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BATTLE**

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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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**Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

### 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday 12/08 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 13/08 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 13/08 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Monday 14/08</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 15/08 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principle Patron of the Diocese</b>	<b>John Keeling, RIP, FM</b>
<b>Wednesday 16/08 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Wednesday of week 19 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 17/08 6am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Thursday of week 19 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Friday 18/08 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Friday of week 19 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request**

## Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Isaiah 56:1. 6-7**

The Lord will bring all peoples to his holy mountain.

- **Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32**

God will show mercy to all humankind.

- **Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus responds to the great faith of a Canaanite woman.

**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, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Lawrence & 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.

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office on 01424 773125 if you would like these visits to recommence, with a Minister or with Fr Richard direct on 07578 725914 or email [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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, e-mail [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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/>
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are Tins of Potatoes or Instant Mash; Tins of Tomatoes; Tins of Fish; Jars of Peanut Butter, Marmite and Honey and Children's Cereals please - any toiletries, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you.
- **Cleaner Vacancy at Battle:** After many years of faithful service, we are losing our lovely housekeeper/cleaner Julie, who is sadly leaving us – there will be a card circulating at Battle this weekend, so please write a message in there for her. If you know of anyone trustworthy and reliable who would like to work 2 hours a week @ £10.90p/h cleaning the Church, office and Parish Room, please let either Fr Richard or the office know. Thank you.
- **Rwanda Action Quiz Night - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Venue:** Vinehall School    **Time:** 6:30 pm for 7 pm start  
There will be a bar and an exciting raffle; competitors may bring their own snacks or picnic. Each table of 8 players costs £100, or individuals wanting to join a table £12.50 each (please contact Sally if you want to join a table at [scepsmarsh@hotmail.com](mailto:scepsmarsh@hotmail.com) and she will arrange it). **Payment:** Rwanda Action Sort code:20-27-91 Account No:50874531
- 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

### **Diocesan run events**

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid – 4 evenings on-line – Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 September 6pm – 9.30pm**  
This Youth Mental Health First Aid course is for everyone who works with, lives with or supports young people aged 8-18. It will teach you the skills and confidence to spot the signs of mental health issues in a young person, offer first aid and guide them towards the support they need. In doing so, you can speed up a young person's recovery and stop a mental health issue from getting worse. Our course won't teach you to be a therapist, but we will teach you to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis - and even potentially stop a crisis from happening. But more than that, we aim to give you the information and skills to look after your own mental health so that you can set an example for young people. By giving you the tools to have these conversations, we hope to empower you to create a mentally healthy, supportive environment in your family, school, peer group or community. Let's create a future where mental health is treated as a normal part of life, in the same way as physical health. A future where every young person has access to support if they need it. The course is accredited by MHFA England and you will receive a certificate of attendance. Attached is the booking link [Youth Mental Health First Aid - 4 Evenings Online \(12-Sep-2023\) ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **A Day of Reflection for Grandparents – Tuesday 26 September 2023 11am-3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** Life experience comes at the price of the hard knocks and joyful moments and Fr Stephen Ortiger will help us to explore those and how we can see the hand of God in our lives. Our Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling, will offer some helpful hints and tips into communicating with young people and tuning into what they may find helpful as they navigate their way in life. Attached is the booking link [A Day of Reflection for Grandparents \(26-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your participation please contact the Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk).
- **Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 30 September 2023 11.30am-2pm at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne:** Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at 11.30am followed by a small drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. Attached is the booking link [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(30-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your participation please contact the Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk). Poster attached.
- To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

### **Externally run events**

- **Maryvale Institute, Birmingham – International Catholic College:** Maryvale are relaunching their HIRS programmes - [Bachelor of Divinity](#) (application documents can be found on the [BDiv page](#)) and [Licence in Catechetics](#) (email E: [postgrad@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:postgrad@maryvale.ac.uk) for application pack) - (BPhil, MA and PhD programmes to follow). Do visit and follow their social media pages and share/tag/retweet to any individuals or groups that may be interested. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/maryvaleinst> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MaryvaleInst>

There is an [early bird discount](http://www.maryvale.ac.uk) for applications to the BDiv or Licence programmes for applications received by 31 July 2023. Links to prospectuses on the website W: [www.maryvale.ac.uk](http://www.maryvale.ac.uk)

## Vatican News

### **At Santa Maria Maggiore, Pope thanks Mary for journey to Lisbon**

As usual at the end of each apostolic journey, after his return from Lisbon yesterday, Sunday 6 August, on the occasion of World Youth Day, Pope Francis went to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major to pray to Our Lady. According to the Vatican Press Office, the Pope paused to pray before the icon of the Virgin Salus Populi Romani, which had also been brought to Lisbon for WYD as one of the symbols – together with the pilgrim Cross – of the entire event.



Already ahead of his departure, Pope Francis had gone to the Virgin to entrust to her his 42nd apostolic journey and all the young people who would participate in World Youth Day. He returned, therefore, on Monday – for the 110th time since the beginning of his pontificate – to thank her for the success of the pilgrimage on Portuguese soil, which was attended by more than one and a half million young people from around the world.

At the end of Monday's visit, the Pope returned to the Vatican.

### **Pope to WYD volunteers: Keep riding the waves of love and charity**

In his final meeting with young people in Lisbon on Sunday afternoon, Pope Francis met with 25 thousand World Youth Day volunteers at another large outdoor event on a sun-baked afternoon there. The volunteers came from around the world representing 150 countries.

**Celebration and joy:** The event began with a video featuring video highlights of World Youth Day as a way to relive the intense and joyous days of celebration and joy. Participants from around the world shared their experience of the celebrations in a video collage of interviews interspersed with moments from the WYD events. Then three young participants offered their own live testimonies telling the Pope about their experience of World Youth Day and how it transformed them and their faith. Chiara from Germany working in youth ministry said the WYD events gave her a tangible experience of God's boundless love and acceptance. She added that it marked a powerful experience of being part of a Church that represents so many people from around the world, a real family, and a beautiful mosaic of cultures and believers in the one God searching for His love. Francisco from Portugal just graduated from college, but spent the past year assisting in the preparations for WYD as a volunteer. He said it's been a real journey and hard work, but a wonderful experience of inner growth and seeing Jesus in others, especially their smiles. Then Filipe, a volunteer also from Portugal, spoke about how WYD helped him draw closer to the Lord and recognize the Lord in every person he met. He expressed his lifelong mission to serve Christ and others for peace in our world.

**Thank you to all:** The Patriarch of Lisbon, Cardinal Manuel Clemente, then thanked the Pope for his presence and participation, saying everyone will carry the experiences in their hearts and memories. He thanked the volunteers for their great dedication, calling them the "World Youth Day 2023 generation".

Pope Francis then read parts of his prepared address and spoke ad lib, expressing his profound gratitude and praising everyone for their hard work making these unforgettable days possible. Recalling how everyone laboured for months, behind the scenes with little fanfare, they set an example as a real team and service for all.