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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Saturday 12/07	6pm	Battle	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rev Jim Lawler, RIP
Sunday 13/07	9am	Northiam		George Bradley, RIP
Sunday 13/07	11am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 14/07	NO MASS			
Tuesday 15/07	6.30pm	Battle	Saint Bonaventure	No Intention
Wednesday 16/07	10am	Battle	Wednesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Thursday 17/07	9.45am	Battle	Thursday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	Intention of Maureen Webster
Friday 18/07	10am	Battle	Friday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Saturday 19/07	6pm	Battle	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 20/07	11am	Battle		No Intention
	2.30pm	Northiam		Fr Mario Sanderson, RIP

**There is a Second Collection for Sea Sunday this weekend.**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a**

O Lord, do not pass by your servant.

- **Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28**

The mystery hidden for ages but now revealed to his saints.

- **Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the good portion.

### **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.

***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.

- **NEW PARISH UPDATE:** I want to update you on where we are in the journey towards becoming a New Parish, joining together all the 8 parishes of our Eastbourne – St Leonard's Deanery. There have been, over the past 6 months, fruitful meetings of a Parish Leadership Group of the clergy and some lay reps from our parishes. There have also been plenty of meetings with the Diocese and those involved across the other Deaneries in this process. Our 11 Deaneries will become 11 large parishes in the coming months. We have realised as the months have passed that this is a "long haul" journey, not a sprint, that must not be rushed but instead, step by step and with everyone playing their part, we can build together a vibrant and mission centred "Community of Communities". We are now ready for more concrete work to be done and will begin in July working in 2 X Hub Leadership Groups, at the 2 ends of what will be the New Parish (Eastbourne and St Leonards). These Hub Leadership Groups, clergy and lay reps from each church, will work with you all in implementing changes that will allow us to use our many good resources in a way that best serves everybody, and also reaches out to those many people who are searching for Christ and faith. The first 2 important areas we are working on, ready for the autumn, will be [1] coordinating a joined-up approach to our Sacramental Programmes (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA etc), and [2] working on coordinated new Hub Mass Schedules that provide all our churches with a better thought-out and sustainable range of Mass times. In the coming days we will be launching a New Parish Website that will provide lots of detail of what's happening and how you can be involved [<https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk>]. Please continue to keep all this important work in your daily prayers. Many thanks. Fr Kevin Dring (Moderator – on behalf of the Clergy Team)

**\*\* Please note change of Mass time to 2.30pm at Northiam  
next weekend only, 20<sup>th</sup> July \*\***

- **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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Tins of Fish (Not Tuna) and Corn Beef; Jars of Marmite, Peanut Butter and Chocolate Spread and Bottles of Vegetable or Sunflower Oil please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated.
- **Sea Sunday this weekend 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> July 2025:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church with the envelopes provided, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.
- **New Deanery Website & Newsletter** to help with regular communication across our deanery, especially relating to the formation of a single parish, we have developed a temporary website which can be found at [www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk](http://www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk). The website also has the Summer issue of the deanery newsletter to read online. A few printed copies of the deanery newsletter are at the back of church for those without online access (once read though please return for others to read.)
- 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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk)
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

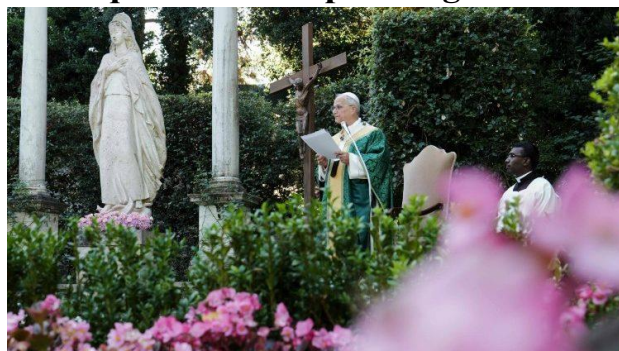
**Diocesan run events**

**Building the Domestic Church – Saturday 4 October at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the faith. During baptism, parents are also called to promise the Lord, that they will teach and pass on the faith to their children. But what do they pass on? It can be a daunting promise, and after all "you can't give what you don't have" (2Cor 8:12). So how can we help parents, future parents and perhaps grandparents to experience a deeper encounter with Christ and build a plan to bringing their family into a more intimate, lifelong relationship with the Lord. Join us as we explore the concept of the Domestic Church and all it means for our families in faith. Teas and coffees will be available from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch with you. To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or you can book through the events page on the Diocesan website. If you have any questions about this event please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Advisor E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

## News from the Vatican

### **Pope at Mass for Care of Creation: Ecological crisis requires contemplative gaze**

Just a few days after beginning his summer holidays in Castel Gandolfo, Pope Leo XIV celebrated the first Mass for the Care of Creation,” a new formulary of the Roman Missal. The Mass took place at the Laudato Si’ Village, an educational centre located in the Papal summer residence near Rome, and was attended by the centre’s staff. In off-the-cuff remarks at the start



of his homily, the Holy Father said the Mass was being celebrated surrounded by beauty in “a kind of ‘natural’ cathedral.” He noted that the layout of the Laudato Si’ Village, which has an altar in the front and a water basin nearby, recalls the ancient Christian churches, which placed the baptismal font near the entrance to symbolize that Christians have passed through water to be cleansed of our sins and weaknesses. Pope Leo lamented the many natural disasters that afflict people around the world, which are “often caused—at least in part—by human excess and our way of life.”

“We must also pray for the conversion of many people, both inside and outside the Church, who still do not recognize the urgency of caring for our common home,” he said.

Turning to the prepared text of his homily, Pope Leo XIV noted the tranquil setting of the Laudato Si’ Village stands in contrast to the global warming and armed conflicts that afflict our world. “Yet, at the heart of the Jubilee we confess: there is hope!” he said. “We have encountered it in Jesus, the Savior of the world. He still, sovereignly, calms the storm.”

Reflecting on Jesus’ calming of the storm on the sea, the Pope said Jesus’ parables of the Kingdom of God frequently pick up the rhythms of life and seasons inherent in nature. In rebuking the wind and sea, Jesus “reveals His power of life and salvation, which towers over those forces before which creatures are lost.”

Pope Leo said our mission as Christians to care for creation was entrusted to us by the Lord, so that we might bring peace and reconciliation to our troubled world. “We hear the cry of the earth and of the poor,” he said, “for that cry has reached the heart of God. Our indignation is His indignation; our work is His work.” The Church is called, therefore, to speak truth to nations in order to turn evil into good, injustice into justice, and greed into communion, since the Church bears witness to the “indestructible covenant between Creator and creatures.” He recalled St. Francis of Assisi’s focus on God’s love for all of creation, which gives everything life. “Only a contemplative gaze can change our relationship with created things and lead us out of the ecological crisis caused by the rupture of relationships—with God, with our neighbour, and with the earth—resulting from sin,” he said. Pope Leo XIV said Pope Francis wanted the Laudato Si’ Village to be “a laboratory” in which to embody harmony with creation, while finding new ways to safeguard nature.

In conclusion, Pope Leo invited Christians to spread harmony throughout the world, drawing inspiration from St. Augustine. “O Lord, your works praise you so that we may love you, and we love you so that your works may praise you.”