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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 5th / 6th September 2026

Saturday 05/09	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	Mr Epiphany Fernandes, RIP
Sunday 06/09		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish followed by coffee & cake
		11am	Battle	John Drummond, RIP
Monday 07/09	Monday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	No Intention
Tuesday 08/09	Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6pm	Battle	Norman Joseph Heaney, RIP (FM)
Wednesday 09/09	Wednesday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	Veronica Field, RIP
Thursday 10/09	Thursday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS		
Friday 11/09	Friday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	Cilla Wintle, RIP
Saturday 12/09	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	Paul Weller, RIP
Sunday 13/09		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	James Fraser, RIP

Next Weekend there will be a Special Collection for Education Sunday

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7**

Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

- **Second reading: Romans 14:7-9**

Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

- **Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Stephen Bould, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Helena Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser, Claire and Peter Bates, Helen Ashing, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Godfrey Linnett.

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:

Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP, Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP, Philippe Bedford, RIP, Anne Meade, RIP, Thomas Dodd, RIP.

- **Bexhill & Battle Foodbanks Harvest Festival Donations:** Donations have continued to fall in the last year, and we now buy at least 50% of the food and essential items that we give out to our clients. Please see the poster attached with a donations list to support harvest giving.
- **Bexhill Foodbank Advice Service & Bexhill CAP Debt Centre:** Our Advisor, Gareth Delany, working at our new Amherst Road premises, is available to help our clients look at the wider issues that are driving them to use a foodbank. He can help with benefit reviews and claims, energy help, grants, digital devices, SIM cards and budgeting, and we partner with CAP to help our clients become debt-free. We also have a fantastic volunteer Peter, who delivers a 1:1 3-part money coaching course to our clients to help them manage their money better in the long-term. We are about so much more than just food nowadays!
- **Sidley Hub Foodbank session:** From Friday 23rd October we will be running a weekly foodbank session at the brand new Sidley Hub on Canada Way - 10am - 11am. This will make it much easier for people in Sidley to access the foodbank.

- **Our Two Pantries:** Our subsidised pantries in Pebsham and Battle continue to be a success. These are different from the foodbank in that they do not require a referral, the customers pay a nominal amount for their shopping, and they are targeted at helping local people to stay out of crisis and avoid getting to the point where they need a foodbank.

- **Volunteers needed:**

Driver - We would like to recruit another volunteer driver to join our Bexhill team if you know of anyone over 25, comfortable driving our small van and able to lift donations and deliveries.

Friday morning volunteer - We need general volunteers to join the new Sidley Hub team from 9am - 12noon, setting up the hall, helping to put the food out, packing bags, making refreshments and chatting to clients.

Church Ambassador – Is there anyone in your church who is passionate about eliminating poverty and the need for emergency food? If yes, please ask them to get in touch with us as we'd love to create a closer link and share more information regularly. Ideally, we'd like an ambassador in every church.

Battle Foodbank needs this week: Cartons of UHT Long-life Milk; Bottles of Squash; Tins of Fruit and Tins or packets of Vegetarian Meals please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very welcome.

- Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468

- Open Foodbank Sessions for collecting food -Battle, Wednesday 1.30-2pm

- **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
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- The Parish Office is open on Monday & Thursday mornings 9.30am-2.00pm.

Diocesan run events/notices

Arundel & Brighton Young Adults Retreat days in the Diocese - Standard ticket price £20: Young Adults (18-35) are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Retreat Days in parishes across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. The theme for our year of Young Adult retreats is *"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27)*. From Pope Leo XIV's message for the 40th World Youth Day.

Our first retreat day in the series is at St Wilfrid's Church in Burgess Hill. The day will include guest speakers Emily Bennett and Fr Scott Coleman, discussion groups, time for Adoration and confession, Mass, a shared lunch (included in the ticket price) and workshop sessions including Scripture art, finding inner peace and exploring the Rosary. This is the first in our series of Young Adult Retreat days across the diocese, make sure to book your place at our other retreat days (attendance at all is encouraged but not mandatory):

- St Wilfrid's Church, Burgess Hill on Saturday 26th September 2026 [Young Adults' Retreat \(26-Sep-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- St Richard's Church, Chichester on Saturday 7th November 2026 [Young Adult Retreat \(07-Nov-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel on Saturday 23rd January 2027 [Young Adults' Retreat \(23-Jan-2027\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- St Joseph's Catholic Church, Guildford, Saturday 20th February 2027 [Young Adults' Retreat Day \(20-Feb-2027\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge on Saturday 10th April 2027 [Young Adults' Retreat Day \(10-Apr-2027\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

External news

The Abbot Stephen Ortiger Memorial Concert is being held on 22 November at 7.15pm at Worth Abbey. Cost £16.50 per person.

Net proceeds from this event will be split 50:50 between the Fr Stephen Ortiger Bursary Fund and the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Composed by Julian Gairdner, an alumnus of Worth School, Abbatial Requiem will be performed by London-based choir Vox Cordis alongside Worthian singers. As Abbot Stephen was so dedicated to supporting the youth of the Diocese through the pilgrimage and his love of Our Lady, aptly, the work unusually incorporates 'Salve Regina'. Further details and information on how to book a ticket, can be found in the attached press release.