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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 26th / 27th September 2026

Saturday 26/09	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	Geoffrey Oliver, RIP
Sunday 27/09		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP
Monday 28/09	Monday of Week 26 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	No Intention
Tuesday 29/09	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	NO MASS		
Wednesday 30/09	Saint Jerome	10am	Battle	Martin Worboyes, RIP
Thursday 01/10	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus	NO MASS		
Friday 02/10	The Holy Guardian Angels	10am	Battle	Martha Thompson, RIP (FM)
Saturday 03/10	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	People of the Parish
Sunday 04/10		9am	Northiam	For those buried in the cemetery on the anniversary of its consecration Followed by coffee & cake
		11am	Battle	Michael Conroy, RIP

There will be a Special Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day this weekend

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

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

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

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

Practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Stephen Bould, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Helena Powell, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser, Claire and Peter Bates, Helen Ashing, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Godfrey Linnett, June Bailey.

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:

Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick RIP, Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino RIP, Philippe Bedford RIP, Anne Meade RIP, Thomas Dodd RIP, Valerie Robertson RIP, Liz Tanner RIP.

- **CAFOD Family Fast Day, Harvest Appeal – this weekend, 26th /27th**

September: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grown food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in Church or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030 – thank you.

- **Elizabeth Norris is taking on a huge challenge** by running her very first half marathon next month in aid of Blood Cancer UK. It is the Royal Parks Half and is on 11th October. We all wish her good luck! Here is the link to read her story and if anyone would like to donate.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/elizabeth-norris-3?utm_source=CL&utm_medium=DT

- **A Time to Reflect – Year B – Sister Gemma Simmonds:** following the success of Sister Gemma's previous book, Donkey Roads and Camel Treks, she has written another book, A Time to Reflect – Year B. Produced by SPCK Publishing this book is available as a hardback for £19, but if there is enough interest Corinne could get copies for parishioners for £15. Please let Fr Richard, Corinne or the office know if you are interested.
- **Maggie's Fund Raising Challenge for the Sara Lee Trust:** A huge thank you to everyone that has donated so generously – you are all superstars! The challenge is this Saturday 26th September, so if you see me on Monday, I may be hobbling a bit after hiking (as I have now got an injury, so no running!), 30 miles from sea level to the summit of Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon) for The Sara Lee Trust who is celebrating its 30 year anniversary this year. Thank you so much!
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/margaret-walford-1>
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Cartons of Long-life Juice; Pkts of Sweet Biscuits; Tins of Wet Cat Food and Tins of Cold Meat please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
 - Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468
 - Open Foodbank Sessions for collecting food -Battle, Wednesday 1.30-2pm
- **Our Two Pantries:** Our subsidised pantries in Pebsham and Battle continue to be a success. These are different from the foodbank in that they do not require a referral, the customers pay a nominal amount for their shopping, and they are targeted at helping local people to stay out of crisis and avoid getting to the point where they need a foodbank.
- **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
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- The Parish Office is open on Monday & Thursday mornings 9.30am-2.00pm

Diocesan run events/notices

Episcopal Ordination Materials

Members of the diocesan Formation Team are currently devising an Episcopal Ordination explainer document, this will be shared across diocesan digital channels and emailed to parish teams on Thursday 8 October. Bishop-Elect Stephen plans to record a filmed message to parishes before his episcopal ordination, this will be shared with parish teams (and published across diocesan channels) on Thursday 15 October. Please contact Laura Maydew-Gale

E: communications@abdiocese.org.uk with any questions.

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is inspecting safeguarding in Arundel & Brighton and would like to hear people's experiences of safeguarding in our Diocese; any information shared with the CSSA will be treated confidentially by one of their expert and experienced team members. To find out more and share your views please visit: abdiocese.org.uk/news/safeguarding-in-the-diocese

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 17 October 10-3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley – cost £40

Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this "Mental Health Awareness" training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. The training is being highly subsidised and tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120). If you have any questions about this training do not hesitate to contact

Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at

E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

External news

Interested in a career in teaching? Join Xavier Teach Southeast for a relaxed Autumn Open Morning to explore primary, secondary, and SEND teacher training routes and hear more about your local training centre and school placement options across the Dorking/Redhill, Guildford, Woking, and Burgess Hill areas. Meet the team, chat with current trainees over coffee and hear which route might work best for your circumstances, with zero pressure to apply.

Visit <https://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk/> to find an upcoming event.