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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 20th / 21st September 2025

Saturday 20/09	6pm	Battle	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Paul Weller, RIP
Sunday 21/09	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 21/09	11am	Battle		Kevin Regan, RIP
Monday 22/09	NO MASS			
Tuesday 23/09	6.30pm	Battle	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	No Intention
Wednesday 24/09	10am	Battle	Our Lady of Walsingham	Intention of Janine Scothern
Thursday 25/09	9.45am	Battle	Thursday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 26/09	10am	Battle	Friday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Saturday 27/09	6pm	Battle	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Geoffrey Oliver, RIP
Sunday 28/09	9am	Northiam		Those buried in the cemetery on the anniversary of its consecration (FM)
	11am	Battle		People of the Parish

**There will be a Second Collection this weekend for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
(formerly Home Mission Sunday)**

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.

- **Second reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16**

Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.

- **Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.

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

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser, Claire and Peter Bates.

From St Teresa's: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Felicity Youtlen.

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, Paul Weller RIP, Michael Conroy RIP, Fr Wilson RIP, Maureen Shaw RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett, RIP, Pauline Fraser, RIP.

- **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.
- **Battle Foodbank:** our needs this week are - Pkts of Sweet Biscuits; Sweet Treats; 500gm bags of sugar; 500gm bags of Pasta (not Spaghetti) and Bottles of Sunflower Oil please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for your donations they are very much appreciated.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes

If any parishioners have children that they would like to enrol in either the First Holy Communion or Confirmation Programmes, please complete the appropriate form attached, or pick one up from the back of the Church and return to Fr Richard or the Parish Office as soon as possible, **we need to know numbers by Thursday 25th September.** The parents' information meeting will be on Sunday 28th September at 12.15pm in the John Fisher Room at St Thomas', Magdalene Road, St Leonards when the full Programme and the requirements will be explained.

- **CAFOD – Gaza Crisis Appeal:** Please see the letter of thanks at the back of the Church from CAFOD. All you generous parishioners have donated the amazing amount of £958.15! Your donations will go towards their DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and help local aid workers give urgent, practical help to families in Lebanon and Gaza, the West Bank and Israel.

- **CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest 4th/5th October:** Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.
- **Saying Goodbye, (part of Mariposa International (SG))** are coming to Canterbury next month with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of an international chain of events). Mariposa International (SG)'s core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. It was founded in 2012, by Zoe and Andy Clark-Coates, who saw a critical lack of support for people like them, who had gone through baby loss. With over 258,000 babies being lost yearly in the UK alone, the charity needed to be able to offer not only a comprehensive package of befriending and support but also national baby loss remembrance services (called Saying Goodbye Services), for people to join together and remember the children they had lost. 13 years on, over 220 services have taken place at Cathedrals and Minsters across the UK, US, and France, and 2025 will see 25 services across England, Wales, Ireland, France and the US. On the 4th October at 11am in Canterbury Cathedral, we will be hosting one of our Saying Goodbye Services and as this is the most local service to you this year, we wanted to share this information with you.

So who is the service for?

Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all. We know that as 1 in 4 women suffer miscarriage and baby loss, you will have contact with a significant number of people who have either personally suffered baby loss, or who have a partner or family member that has, so we wanted to ask if you would help us in promoting the service. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org

- 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 1.30pm.

News from the Vatican

Pope Leo encourages religious to always read the signs of the times

Pope Leo XIV has encouraged men and women religious to remain rooted in their charism while remaining attentive to the signs of the times, reminding them that their founders were able to respond with courage and discernment to the needs of their day.

Addressing representatives of Marist missionaries, of the Franciscan Friars of the

Immaculate, and of the Ursulines of Mary Immaculate gathered in Rome for their chapters and assemblies, the Pope recalled how their founders and foundresses “successfully interpreted the signs of the times and responded wisely to new needs.”

Community life, obedience, openness

to the signs of the times: In his discourse, the Pope dwelled on the importance of community life in religious vocation, on obedience as an act of love, and on how vital it is for the religious to be open to the signs of the times.

He recalled that their history is “a splendid and varied testimony, reflecting the multiplicity of gifts bestowed by God on founders and foundresses who, in openness to the working of the Holy Spirit, successfully interpreted the signs of the times and responded wisely to new needs.”

He pointed to the example of Brigida di Gesù Morello, who, in the seventeenth century, “began an initiative for the promotion of the dignity of women that would bear much fruit in the future,” and of Saint Gaspare del Bufalo, who opposed “the rampant spirit of ‘impiety and irreligion’ that afflicted his time.” Similarly, he recalled Father Jean-Claude Colin, “inspired in his apostolate by the spirit of humility and discretion of Mary of Nazareth,” and the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate, founded “in the 1990s, following in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Maximilian Kolbe.”



Respond wisely to new needs: The Pope stressed that this same openness is vital today: “Without this open and perceptive gaze towards the real demands of our brothers and sisters, none of your Congregations would have been founded.”

“Your founders,” he added, “were capable of observing, evaluating, loving and then setting out, even at the risk of great suffering and

failure, to serve the real needs of their brothers and sisters, recognising the voice of God in the poverty of their neighbours.”

Follow the footsteps of past generations to grasp high ideals: He emphasized that moving forward means carrying a “living memory of those courageous beginnings, not in the sense of doing ‘an exercise in archaeology or the cultivation of mere nostalgia, [but of] following in the footsteps of past generations in order to grasp the high ideals, and the vision and values which inspired them, beginning with the founders and foundresses and the first communities,’ identifying their potential, perhaps still unexplored, in order to put them to good use in the service of the ‘here and now.’”

Finally, Pope Leo expressed gratitude for the daily witness of religious life, saying: “I know how much good you do every day in so many parts of the world, good that is often unseen by human eyes, but not by God’s! I thank you and bless you from my heart, encouraging you to continue your mission with faith and generosity.”