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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 30th / 31st August 2025

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| Saturday 30/08 | 6pm | Battle | 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 31/08 | 9am | Northiam | | No Intention |
| Sunday 31/08 | 11am | Battle | | Anthony Gibbons, RIP |
| Monday 01/09 | NO MASS | | | |
| Tuesday 02/09 | 6.30pm | Battle | Tuesday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Wednesday 03/09 | 10am | Battle | St Gregory the Great | No Intention followed by Coffee & Cake |
| Thursday 04/09 | 9.45am | Battle | Thursday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Friday 05/09 | 10am | Battle | Friday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Saturday 06/09 | 6pm | Battle | 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Paul Weller, RIP |
| Sunday 07/09 | 9am | Northiam | | People of the Parish followed by Coffee & Cake |
| | 11am | Battle | | No Intention |

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b**

Who can discern what the Lord wills?

- **Second reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17**

Have him back no longer as a bondservant but as a beloved brother.

- **Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

Any one who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

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, Claire and Peter Bates.

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, Pauline Fraser, RIP.

- **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 Cartons of Blue (Whole) Long Life Milk; Packets of Sweet Biscuits; Pots of Jelly and Tins of Cold Meat please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated.
Donations - Harvest Festival: With the cost-of-living crisis continuing, physical donations are down by around 50% on average. We are now having to buy about half of the items that we give out to our clients. As such, anything you can do to help with the food/ toiletries/ cleaning items/ pet food/ nappies, etc coming into the foodbank would be greatly appreciated. There is a shopping list attached with suggested items to donate.
Volunteers needed: Driver - We would like to recruit another volunteer driver to join our Bexhill team if you know of anyone over 25, comfortable driving our small van and able to lift donations and deliveries.
Church Ambassador – Is there anyone in your church who is passionate about eliminating poverty and the need for emergency food? If yes, please ask them to get in touch with us as we'd love to create a closer link and share more information regularly. Ideally, we'd like an ambassador in every church.
- 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

Diocesan Vacancy - Role: Finance Manager

(qualified accountant: CIMA, ACCA or ACA), full-time, permanent

Salary: £60,000 to £65,000

Reporting to: Chief Operating Officer

Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Application deadline: 18 September

Interview: 23 September in Crawley

Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, you will manage five colleagues to oversee the support of cloud-based reporting for 80 parish sites and the delivery of timely, accurate management accounts for central operations based at our Crawley site. You will have a key role in providing high-quality financial reporting to our Trustees and Diocesan Finance Committee (DFC). You'll also lead the team in producing statutory audited accounts, acting as the principal contact for external auditors.

With additional responsibility for cashflow forecasting, VAT (for one subsidiary), and Gift Aid, this role ensures that the Diocese maintains robust financial governance. While Charity sector experience is a significant advantage in this position, it is your flexible and positive leadership of a diverse staff and volunteer finance community across some 80 sites that will set you apart.

Reporting Lines: The Finance Manager reports to the Chief Operating Officer, who is a qualified accountant and works closely with the finance team. The team comprises a part-qualified management accountant and four other colleagues, including two apprentices. Due to the need to supervise and develop the team it is important for the Finance Manager to base their work on site at our office in Crawley, with opportunities for remote working limited to one day per week.

Please read the job description attached and send your CV and a covering letter to our Chief Operating Officer, Sarah Kilmartin; E: coo@abdiocese.org.uk, cc-ing Maggie Wares; E: cooea@abdiocese.org.uk. Details at W: abdiocese.org.uk/careers/finance-manager

- **Education Sunday 2025 - 14 September:** Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It offers an opportunity for us to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead. We have a wide range of Christ-centred, nurturing and successful schools in our Diocese. They include sixty-two state-funded schools, comprising fifty-one primary schools and eleven secondary schools, ten independent schools and one independent non-maintained specialist school. Catholic schools are central to the Church's mission in education, to place Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church at the centre of people's lives. Please pray for our schools and all who work and learn in them, that this academic year is full of blessings.
- **Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist – 11-4pm Saturday 1 November at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge:** Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Parking is available in the church car park but

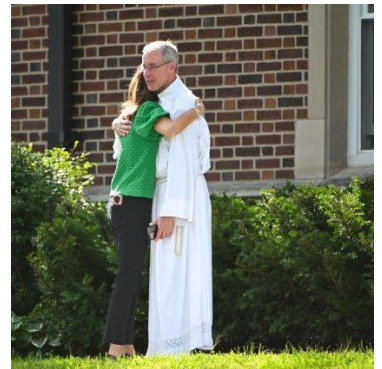
we suggest that you car share, if at all possible. To book a place follow this link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(01-Nov-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the events page on the Diocesan website.

- **Ministry of Consolation :** Grief and loss bring many challenges and impacts us all in very different ways. Would talking with a trained bereavement befriender be of help to you in your grief journey? You are not alone, and we are here to listen. For more information, please contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser: Deacon Simon South email - simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

News from the Vatican

Pope Leo expresses sorrow over shooting at Catholic school in Minneapolis

Pope Leo XIV has expressed his profound sorrow upon learning of the loss of life and injuries following the shooting that took place at Annunciation Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the US. In a telegram sent to Archbishop Bernard Hebda of Minneapolis, the Pope expressed his "heartfelt condolences and the assurance of spiritual closeness to all those affected by this terrible tragedy, especially the families now grieving the loss of a child."



Prayers for the victims, wounded and those assisting: The telegram, signed by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State, says the Pope commends "the souls of the deceased children to the love of Almighty God" and "prays for the wounded as well as the first responders, medical personnel and clergy who are caring for them and their loved ones."

As a "pledge of peace, fortitude and consolation in the Lord Jesus," Pope Leo imparted his Apostolic Blessing upon "the Annunciation Catholic School Community, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the people of the greater twin cities metropolitan area."

Prayers for all affected: Archbishop William Lori, vice-president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued a statement, saying, "As a Church, we are following the tragic news from Annunciation School in Minneapolis with heartbreaking sadness. Whenever one part of the Body of Christ is wounded, we feel the pain as if it were our very own children. Let us all beg the Lord for the protection and healing of the entire Annunciation family."

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, in a post on X, said, "I've been briefed on a shooting at Annunciation Catholic School and will continue to provide updates as we get more information. The BCA and State Patrol are on scene. I'm praying for our kids and teachers whose first week of school was marred by this horrific act of violence."

Speaking on Truth Social media, US President Donald Trump said, "I have been fully briefed on the tragic shooting in Minneapolis, Minnesota...the FBI quickly responded and they are on the scene. The White House will continue to monitor this terrible situation. Please join me in praying for everyone involved!"

In the 12 hours preceding the shooting at Annunciation School in southwest Minneapolis, there had been 12 other shootings in the city, resulting in eight people injured and three killed, according to the local police department. "The level of gun violence in the city in recent hours is deeply disturbing," the department commented.