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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays

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**Weekend 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 28/10 6pm	Battle	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr Christopher Smith, RIP
Sunday 29/10_9am	Northiam		Patricia Meares, RIP
Sunday 29/10 10.45am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 30/10	NO MASS		
Tuesday 31/10 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of week 30 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Wednesday 01/11 10am	Battle	All Saints Holy Day of Obligation	Fr Michael McGlade, RIP Followed by coffee & cake in the Parish Room
Thursday 02/11 6.30am	Battle	All Souls	No Intention
Friday 03/11 10am	Battle	Friday of week 30 in Ordinary Time	Patrick Galvin, RIP
Saturday 04/11 <u>5pm</u>	Battle	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mr Francis Fernandez, RIP
Sunday 05/11 10.45am	Battle		People of the Parish
Sunday 05/11 <u>2pm</u>	Northiam		Blessing of the Graves

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **First Reading: Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10**

Religious leaders are warned that they have caused many to “stray” and “stumble” because of their teaching and actions.

- **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13**

God’s message is a “living power” among communities of Christians.

- **Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12**

The failures of the scribes and Pharisees are identified, and Jesus suggests that his followers seek a path of humility and service.

**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, 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, Felicity Youlten.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons.

- 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](mailto:battle@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), thank you.
- **Advance Notice - Change of Mass Times Next weekend Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November:**
  - Mass at Battle will be at the earlier time of 5pm to allow everyone to get home before the road closures due to the Battle Bonfire celebrations.
  - On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, there will no Mass at 9am at St Teresa’s instead there will be a Mass at 2pm followed by a Blessing of Graves and then refreshments.
  - There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Retired Priests’ Fund (Gift Aid)
  - Please join us for coffee and cake in the Parish Room after the 10am Mass at Battle this Wednesday – everyone is very welcome!
- **Battle Foodbank** – It is coming around to that lovely Christmas time again and we are using the Reverse Advent Calendar Initiative again this year (a copy is attached and at the back of the Church). We are asking people to collect items throughout November and early December so that we can get lovely festive parcels to our clients in time for Christmas. Don't feel you necessarily need to collect everything, we are grateful for any donations received. The donations need to be with us by Friday 8th December. Very many thanks.

- **New ‘Move It’ Club – Every Thursday, 10-11am in the Parish Room.** Our first session went really well, and was enjoyed by all who attended, followed by a friendly coffee and chat! Aimed especially at our more senior, or less mobile parishioners, a friendly session offering gentle exercise to improve mobility, strength and balance - followed by coffee/tea and biscuits. Exercises can be adapted for those who would prefer to remain seated throughout. Qualified teacher. No charge, but donations towards refreshments gratefully received. Contact Lindsey for more information. Mob: 0772494239  
Email: lindseymwilson@outlook.com. Come and try it for yourself!
- **APF MILL HILL MISSIONS - RED BOXES: BATTLE**  
I am now undertaking the annual return when we ask all Battle holders to hand in their box at church to be emptied so that in order that I can complete our annual return. Please can you bring your box into Mass over the next couple of weeks or by the end of November and hand it to Father or myself. If anyone has difficulty bringing in their box, please let me know and I will collect it. Thank you. Suzanne 07958 353722
- **Saints & Sinners Concert: Our Lady of Ransom Church (Grange Road, BN21 4EU) – this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm** with refreshments interval midway. An evening of secular and sacred music and storytelling, exploring and celebrating the journey of faith as saints and sinners on the road. John Holstrom (keyboard) and Dominic Dring (saxophone, flute and vocals), Elisha Dring (singer) and special guests. Donation (suggest £5 to £10) on the night, with money raised going towards a local charity.
- 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

- **Liturgy of the Word with Children – Leaders’ Training – Saturday 11 November 10am–1pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP**  
Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the Liturgy of the Word with Children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Please register using the link [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(11-Nov-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- **Marriage Catechists’ Day – Saturday 18 November 11am-3.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP**  
Are you involved with, or would like to be involved with, supporting couples on their engagement journey towards marriage? Bishop Richard invites you to join him for our annual day of formation. We will be looking at the impact of the new pastoral plan on the Diocesan preparation scheme and on the need to support couples in their communities. Please register using the link [Marriage Catechists Day \(18-Nov-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

## **Externally run events**

### **➤ Who cares? We do. Let's Grow Together**

A free support group for people going through divorce and separation. This is a self-help group run by others who have experienced this loss and change in their lives and are on a recovery journey. We meet monthly in various locations in West Sussex and Surrey. Contact one of our group leaders Caroline or John: E: [whocares.team@outlook.com](mailto:whocares.team@outlook.com) The next meeting of the group is on 4 November at St Joseph's Church Hall, Dorking RH43DL. Car parking behind Church.

## **Vatican News**

### **Pope Francis calls US President Joe Biden to discuss peace**

On Sunday afternoon, Pope Francis spoke by phone with the President of the United States, Joe Biden.

According to the Holy See Press Office, the conversation lasted around 20 minutes.

The Pope and the President spoke about "situations of conflict in the world and the need to identify paths to peace."



### **Appeals for peace**

Earlier on Sunday, Pope Francis renewed his appeals for peace and restraint in the war in the Holy Land.

"I am very concerned, grieved," he said at the Angelus prayer. "I pray and I am close to all those who are suffering, the hostages, the wounded, the victims and their families."

He lamented the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza and blasts at the Anglican hospital and Greek Orthodox parish there.

"I renew my appeal for spaces to be opened, for humanitarian aid to continue to arrive and for hostages to be freed."

He also recalled Russia's ongoing war in "martyred Ukraine".

"War, any war that there is in the world - I also think of martyred Ukraine," the Pope continued, "is a defeat. War always is a defeat, it is a destruction of human fraternity. Brothers, stop! Stop!"

### **Limited aid entering Gaza**

President Biden made a brief visit on Wednesday, 18 October, to Tel Aviv to seek a deal to allow some humanitarian aid to enter Gaza from Egypt.

He also expressed support for Israel following Hamas' surprise attack on Israel on 7 October, which killed at least 1,400 people.

Limited amounts of humanitarian assistance began to enter Gaza on Saturday, though the United Nations has said the aid represents "a drop in the ocean of immense needs in Gaza".