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**Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities**  
**Year 1 for Weekdays**  
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## Feast of the Baptism of The Lord

Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

<b>Saturday 10/01</b>	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Deceased Members of the Ashing, Horgan &amp; Barnes Families</b>
<b>Sunday 11/01</b>		<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Annie &amp; Stephen Faherty, RIP</b>
<b>Monday 12/01</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>			
<b>Tuesday 13/01</b>	<b>Tuesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 14/01</b>	<b>Wednesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 15/01</b>	<b>Thursday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Friday 16/01</b>	<b>Friday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 17/01</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Douglas Ashing, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 18/01</b>		<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Patrick Galvin, RIP</b>
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**There will be a Second Collection for Friends of the Holy Land this weekend**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

- **Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Gospel: John 1:29-34**

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

### **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, Helena 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 Youlten.

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

Jean Douglas RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick.

- **Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell from Archbishop-Elect**

**Richard.** Archbishop-Elect Richard will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for his ministry amongst us at 6.30pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January in Arundel Cathedral. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Baron's Hall in Arundel Castle, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk.

I'm sure many of our parishioners will want to be present for this farewell Mass but we appreciate it is a long distance to drive, especially in the dark. We would highly recommend car sharing if this is possible and would be very grateful for any parishioners who would be happy to take someone who doesn't drive, or isn't comfortable with driving at night, and really want to attend the Mass. Thank you so much in advance if you can help in any way.

- **A Big Thank You from Flora Weller:** I would like to thank Fr Richard and all my many friends and acquaintances for all the encouragement, help and support received over the past eleven months. Your prayers for both myself and Paul have been especially welcome. My best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year! Flora.

- **Concertina File, Christmas Cards:** Could you all please check that there are no more cards for you in the concertina file at the back of the Church. Any cards that are not collected in the next 2 weeks will be recycled (if you know someone can't make it to Mass, could you check for them too please?) Thank you.

- Would any parishioner be interested in becoming a member of the Ecumenical team for the World Day of Prayer, a single service usually held in March of each year. Please contact Vikki Cook on 01424 773720 or e-mail: [cvcook26@gmail.com](mailto:cvcook26@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Battle Foodbank:**  
We are seeking 2 or 3 people to join our volunteers at the foodbank, for the launch of our new pantry in February. We are based at the Upper Church Hall, St Mary's Church, Upper Lake, TN33 0AN  
Are you available a couple of times a month on a Wednesday 11.30am - 2.30pm? You'd need to be comfortable to help set up, move groceries around and chat to our clients. Please get in touch if you are interested to find out more and apply. [info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk) - 01424 322541 and leave a message for a call back. You can download our application form from our website - <https://bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/support-us/volunteer>  
Our needs this week are Tins of Hot Meat and Cold Meat; Tins of Fish (not Tuna) and Jars of Pasta Sauce please - any toiletries, household and baby items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Mary's Meals is looking for volunteers:** Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. We are very much a volunteer-led movement, so any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey ([roy.peachey@marysmeals.org](mailto:roy.peachey@marysmeals.org) or 07593 447297) if you can help. To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk). Thank you for your support!
- **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)

### Diocesan run events/news

#### **Exploring the vocation to teaching in our diocesan schools – online event – Tuesday 13 January – 5.30pm to 6.30pm**

If you are interested in hearing more about the vocation to teaching and what teaching in a Catholic school involves, Dave Legrand, Diocesan Secondary RE Advisor, will be running this online information event. This event would be

suitable for anyone considering a career change or simply interested in finding out more about the role of teachers in our Catholic schools for any age group or for any subject specialism. To book a place, please use the link: [abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/vqrcnwzj](https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/vqrcnwzj)

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 24 January 2026  
11-4pm at St Michael's church, High Salvington , Worthing BN13**

**3AL Cost: £40:** Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas, Liturgy and Music Adviser. On the weekend of the [Sunday of the Word of God](#), this day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. To book a place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website

W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events) or scan the QR code on the attached poster. If you have any questions about this day, do not hesitate to contact Catherine Christmas at E: [catherine.christmas@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:catherine.christmas@abdiocese.org.uk) Poster and social tile attached, for use in your parish.

**Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 7 February 2026 10-3pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** 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. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. Thanks to the support of the trainer, we are able to highly subsidise the event. Tickets are now £40 per delegate (usual price £120). To register scan the QR code which can also be found on the attached poster, or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events) If you have any questions about this course, do not hesitate to contact Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@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, e-mail [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk)
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 1.30pm.