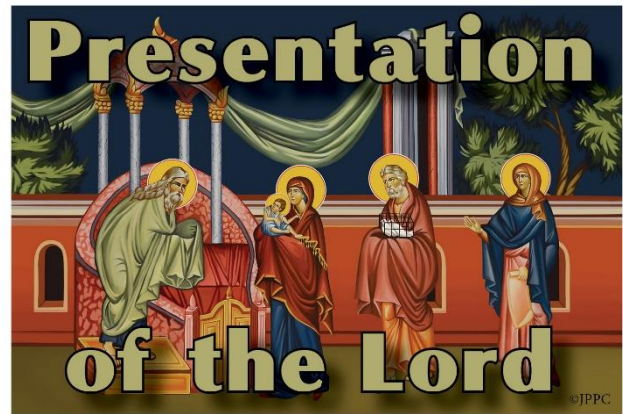


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The Feast of the
Presentation of The Lord
Weekend 1st / 2nd February 2025

Saturday 01/02	6pm	Battle	Feast of The Presentation of the Lord	No Intention
Sunday 02/02	9am	Northiam		Emily Sheila Fry, RIP (FM) followed by coffee & cake
Sunday 02/02	11am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 03/02	NO MASS			
Tuesday 04/02	6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of week 4 in Ordinary Time	Intention of Fr Wilson & Tony White
Wednesday 05/02	10am	Battle	Saint Agatha	No Intention
Thursday 06/02	6.30am	Battle	Saints Paul Mikki and his Companions	No Intention
Friday 07/02	10am	Battle	Friday of week 4 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Saturday 08/02	6pm	Battle	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 09/02	9am	Northiam		No Intention
Sunday 09/02	11am	Battle		No Intention

**Next weekend there will be a Retiring Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund
(Gift Aid)**

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a. 3-8**

God is revealed to Isaiah in an awesome vision of the divine presence in the Temple. He is reluctant to obey God's call, conscious of being a sinner within a sinful people. But his experience of God's forgiveness gives him courage to respond.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (longer form)**

Paul is also aware of his own unworthiness as a former persecutor of Christians and of the weakness of faith among some of the Corinthians. But his faith in the resurrection makes him trust in God's call and he encourages those to whom he has preached to have faith in their turn.

- **Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

Jesus calls Peter, James and John to be his disciples. Peter fears that his sins make him unworthy and he's right – he will fail repeatedly. But God calls the weak to make them strong and Peter will become the Rock despite his failings.

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, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Fr Wilson.

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.

- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday morning, in the Parish Room at 10am with Lindsey. New members always welcome! Please stay for a relaxed coffee and chat afterwards too. Contact the office for more information: 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Battle Foodbank:** Tinned Meat Pies; Tins of Spaghetti Hoops and Cat and Dog Food dry and wet please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Coffee and cake at St Teresa's this Sunday 2nd February, after the 9am Mass,** it is Candle Mass and the Presentation of Our Lord and will be lovely to celebrate. Everyone is very welcome. It is also the Foundation Mass Intention for Emily Sheila Fry, the famous novelist and founder of St Teresa's, who is buried in the cemetery.
- **First Aid Course:** We are looking to run an Emergency First Aid Course at Battle during March. This is a 3 hour certified course, and will be held during the evening. If anyone is interested in gaining this very useful training, please let Fr Richard or Maggie know and we will add your name to our list. Everyone that completed this training three years ago is encouraged to sign up again - we need first aid trained people at both Battle and Northiam.

- **Parish 100 Club:** This is your last chance join or renew your membership of the 100 Club if you want to be included in the first draw of 2025, renewal forms are attached to this newsletter. It is the only regular form of fundraising we do as a Parish – and you could win your subscription back or even make a few pounds! The cost stays at £12 per ticket and prizes are £12 and £24 monthly with two extra prizes of £50 each at Easter and Christmas. If you want to be included in the first draw for 2025, get your application form in quick!
- 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 news/events

- **Join Us for Vivaldi's Gloria at Worth Abbey!**
We are delighted to invite you to an afternoon of music at Worth Abbey. Please join us for a "**Come and Sing**" day where you can participate in the performance of Vivaldi's renowned *Gloria* with the Worth Abbey Choir and a professional orchestra. Guest who are keen to sing are invited to arrive for 1.30pm and those who wish to enjoy the concert should arrive at 3.15pm for refreshments followed by the performance.
Event Details:
 - **Date:** Saturday, 1st March 2025
 - **Time:** 1:30pm for those wishing to participate in the performance
 - **Time:** 3.15pm for those wishing to enjoy refreshments followed by the concert.
 - **Location:** Worth Abbey Church
- **SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 20 September 2025 Festival of Hope:** Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year with your family and friends this September. We pray that this inspirational and uplifting event will ignite a spiritual renewal in our own lives and across our communities. Put the date in your diary now, because tickets will be allocated to Parishes in the new year! The event is taking place at Ardingly South of England Event Centre, tickets will be free of charge, with talks and activities suitable for all ages.
- **Are you involved in Children's Liturgy?** We are looking to build a network across the Diocese of those involved in this wonderful ministry to share learnings, ideas and support each other. To find out more details please contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser – Deacon Simon South