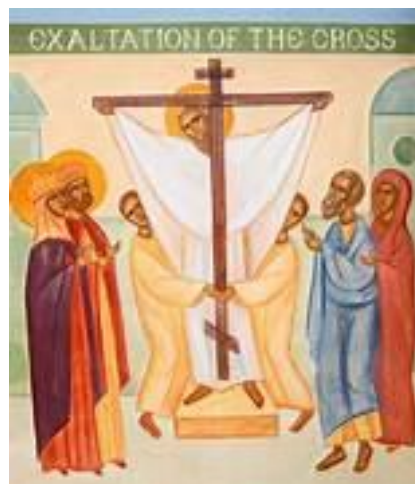


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Feast of the
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Weekend 13th / 14th September 2025

Saturday 13/09	6pm	Battle	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 14/09	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 14/09	11am	Battle		James Fraser, RIP
Monday 15/09	NO MASS			
Tuesday 16/09	6.30pm	Battle	Saints Cornelius & Cyprian	Margaret & Lilian Heaney, RIP (FM)
Wednesday 17/09	10am	Battle	Wednesday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time	Stanley & Lilian Parsons, RIP
Thursday 18/09	9.45am	Battle	Thursday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 19/09	10am	Battle	Friday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time	Jack & Ruth Parsons, RIP
Saturday 20/09	6pm	Battle	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Paul Weller, RIP
Sunday 21/09	9am	Northiam		No Intention
	11am	Battle		People of the Parish

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for Education Sunday
Next weekend is Home Mission Sunday

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Amos 8:4-7**

Against those who 'buy the poor for silver.

- **Second reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.

- **Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

You cannot serve God and money.

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, Gretta Johnson, Helen 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:

Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons RIP, Katie Spall RIP, Cilla Wintle RIP, Paul Weller RIP, Michael Conroy RIP, Fr Wilson RIP, Maureen Shaw RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett, RIP, Pauline Fraser, RIP.

- **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.
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Cartons of Whole Long-Life (Blue) Milk; Packets of Sweet Biscuits; Sweet Treats; Jars of Chocolate Spread and Peanut Butter please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are much appreciated.
- **Festival of Hope – Saturday 20 September at the South of England Showground (North gate), Ardingly. Arrivals from 10am for a 10.30am start. Free of charge**
You are warmly invited to join the Diocese as we celebrate 60 years of faith in this *Jubilee Year of Hope*. This special day also marks the conclusion of the *Invited* series of seasons and films.
The day will feature: Inspiring talks from wonderful speakers, helping us imagine the next 60 years of Catholic life in our Diocese and explore how each of us can share in the mission of the Church. Joyful liturgy with music led by One Hope Project and a choir from our Schools Singing Programme. Opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation. Closing Mass with Bishop Richard and clergy from across the Diocese. Alongside the main programme, enjoy: An exhibition of diocesan life and stalls from CAFOD, Redemptorist Publications, Divine Renovation, the Bible Society and more. The National Jubilee Icon and the inspiring Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis and recently featured on BBC's *Songs of Praise*.
Practical details: Please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments, snacks, and ice creams will also be available to purchase. The event is fully weatherproof with breakout spaces and picnic areas for families. Coaches will run from various parishes—check locally for details.

On-site car parking is also available. The Festival of Hope promises to be an inspiring and joyful celebration for the whole Diocese. We look forward to welcoming you! Please use this link [Festival of Hope \(20-Sep-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) to book yourself a place. If you have any questions about this event, please email E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

- **Parish 100 Club:** Congratulations to the winners of the August draw!
£12 – Deanna Holland £24 – Christine Hughes
And Congratulations to the winners of the September draw!
£12 – James Black £24 – Godfrey Linnett
- 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 12.30pm.

Diocesan run events

Diocesan Vacancy - Role: Finance Manager

(qualified accountant: CIMA, ACCA or ACA), full-time, permanent

Salary: £60,000 to £65,000 Reporting to: Chief Operating Officer

Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley Application deadline: 18 September

Interview: 23 September in Crawley

Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, you will manage five colleagues to oversee the support of cloud-based reporting for 80 parish sites and the delivery of timely, accurate management accounts for central operations based at our Crawley site. You will have a key role in providing high-quality financial reporting to our Trustees and Diocesan Finance Committee(DFC). You'll also lead the team in producing statutory audited accounts, acting as the principal contact for external auditors. With additional responsibility for cashflow forecasting, VAT (for one subsidiary), and Gift Aid, this role ensures that the Diocese maintains robust financial governance. While Charity sector experience is a significant advantage in this position, it is your flexible and positive leadership of a diverse staff and volunteer finance community across some 80 sites that will set you apart. Reporting Lines: The Finance Manager reports to the Chief Operating Officer, who is a qualified accountant and works closely with the finance team. The team comprises a part-qualified management accountant and four other colleagues, including two apprentices. Due to the need to supervise and develop the team it is important for the Finance Manager to base their work on site at our office in Crawley, with opportunities for remote working limited to one day per week. Please read the job description online and send your CV and a covering letter to our Chief Operating Officer, Sarah Kilmartin; E: coo@abdiocese.org.uk, cc-ing Maggie Wares; E: cooea@abdiocese.org.uk. Details at W: abdiocese.org.uk/careers/finance-manager

News from the Vatican

Pope: Saints call us to look to God, make masterpieces of our lives

Presiding over the Mass and canonization of Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis in Saint Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV paid tribute to their extraordinary witnesses to faith, hope, and trust in



God, and to the Lord's great plan for eternal joy and happiness. The Pope declared the two young Italians Saints at the start of the celebration on a stunningly beautiful late summer day, Sunday 7 September. In his homily, the Pope reflected on the extraordinary witness of both new Saints. Recalling words from the first Sunday reading from the Book of Wisdom, the Pope observed that, like King Solomon, these young men sought the gift of wisdom to better understand God's plans for our lives and world, and follow them faithfully. And in doing so, they used their gifts to bring others to God through their example, words, and actions.

Giving ourselves to the Lord: In the Gospel reading, Jesus speaks to us of God's plan, to which we must commit wholeheartedly, abandoning ourselves "without hesitation to the adventure that he offers us, with the intelligence and strength that comes from his Spirit," the Pope recalled. Young people often face crossroads in their lives and have to make difficult choices, the Pope observed; and, recalling the example of Francis of Assisi, he pointed out that the Saint opted for "the wonderful story of holiness that we all know, stripping himself of everything to follow the Lord, living in poverty and preferring the love of his brothers and sisters, especially the weakest and smallest, to his father's gold, silver, and precious fabrics."

Saying "yes" to God: So many saints down through history have made similar courageous choices, looking up to God, and, while they were very young, the Pope recalled, offering their "yes" to God, giving themselves complete to Him, "keeping nothing for themselves." The Pope recalled how Saint Augustine felt a voice deep within him that said: "I want you", and "God gave him a new direction, a new path, a new reason, in which nothing of his life was lost."

Pier Giorgio Frassati, beacon for lay spirituality: Describing the life of Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young Italian man of the early 20th century, his participation in Catholic associations and service to the poor, the Pope said that also today "Pier Giorgio's life is a beacon for lay spirituality," since faith was not a private matter and could be lived in community in with membership in ecclesial associations and through generous commitment to political life and service to the poor.

Carlo Acutis, witness of holiness in simplicity: Speaking about the witness of young Italian Saint Carlo Acutis, a teenager of our own day, the Pope spoke about how he encountered Jesus in his family, thanks to his parents, Andrea and Antonia, recalling their presence at this celebration along with his two siblings, Francesca and Michele. Saint Carlo also found and lived his faith through school, but especially the sacraments celebrated in the parish community, the Pope went on to say, noting how "he grew up naturally integrating prayer, sport, study and charity into his days as a child and young man."

Cultivating love for God and neighbour: Daily Mass, prayer, and especially Eucharistic Adoration, marked the lives of Saints Pier Giorgio and Carlo in cultivating their love for God and neighbour through simple acts of charity, the Pope said. And even as illness struck both of them, cutting their lives short, they continued to bear witness to hope and offer themselves to God, the Pope added, recalling how Pier Giorgio once said: "The day of my death will be the most beautiful day of my life"; and how young Carlo often remarked that "heaven has always been waiting for us, and that to love tomorrow is to give the best of our fruit today."

Making "masterpieces" of our lives: In conclusion, Pope Leo underscored how both Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis invite everyone, "especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces."