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ST MICHAEL, BATTLE**
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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 8th / 9th August 2026

Saturday 08/08	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	Battle	Paul Weller, RIP
Sunday 09/08		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Intention of Dilys Fraser on her 90 th birthday
Monday 10/08	Saint Laurence	10am	Battle	No Intention
Tuesday 11/08	Saint Clare	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 12/08	Wednesday of Week 19 in Ordinary Time	10am	Battle	No Intention
Thursday 13/08	Thursday of Week 19 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS		
Friday 14/08	Saint Maximilian Kolbe	10am	Battle	No Intention
Saturday 15/08	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5pm	Battle	Caridad & Olicerio, RIP
Sunday 16/08		9am	Northiam	Fr Anthony Fleming, SVD, RIP
		11am	Battle	People of the Parish
Sacrament of reconciliation after all Masses or on request				

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- **First Reading: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab**
A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.
- **Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27**
Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ.
- **Gospel: Luke 1:39-56**
He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate.

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.

- **Date for your diary - 22nd August 2026:** A special event will be held at Battle Fire Station to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mary-Joy Langdon joining the Fire Service in 1976 as the first British operational female firefighter in peacetime. This will include displays, abseiling demonstrations, community activities and signing of Mary-Joy's book 'A Journey of Service'. All profits from the sale of the book will be donated to the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service Fire Cadet Programme. More information will be given nearer the time.
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** 500gm bags of sugar; Small jars of coffee and packets of sweet biscuits please - any toiletries, baby and household items are also welcome - thank you for all your donations which are greatly appreciated.
 - 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
- **Calling all Parishioners of Italian nationality or descent:** If you are in need of funds for medical treatment that the NHS has difficulty in providing or for your carers, the Italian Medical Charity (Charity number 218259), may be able to help you. Please visit their website at italianmedicalcharity.co.uk or write to them at IMC, Kings Lodge, Kingsway, N12 0EW. They have inherited the work of the former Italian Hospital in London. After it was sold to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, the proceeds are being used to help those of Italian origin with their medical needs.
- **Mary's Meals:** Please watch the 38 minute film in which Lettie tells her story – from a 10-year-old in Malawi facing hunger and forced to leave school to care for her siblings – to a healthy, educated mother providing for her own family. Her story is testament to what faith and compassion can achieve – and how access to food and education can transform not just one life, but generations to come. It would appeal to a range of ages and is a really uplifting antidote to much of the bad news we see on our screens every day. The link to the film is: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/our-story/books-and-films/lettie-film>
- 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

Walsingham Pilgrimage October 2026 cancellation: Following the wonderful news that our Diocese is to be blessed with a new Bishop, Bishop-elect Stephen Wang, we have been advised that a Mass of Welcome, which he has asked to celebrate, will clash with the trip to Walsingham. This clash is unavoidable as there are many circumstances leading to the choice of date and Fr Stephen is very keen to

meet the people as soon as possible after his episcopal ordination. The decision has therefore been taken to cancel the Walsingham Pilgrimage for this year. Would you please take down any posters/advertisements you have for this in your parishes. We will look for new dates to travel to Walsingham as a diocese in 2027. Many thanks.
Alex Manko, Pilgrimage Director

New WhatsApp channel for news from the Diocese: Created especially for members of our family of faith who don't use other social media but would like to stay up to date with news from the Diocese, a new WhatsApp channel has been launched. News is shared there regularly, and WhatsApp channels don't have comments or replies so are very safe spaces. No one who isn't in your phone's address book can see your membership or activity there. Click here to subscribe: whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241k0Vyff0E

External news

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11 September. The Church believes in the dignity and value of every human life and urges Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action. This deeply flawed Bill, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured to end their lives and risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill, even if you have done so on a previous occasion.

SUMMER DEANERY UPDATE: A final short final update, as we come towards the summer holiday season. Thanks to everyone from across our Deanery churches who have been working hard to help us prepare for change and re-organisation. We realise as time goes by that we are in for a long-distance run rather than a quick sprint, quite rightly so as change needs to happen in a way that makes sense for people. We have just had news of appointment of our new Bishop-Elect, Stephen Wang. I know him well and am confident he will be a great new Shepherd for us all. Just to end with some encouraging words he shares with us on his appointment: *"There are many challenges ahead, but I am full of hope. I've seen so many times what God can do when people pray and work together, and when they put their trust in him. If we listen to one another, and to the Lord, then he will show us the way forward"* We pray for him as he prepares to join us after the summer.

Diocesan Pastoral Team