiking (as I have now got an injury, so no running!), 30 miles from sea level to the summit of Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon) for The Sara Lee Trust who are celebrating its 30 year anniversary this year. The Trust offers complimentary therapies and counselling, working with St Michael's Hospice and were very supportive to my husband and myself during his treatment for throat cancer. If you would like to donate to this wonderful charity, please follow the link and read my story – any donations would be so very gratefully received. Thank you so much!
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/margaret-walford-1>
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Bottles of Tomato Ketchup; Cartons of Long-Life Fruit Juice; Tins of Tomatoes; Tins of Cat Food; Bags of Granulated Sugar and Boxes of Tea Bags 40 or 80 please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
 - Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468
 - Open Foodbank Sessions for collecting food -Battle, Wednesday 1.30-2pm
- **Our Two Pantries:** Our subsidised pantries in Pebsham and Battle continue to be a success. These are different from the foodbank in that they do not require a referral, the customers pay a nominal amount for their shopping, and they are targeted at helping local people to stay out of crisis and avoid getting to the point where they need a foodbank.
- **Request from Martin Guiver:** Martin is looking for a cleaner for his home off the Battle end of Whatlington Road. If any of our lovely parishioners know of a cleaner looking for a couple of extra hours a week, please let the office know and I will pass their details on to Martin, or alternatively speak to him at mass. Duties would be light and the hours are flexible. Thank you.
- **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

Episcopal Ordination Materials

Members of the diocesan Formation Team are currently devising an Episcopal Ordination explainer document, this will be shared across diocesan digital channels and emailed to parish teams on Thursday 8 October. Bishop-Elect Stephen plans to record a filmed message to parishes before his episcopal ordination, this will be shared with parish teams (and published across diocesan channels) on Thursday 15 October. Please contact Laura Maydew-Gale

E: communications@abdiocese.org.uk with any questions.

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is inspecting safeguarding in Arundel & Brighton and would like to hear people's experiences of safeguarding in our Diocese; any information shared with the CSSA will be treated confidentially by one of their expert and experienced team members. To find out more and share your views please visit: abdiocese.org.uk/news/safeguarding-in-the-diocese

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 17 October 10-3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley – cost £40

Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this "Mental Health Awareness" training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. The training is being highly subsidised and tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120). If you have any questions about this training do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at

E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

External news

Interested in a career in teaching? Join Xavier Teach Southeast for a relaxed Autumn Open Morning to explore primary, secondary, and SEND teacher training routes and hear more about your local training centre and school placement options across the Dorking/Redhill, Guildford, Woking, and Burgess Hill areas. Meet the team, chat with current trainees over coffee and hear which route might work best for your circumstances, with zero pressure to apply.

Visit <https://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk/> to find an upcoming event.

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