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**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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| <b>Saturday 11/02 6pm</b>       | <b>Battle</b>   | <b>The Fifth<br/>Sunday in<br/>Ordinary Time</b> | <b>No Intention</b>                     |
| <b>Sunday 12/02 9am</b>         | <b>Northiam</b> |  | <b>People of the Parish</b>             |
| <b>Sunday 12/02<br/>10.45am</b> | <b>Battle</b>   |  | <b>Intention of Carmel<br/>Warboyes</b> |
| <b>Monday 13/02</b>             | <b>NO MASS</b>  |  |   |
| <b>Tuesday 14/02 6pm</b>        | <b>Battle</b>   | <b>Feria in Ordinary<br/>Time, Week 5</b>        | <b>Intention of Martin<br/>Warboyes</b> |
| <b>Wednesday 15/02<br/>10am</b> | <b>Battle</b>   | <b>Feria in Ordinary<br/>Time, Week 5</b>        | <b>No Intention</b>                     |
| <b>Wednesday 15/02<br/>7pm</b>  |                 | <b>Ukrainian Prayer<br/>Service</b>              |   |
| <b>Thursday 16/02 6am</b>       | <b>Battle</b>   | <b>Feria in Ordinary<br/>Time, Week 5</b>        | <b>No Intention</b>                     |
| <b>Friday 17/02 10am</b>        | <b>Battle</b>   | <b>Saint Scholastica</b>                         | <b>No Intention</b>                     |

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

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

- **First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18**

The book of Leviticus can seem rather dry. It begins with the command to be as holy as God. This is an impossible command, but the point is to allow God to live that holiness within us by making space for God in our lives.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

Paul writes to the Corinthians, a community made up of common people with no pretensions to greatness. He reminds them that their dignity comes from being temples of God.

- **Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48**

Jesus sets out the implications of living as his disciples. He reminds us that God gives the same grace to good and bad people alike. The choice is ours, on a daily basis, whether to respond to it or not.

### **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, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

*From St Teresa's:* Keith Bourne, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly.

### **Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:**

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Gerard Leahy.

- 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 new 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/>
- **Retiring Collection:** There will be a retiring collection this weekend for The Lourdes Pilgrimage, Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of both Churches for your use.
- **King Charles' Coronation 6<sup>th</sup> May:** As part of the Coronation Celebrations there will be a Civic Service at 10 am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, in order that Fr Richard can represent our Catholic community, Mass times for that Sunday have been confirmed as Northiam at 8:30 and Battle at 11:15, and will stay like this for any future Coronations. Thank you all for your feedback.

**THIS WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 7pm, BATTLE.** There is another opportunity to join us for an hour of prayer, readings and music for all those affected by the war in Ukraine at 7pm in our Church at Battle, to which local folk attending the other churches will be invited. Everyone is invited to attend in support of those affected by the war.

- **CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal:** CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.
- **CAFOD - The BIG Lent Walk 2023:** As last year, TEAM FORGE (Vicky Chainey, Ingrid Finch & John Reid), are taking part in this annual fundraising event - walking 5k every day for the 40 days of Lent - to help CAFOD in its work to help fight global poverty. If you would like to support CAFOD in this way (and make three of us very happy too!), you can donate via this link [The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\): The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com) or by giving your donation to one of us on any Sunday.
- **Battle Foodbank – Needs and Updates:** This week the Foodbank needs all the usual general food items. Please put items in the basket at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity.
- 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**

- **Mental Health Training:** The Diocese is pleased to be able to offer a range of courses to empower anyone involved in ministry to walk alongside those who struggle with mental health issues. We will be delivering MHFA England Accredited Awareness, Champion and First Aid Courses in a variety of locations as well as online to make them accessible for everyone. Suitable for Catechists, Welcomers, Ministers of Consolation, in fact anyone who speaks to anyone else in the community! The first course takes place on Saturday 25 February in Guildford. Email E: [formationevents@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:formationevents@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.
- **Evenings of Reflection 7-9pm with a choice of venues across the Diocese**
  - Friday 17 March at The Sacred Heart, Cobham
  - Friday 24 March at St Dunstan, Woking
  - Saturday 11 March at 6.30pm at Arundel cathedral Centre followed by a Cathedral tour.
- **Are you a priest or active parishioner who wants to see your parish come alive?** East Brighton Parish and Divine Renovation invite you and your parish to their upcoming DR Open House on **Saturday 18 March 2023**, at the new Fitzherbert Community Hub in Brighton. Save the date for a day where you will connect with parishes that have come alive by pursuing mission, hear inspiring stories of what they've learned on their journey, and be encouraged by seeing hope for what is possible in your own parish. Find out more at W: [www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse](http://www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse) or contact E: [Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.
- **Liturgy of the Word with Children - Saturday 13 May 2023 9.30-1pm The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley** – poster attached. Training for liturgy leaders. Book your place through the diocesan website. If you wish to discuss your engagement with this training please email E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

- **World Youth Day:** Are you aged 18-35? If you are, we invite you to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lisbon to meet with the Holy Father. 31 July -7 August 2023. Join millions of other young people from all over the world to celebrate our faith and make life long friendships. The week will include a trip to Fatima as well as all the amazing festival activities, not to mention Mass with Pope Francis. To find out more about this amazing opportunity please contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

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**

#### ➤ **Worth Abbey**

**Time Out individual self-guided retreats** 6–9 March and 15–18 May Cost : £90 per person, per night (min 2 nights).

Spend a few days at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is 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.

### **Vatican News**

#### **Pope Francis wraps up Apostolic Journey to South Sudan & DRC**

*“You are in my heart, you are in our hearts, you are in the hearts of Christians around the world! Never lose hope. And lose no opportunity to build peace.”*

Those words of encouragement were the final public comments which Pope Francis spoke on South Sudanese soil at the end of his 40th Apostolic Journey abroad. The papal plane departed from Juba’s International Airport at 11:56 AM local time, carrying the Pope and over 70 journalists for the return trip to Rome. The Pope is scheduled to arrive in Rome at around 5:15 PM local time.



**Overarching call to peace:** Over the past six days,

Pope Francis has sought to bring a message of consolation and hope for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan. He spoke forcefully and frequently about the need for every person to foster peace in their own lives and in their nations. His first public words in DR Congo set the tone for the rest of his visit, as he spoke to the country’s civil authorities. *“This country, so immense and full of life, this diaphragm of Africa, struck by violence like a blow to the stomach, has seemed for some time to be gasping for breath.”* Though each speech was destined for a different audience, Pope Francis laced them together with an exhortation to cease all violence in the two nations, reinforcing his public words with gestures of closeness.

**Turning message into action:** Huge crowds turned out for his public Masses: over a million people celebrated with him in DR Congo’s capital, Kinshasa, and some 100,000 faithful gathered with him in Juba, around a fifth of the population of South Sudan’s capital. As the papal plane took off from Juba, Archbishop Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla of Juba told SSBC, the national public service broadcaster, that Pope Francis has left a message of hope and a call for the people of South Sudan to remain together and strive toward peace. “It is only by caring about our brothers and sisters that we can really realize this peace,” he said. “We hope that our political leaders will listen to the message of the Holy Father properly, and the message of His Grace Archbishop Justin Welby and Rev. Iain Greenshields.”