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BATTLE**
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Weekend 30th September /
1st October 2023

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 30/09 6pm	Battle	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intention of Mary Oliver and Family
Sunday 01/10 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish followed by Coffee & Cake
Sunday 01/10 10.45am	Battle		Martha Thompson, RIP, FM
Monday 02/10	NO MASS		
Tuesday 03/10 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of week 26 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Wednesday 04/10 10am	Battle	St Francis of Assisi	No Intention Followed by Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room
Thursday 05/10 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of week 26 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 06/10 10am	Battle	Friday of week 26 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 06/10 12noon	Northiam		No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7**

The vineyard of the Lord is loved and tended by God.

- **Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9**

The God of peace will be with those who are virtuous and who fill their minds with all that is good and pure.

- **Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43**

In this parable, a landowner leases his vineyard to tenants, but when he sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest owed to him they are beaten and killed. When the landowner sends his son, he too is killed.

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, 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.

- 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.
- 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/>
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week we are low on Tins of Tomatoes, Fish, Hot and Cold Meat; Pot Noodles, Children's Cereals; Packets of Biscuits and Sweet Treats please - any toiletries, toilet rolls, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **The Church will now be left open** to allow you to go in at any time you want to for private prayer, or just a sit down. Please be aware there is CCTV set up at the back of the Church for health and safety reasons, as well as security.
- **Change of Tuesday and Thursday Mass times:** Please remember that Tuesday Mass times have now changed to 6.30pm and Thursday Mass times have now changed to 6.30am.
- **Coffee & Cake after the 10am Mass on Wednesday at Battle** – please join us, everyone is very welcome!
- **Coffee & Cake (and flapjacks by special request!) after the 9am Mass on Sunday at St**

Teresa's – please join us, everyone is very welcome!

- **Next Weekend (7th/8th October) is CAFOD Family Fast Day:** There will be a collection for CAFOD's Harvest Appeal. Your Harvest donation means doctors and other local experts can help families when they need it most. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk
- **The Lima amount donated** for August from the Parishioners of St Teresa's came to £66-00 and the grand total since 1999 is £19,271,12. Thank you all for your continued generosity.
- **Hastings-Bexhill Catenians:** The Catenians are a Charitable Group who, as well as supporting Catholics to keep their faith in sociable, friendly groups, can also offer some financial assistance with the costs for going to Lourdes or similar faith related events for those between 16-24 years. They are always looking for new members, please take a leaflet from the back of the Church or look at their website www.sussexcatenians.org for more information. They are a true fellowship believing a friend in need is always a friend indeed.
- **Your parish and the deanery urgently need parishioners to help run a short Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples.** The course is one designed by the diocese that couples preparing to marry have to attend as a condition prior to marriage and all materials are provided. It is run over four 2 hour sessions on the dates and times that you would choose. You can be couples or individuals to run the course and all training would be given. It is an enjoyable course and one where you, with your experience of marriage, have a great deal to offer the couples looking to spend the rest of their lives together. If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact Fr Richard.
- 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

- **Anti-Slavery Day – Slavery on Your Doorstep - Wednesday 18 October 6.30-8pm** at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, 2 Bristol Road, Kemptown, Brighton BN2 1AP. Come and find out how modern slavery is very much here in our local area, and how we can respond.
- **Liturgy of the Word with Children – Leaders' Training – Saturday 11 November 10am–1pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the Liturgy of the Word with Children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel.
- 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

- **Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group:** We continue to be in need of good quality secondhand clothes for people held in detention. Some arrive with only the clothes they are wearing and in some cases these clothes are wet. Only men are held at Gatwick and so we do not need women's clothes. Here is the list of what we need in all sizes: Jeans, T-shirts, jogging bottoms, coats, jumpers, belts and trainers size 6 – 13. Please contact Nasima T: 01293 657070 or E: nasima@gdwg.org.uk . Items can also be left at Arundel Cathedral in the old chest labelled GDWG at the back of the Cathedral, near the font/baptistry.
- **Worth Abbey: CSLewis – a prophet of our time - Saturday 28 October 10am-4pm Cost: £30 includes tea/coffee but please bring a pack lunch:** Guest speaker: Robert Elliott. A semi-retired University lecturer, Robert has a lifelong interest in C S Lewis and describes himself as “a mere Christian”.
- **Benedictine living with change - 10-12 October Cost: £220 per person:** Fr Peter Williams OSB An exploration into how to live well and fruitfully with a world in a state of constant and rapid change. Fr Peter shares some Benedictine insights and is joined by Ed Lamont – lifestyle coach & author – as he shares his thoughts from a business perspective.
- **Living with Loss – a retreat 13-16 November Cost £330 per person:** Led by Simon Holland Brown; an integrative therapist who specialises in anxiety, depression and bereavement. The loss of someone close to you can trigger an overwhelming mixture of emotions while you try to process them. We are offering time, space and support to engage with your experience in a healing way.
- **Benedictine IGR (Individually guided retreat) 16-22 October, 11-17 March, 8-14 July Cost: £110 per person, per night (minimum 3 nights):** An IGR is an individual guided retreat and an opportunity to participate in a contemplative retreat. Strong Benedictine flavour and at its centre a daily individual meeting with an experienced spiritual director. The retreat would suit someone seriously journeying in the spiritual life, someone in discernment or at a transition point in life or maybe needing to make an important decision. With a maximum of 10 participants, the retreat is largely held in silence and will also follow the daily rhythm of the monastic office.
- **Time Out – Individual self-guided retreats 2-5 October, 11-15 December, 22-28 January Cost: £90 per person, per night:** Spend some time at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, space for reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. No set programme other than an optional daily Lectio Divina session, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity for a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.
- **Advent Retreat 4-6 December Cost: £220 per person:** An opportunity to prepare during the season of Advent, a time of expectant waiting, for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ (led by a member of the monastic community).
- For all events book online at W: www.worth.co.uk T: 01342 710318

Pope: The choice to migrate or stay is a fundamental human right

Following the recitation of the Angelus prayer on 24 September, Pope Francis marked World Migrant and Refugee Day, echoing his message on the fundamental importance of the right to choose whether to migrate or to stay in one's homeland. The theme for this year's celebration, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay," underscores the critical need for migration to be a voluntary and dignified choice, rather than a desperate necessity.



The fundamental human right to migrate: Pope Francis noted that "the right to migrate, a fundamental human right, has for many become an obligation driven by dire circumstances." He stressed that there should exist an equally essential right not to migrate, affirming the right of individuals to remain in their own lands while enjoying a life of dignity and fulfilment. "The current global landscape is marred by suffering, conflict, and the devastating impacts of the climate crisis, forcing countless people to abandon their homes and seek refuge elsewhere," said the Pope. He acknowledged this grim reality and called upon all individuals and nations to unite in solidarity and compassion, striving to create communities that are not only prepared but eager to welcome, support, guide, and integrate those who arrive at their doors seeking refuge and solace.

An echo from Marseille: The Holy Father noted that this appeal resonates with the recent "Rencontres Méditerranéennes" (Mediterranean Meetings) held in Marseille over the last past. Pope Francis attended the concluding session of this meeting during his journey to the southern French city, from 22-23 September.

During his participation in the Rencontres Méditerranéennes, Pope Francis engaged in extensive discussions and dialogues centered around the challenges and opportunities posed by migration, particularly in the Mediterranean region. "The Mediterranean has historically been a melting pot of cultures and civilisations," Pope Francis stressed during the conference.

"In these challenging times," Pope Francis said during his visit, "let us embrace the spirit of empathy and unity, welcoming those who seek refuge with open hearts and minds."