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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays



FIRST SUNDAY

OF
Advent

First Sunday of Advent

Weekend 29th / 30th November 2025

Saturday 29/11	10.30am	Battle	First Sunday of Advent	Giving Tree Decorating
	5pm	Battle		George & Millie Humphreys, RIP
Sunday 30/11	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
	11am	Battle		Anthony Gibbons, RIP
Monday 01/12	NO MASS			
Tuesday 02/12	8am	Battle	Advent Devotions	
	6pm	Battle	Tuesday of the First Week of Advent	Dr Nicholas MacCarthy, RIP
Wednesday 03/12	10am	Battle	Saint Francis Xavier	Deceased Members of the Powell Family followed by coffee & cake
Thursday 04/12	9.45am	Battle	Thursday of the First Week of Advent	Deceased Members of the Williams Family
Friday 05/12	8am	Battle	Advent Devotions	
	10am	Battle	Friday of the First Week of Advent	Vernon Ashing, RIP
Saturday 06/12	5pm	Battle	Second Sunday of Advent	David Reynders, RIP
Sunday 07/12	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish followed by Coffee & Cake
	11am	Battle		Carmel Worboyes, RIP

During the Christmas Season the Crib Collection will be for the Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

- **First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

With righteousness he shall judge the poor.

- **Second reading: Romans 15:4-9**

Christ saves humanity.

- **Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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.

- **CAFOD World Gifts:** Booklets are available at both Churches. If you are struggling to find that perfect gift for the person who has everything, why not buy them a Queen Bee, or a goat, or some chickens, or even a loo! This will solve your problem, and every purchase helps families overcome poverty, build brighter futures and celebrate Christmas with dignity.
- **Coffee & Cake:** Please join us for coffee & cake after the 10am Mass on Wednesday 3rd December at Battle and after the 9am Mass on Sunday 7th December at Northiam. Everyone is very welcome!
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are 500 gm packets Spaghetti; 500 gm packets Long Grain Rice; Bottles Sunflower or Vegetable Oil; Jars Pasta Sauce and Bottles Squash please - we are also starting to collect items for our Christmas goodie bags Mince Pies; Cake, Puddings, Biscuits and Novelty chocolates - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **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.

Diocesan run events/news

A reminder that the Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist – it's a great way to stay in touch!

Deaf Community Masses 2025-6

The Diocesan Deaf Service is a pastoral service for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people across Surrey and Sussex. The Deaf Service aims to create awareness of the existence, and needs, of those who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, both in the Church and in society, encouraging the celebration of Mass and the sacraments on a regular basis, in a style appropriate to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community's needs.

- Deaf Community Mass, Saturday 6 December, St Edward the Confessor, 2 Lodge Lane, Keymer, West Sussex, BN6 8NA. Mass will be celebrated at 1pm, followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. W: www.stwilfridsbh.com/
- Deaf Community Mass, Saturday 3 January, St John the Evangelist, 3 Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2PJ. Mass will be celebrated at 1pm. W: www.stjohnshorsham.com/
- Deaf Community Masses on 7 February, 7 March, and 4 April will be celebrated at 1pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Lower Road, Effingham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT24 5JP. W: www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/

To find out more about the diocesan Deaf Service, or attending a Deaf Community Mass please contact Maria Booker E: peterandmaria.booker@abdiocese.org.uk

Externally run events

Catholic Bishop's Conference of England & Wales - Taxation & CST webinar - 20 November at 6pm

Chaired by Bishop Richard, this webinar will explore taxation and Catholic Social Teaching with contributions from Prof Anna Rowlands, Ruth Kelly and Prof Philip Booth, the authors of CBCEW's [Render unto Caesar](#). The webinar is being held at an important time in the Government's fiscal timetable, with the Budget statement due the following week. [Click here](#) to register.

Neurodiversity and our Faith research

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales (CBCEW) and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you are an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, they would like to hear from you. Your experiences will help them to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to complete the short surveys, please visit: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/ If you have any questions about this research, please email E: fleur.dorrell@cbcew.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
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 1.30pm.

**As we start Advent we move to our new permanent
Mass Time for Saturday evening of 5pm.**

Advent Preparing for Christmas

Christmas Giving Tree Decoration

This Saturday 29th at 10.30am we will put up our
Advent/Christmas Trees and decorate them with our
Advent Giving Tags.

There will be seasonal refreshments and should
conclude in time for Santa's Procession,
please pop along and join in the fun!

Morning Advent Reflections

Christians in Battle, Advent Devotions:

Please join us for our Advent prayer sessions, an
Advent Past, Present and Future, every Tuesday and
Friday morning at 8am starting this week,
2nd December and ending 19th December, in the
Church followed by a light breakfast in the hall.
Everyone is very welcome.