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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 2 for Weekdays



**THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Weekend Mass Times**

6pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Week 31 - Battle (Intention of Helen Ashing,  
80<sup>th</sup> Birthday)  
9am Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Northiam (Denis Meares, RIP)  
10.45am Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Battle (People of the Parish)

**Weekday Masses at Battle**

NO MASS Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
10am Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, All Saints - Battle (Fr Michael McGlade, RIP)  
12noon or 7pm (depending on vote to be taken on Sunday) - Northiam  
(People of the Parish)  
10am Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls - Battle (Eileen Haffenden, RIP)  
6am Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Week 30 - Battle (No Intention)  
NO MASS Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November

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

**Advance Notices:**

- Battle Bonfire, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Mass will be at the earlier time of 5pm to allow for everyone to get home before the roads are closed for the bonfire.
- There will be a Mass at 12noon on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at St Teresa's, Northiam, followed by a Blessing of Graves.

## Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- **First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14**

In this book, new ground is broken in that people are prepared to die rather than submit to pagan worship, because they believe that the virtuous rise to new life, which will never end.

- **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5**

Paul reminds his readers that God is faithful and will guard them and keep them safe even if difficulties exist.

- **Gospel: Luke 20:27-38** Sadducees did not believe that the dead rise; many Pharisees did believe in the resurrection. It is strange to learn that Pharisees could actually agree with Jesus on occasion.

### **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, Jim & Ruth Ayres, Richard & Brenda Widenka, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

**From St Teresa's:** Keith Bourne, Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly.

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

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Gerard Leahy.

- 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 new letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125, e-mail [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk), thank you.
- If you wish to follow a live Mass please follow this link from our Diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/>
- **Family Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation:** Fr Richard is hoping to start a family group for sacramental preparation, baptism, first communion and confirmation on Saturdays and would like some feedback as to the best time for this.
- **Reading at Mass** - We are still in need of volunteers for reading at the Sunday Mass - thank you to everyone that has volunteered for the Saturday evening, it's a great help.
- **Battle Music Group** - we meet at 7pm on Tuesday evenings for one hour in the church in Battle and everyone is invited. All are welcome (no auditions!) and we are particularly hoping that we can increase the number of singers and instrumentalists as we plan further services for those affected by the war in Ukraine, and knowing that Advent and Christmas services are not too far away. Please join us if you can.
- **MISSIO** - Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and support of World Mission Sunday will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world

that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

- **Rwanda Action Christmas Cards and Crafts**

These will be on sale at St. Teresa's after Mass this **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**.

Another sale is planned for Our Lady Immaculate, Battle after Mass on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**November**. Or you can find cards and craft at the online Shop at [www.rwanda-action.org](http://www.rwanda-action.org)

- **Knights of St Columba - Autumn Quiz 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm** to be held at Holy Redeemer Church Hall, Upper Church Road, St Leonards on Sea TN37 7AS. Tickets £5 per person and are available from Stephen Bradshaw 01424 772887; Fidelis Okoliko 07946 689934; Patrick Coates 01424 439871. Raffle to support local charities Snowflake and Street Pastors. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks. Everybody welcome.
- **St Richard's Catholic College** Ashdown Road, Bexhill on Sea: **Teacher of Science**  
A Teacher of Science is required for a January start. A TLR is available for additional responsibilities. Please see our website for details: <https://www.strichardsc.com/about-st-richards-catholic-college/vacancies/>  
St Richard's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
- **Battle Foodbank - Needs and Updates:** This week the Foodbank needs Tins of Soup, Tomatoes, Cold Meat and Fish; Small bags of Sugar; Biscuits; SweetTreats; Jars of Marmite and Peanut Butter and Boxes of 40's teabags. Please put items in the basket at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

### Saints of the Week

#### **Solemnity of All Saints - 1<sup>st</sup> November**

The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face - both those recognised by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfill our vocation to be saints.



#### **All Souls - 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

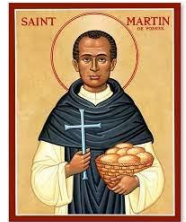
Today we renew the hope in eternal life, truly founded on Christ's death and Resurrection. "I am risen and I am with you always", the Lord tells us, and my hand supports you. Wherever you may fall, you will fall into my hands and I will be there even to the gates of death. Where no one can accompany you any longer and where you can take nothing with you, there I will wait for you to transform for you the darkness into light. Christian hope, however, is not solely individual, it is also always a hope for others. Our lives are profoundly linked, one to the other,



and the good and the bad that each of us does always affects others too. Hence, the prayer of a pilgrim soul in the world can help another soul that is being purified after death. This is why the Church invites us today to pray for our beloved deceased and to pause at their tombs in the cemeteries. (Pope Benedict XVI)

### **Memorial of St Martin de Porres, Religious - 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

St Martin de Porres (1579-1639) was born in Lima (Peru), the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a former slave. He became a Dominican lay brother and was exemplary in his care for the sick, his love of the poor and his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.



### **Memorial of St Winifride, Virgin - 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

St Winifride or Gwenfrewi (seventh century) was the niece of St Beuno. According to legend, despite making a vow of chastity, she was courted by Caradoc, son of a local chieftain; eventually he decapitated her. However, her uncle restored her to life and she ended her days as a nun at Gytherin (Wales). For centuries pilgrims have visited her shrine and well at Holywell, the site of her attempted murder.



### **Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop - 4<sup>th</sup> November**

St Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) was born into a noble family at Arona, on the shores of Lake Maggiore (Italy). His uncle was Pope Pius IV and this ensured his quick promotion within the Church; aged only twenty-one he was created Cardinal Priest of Santa Prassede, although he was only ordained when in 1564 he became Archbishop of Milan. He zealously applied the teachings of the Council of Trent to his diocese, establishing seminaries and schools and renewing the life of the clergy. During the plague of 1576 he was active in the care of the sick.



- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm.
- The Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

### **News from our Diocese**

#### **Diocesan run events**

##### ➤ **Catechists' Day - Saturday 19 November 11-4pm - Worth School**

A day of formation, reflection and conversation for current catechists and those interested in exploring this ministry. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. Please sign up at: [Catechists' Day \(19-Nov-2022\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) E: [Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

#### **Externally run Diocesan events**

- ##### ➤ **Time Out: Self Guided retreat. Cost £90 per person, per night. Monday 21 - Thursday 24 November (minimum 2 nights). Monday 12 - Friday 16 December (minimum 2 nights).**
- Spend a few days at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than an optional daily Lectio Divina session, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity for a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.



- **Finding Stillness: 5-8 December Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy.**  
 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46). Come to Worth Abbey and encounter this refreshing and empowering stillness. Through the Benedictine tradition, discover how stillness can be part of your everyday life and how transformative it can be. The retreat will include: teachings in Lectio Divina and stilling the mind, as well as an opportunity to have a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.
- **Living with Loss - a retreat for those who have been bereaved: 14-17 November**  
 Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy.  
 This retreat is aimed at people dealing with loss and bereavement, both recent and not so recent. It does not offer counselling, but rather a healing space in a Christian setting with a supportive programme and time to process thoughts and feelings.
- Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available. Please contact us for further information. T: 01342 710318. E: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk)  
 W: [www.worth.co.uk](http://www.worth.co.uk)
- **A Study Day on Episode 3 of Bishop Robert Barron's 'Catholicism' course** is being presented at Chilworth Abbey on Saturday, 5 November 2022. 'The Ineffable Mystery of God'. Begins with Mass at 9am and concludes around 3.30pm. Come to all or part of the day as it suits. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. See the website for details  
 W: [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com)

### Vatican News

#### **Pope Francis meets with President of Cyprus**

Pope Francis on Monday morning received Mr Nicos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus, in an audience in the Vatican.

The pair expressed their gratitude for the good existing bilateral relations between the Holy See and Cyprus, and discussed the possibility of further collaboration on areas of mutual concern, such as the reception of refugees.



Also on the agenda were the reunification of Cyprus and the situation of the Mediterranean region more broadly, according to a statement from the Holy See Press Office.

Following his meeting with the Pope, Mr Anastasiades met with Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin and Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States and International Organizations.

**Exchange of gifts:** The Pope gave Mr Anastasiades an icon of "Jesus the Good Shepherd, who knows His sheep and the smell of His flock", telling the President that he chose the gift because "you know your people with your heart, you are close to the people."

The Holy Father also presented Mr Anastasiades with a collection of papal documents.

In return, the Cypriot President gave the Pope a silver cup, modelled after those used in Cyprus in ancient times.