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Weekend 8th / 9th July 2023

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 08/07 6pm	Battle	The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	James Dobbs, RIP
Sunday 09/07 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 09/07 10.45am	Battle		No Intention
Monday 10/07	NO MASS		
Tuesday 11/07 6pm	Battle	Saint Benedict	Mass of Thanksgiving for Martin & Pam Ashing
Wednesday 12/07 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time	Richard Powell, RIP
Thursday 13/07 6am	Battle	Thursday of the Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 14/07 10am	Battle	Friday of the Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time	No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- **First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11**

The word of the Lord is like rain falling on the earth, enabling it to bear fruit.

- **Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23**

Humanity, like creation, is waiting for God to set it free.

- **Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23**

People are like the places where seeds fall – their faith will determine whether there is a harvest of God's riches.

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, Dilys Fraser, 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, Lawrence Youlten.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong.

- 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 new 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 are Tins of Tomatoes; Tins of Hot Meat; Tins of Fish; Pot Noodles; Packs of Spaghetti; 500gm packs Sugar; Packs of Biscuits and Chocolate Treats please - any toiletries, household products and nappies are always appreciated. Thank you so much whatever we receive is much appreciated.
- **Volunteers needed please:** we are looking for volunteers to help set up before Mass on a Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church if you can help, thank you.
- **Quiz night in aid of Demelza, Hospice Care for Children:** Thank you to everyone that has put their name forward to be in a team – we now have three teams! Team One consisting of: Fr Richard, Kate Grun, June Bailey, Christine & David Hughes and Dilys Fraser; Team Two consisting of: Brendan O'Connor, Chris Cogdell, Chris Mullis, Angela Regan and Anne & David Auger and Team Three: The Music Group Team. (Please feel free to give your team a name!) I will book three tables and let you know the other details when I hear back from our Mayor Vikki Cook. Good luck – we may even get 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings!

- **Parish 100 Club:** Congratulations to the winners of the June draw!
£12 – Dylan Clare, £24 – Peter Lamont
- **Songs of Praise this Sunday the 9th July** will be coming from Arundel Cathedral, it was recorded over the Corpus Christi celebrations with Katherine Jenkins presenting the show. If you manage to see it, I hope you enjoy it!
- 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 Courses - course costs are (per delegate) - Half day £30. Full day £60. 2 Day certified £120 (Certified by Mental Health UK):** The sad reality is that mental health across the nation is a growing concern and reality. Recently we saw in the national press, the truly horrible indictment that suicide is the leading cause of teenage deaths in the UK. The idea of the Mental Health First Aid Course is to give delegates the skills to identify the early warning signs of a problem developing, from across the wide spectrum of mental health conditions and then to provide the direction to signpost people accordingly to the right help and support. The half day and full day course are aimed at identifying systems and exploring appropriate routes to signpost those who are experiencing the challenge and darkness of mental health. Do speak to your Parish Priest to explore the potential of this Ministry in your Parish or email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk for more details. Planned courses are as follows (all of which can be booked via Churchsuite through the Diocesan website).
 - 12/13/19/20 September - Online - Two Day Youth MHFA (4 evenings)
 - Sat 4 November - Worthing - Half day MH Aware
- **Catechists' Day – Saturday 23 September at 11am at Worth School:** A day of formation, prayer and conversation for existing catechists, those interested in exploring being a catechist and those who might need a little encouragement to consider this vocation. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. The doors will be open from 10.30am for refreshments, with the programme beginning at 11am. We aim to finish at around 4pm. For more information, please contact Jon Harman, Formation Adviser E: Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk Register your place here : [Catechists' Day \(23-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Vatican News

"I feel indignant and disgusted by these actions," Pope Francis expressed to Hamad Al-Kaabi, editor of the UAE's daily *Al-Ittihad*, regarding the burning of copies of the Quran in Sweden in recent days.

"Any book considered sacred by its authors must be respected out of respect for its believers, and freedom of expression must never be used as an excuse to despise others, and to allow this, must be rejected and condemned."

Al-Ittihad is an Arabic language newspaper published daily in the United Arab Emirates. It is part of the Abu Dhabi Media group, a government organization.

Health after surgery: In the interview, Pope Francis spoke of his state of health after the recent



abdominal surgery.

"It was difficult, but now, thanks to God, I am better thanks to the commitment and professionalism of the doctors and nursing staff, whom I thank very much. I pray for them and their families, and for all the people who have written and prayed for me in these days."

The Pope, recalling his visit to Abu Dhabi in 2019, expressed appreciation for the Commitment of the UAE and Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed for the path taken to spread brotherhood, peace and tolerance, and called for young people not to be left by adults in the grip of mirages and clashes of civilisations.

Protecting young people: "In my opinion, the only way to protect young people from negative messages and false and fabricated news, and from the temptations of materialism, hatred and prejudice, is not to leave them alone in this battle, but to give them the necessary tools, which are freedom, discernment and responsibility.

"Freedom," he continued, "is what distinguishes a person. God created us free even to reject Him, freedom of thought and expression are essential to help them grow and learn."

"We must never fall into the experience of treating young people as children incapable of choosing and making decisions," the Pontiff continued, "they are the present and investing in them means guaranteeing continuity," always following the golden rule of doing to others what you would like to be done to you.

Responding to a question about the Document on Human Fraternity, the Pope says he always gives it to the delegations he receives at the Vatican 'because I believe it is an important text not only for dialogue between religions, but for peaceful coexistence between all human beings. There will be the civilisation of brotherhood or that of enmity, either we build the future together or there will be no future.'

Need for builders of peace: Pope Francis said he was pleased with the global community's acceptance of the document's message and objectives. "Human brotherhood is the antidote the world needs to heal from the poison of these wounds. The future of interreligious cooperation is based on the principle of reciprocity, respect for the other and truth'.

"Our task," adds Pope Francis, "is to transform the religious sense into cooperation, into fraternity, into concrete good works.

"Today we need builders of peace, not makers of weapons; today we need builders of peace, not instigators of conflict; we need firefighters, not arsonists; we need advocates of reconciliation, not people who threaten destruction'."

Concrete commitments: Regarding concrete commitments in this regard, the Pope encouraging the charitable initiatives launched after the publication of the Document.

"It is easy," the Pope said, "to talk about fraternity, but the true measure of brotherhood is what we actually do in a concrete way to help, support, nurture and welcome my brothers and sisters in humanity.

"Every good by its very nature must be for everyone indiscriminately. If I only do good to those who think or believe as I do, then my good is hypocrisy, because good knows no discrimination or exclusion."

Regarding the increase in terrorist threats, Pope Francis responded in the words of the document, condemning "all practices that threaten life such as genocide, terrorist acts, forced displacement, trafficking in human organs, abortion and euthanasia, and policies that support all of these."

Abrahamic House in Abu Dhabi: The Pope expressed his appreciation for the Abrahamic House in Abu Dhabi, the space comprising a Church dedicated to St. Francis, a Mosque and a Synagogue, created to realise the principle of Human Fraternity.

Underlining the climate and environmental emergency, the Holy Father appealed, "The only effective way to tackle this crisis is to find realistic solutions to the real problems of the ecological crisis. We must turn declarations into action before it is too late."