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**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Saturday 26/07	6pm	Battle	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intention of Joyce Crabb
Sunday 27/07	11am	Battle		Denis Meares, RIP
Sunday 27/07	2.30pm	Northiam		People of the Parish
Monday 28/07	NO MASS			
Tuesday 29/07	6.30pm	Battle	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus	No Intention
Wednesday 30/07	10am	Battle	Wednesday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Thursday 31/07	9.45am	Battle	Saint Ignatius Loyola	No Intention
Friday 01/08	10am	Battle	Saint Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori	No Intention
Saturday 02/08	6pm	Battle	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Grace McAdie, RIP
Sunday 03/08	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
	11am	Battle		Maud Dominica Petre, RIP (FM)

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

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

What has a man from all his toil?

- **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

- **Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

The things you have prepared, whose will they be?

### **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.

**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.

- **NEW PARISH UPDATE:** I want to update you on where we are in the journey towards becoming a New Parish, joining together all the 8 parishes of our Eastbourne – St Leonard's Deanery. There have been, over the past 6 months, fruitful meetings of a Parish Leadership Group of the clergy and some lay reps from our parishes. There have also been plenty of meetings with the Diocese and those involved across the other Deaneries in this process. Our 11 Deaneries will become 11 large parishes in the coming months. We have realised as the months have passed that this is a "long haul" journey, not a sprint, that must not be rushed but instead, step by step and with everyone playing their part, we can build together a vibrant and mission centred "Community of Communities". We are now ready for more concrete work to be done and will begin in July working in 2 X Hub Leadership Groups, at the 2 ends of what will be the New Parish (Eastbourne and St Leonards). These Hub Leadership Groups, clergy and lay reps from each church, will work with you all in implementing changes that will allow us to use our many good resources in a way that best serves everybody, and also reaches out to those many people who are searching for Christ and faith. The first 2 important areas we are working on, ready for the autumn, will be [1] coordinating a joined-up approach to our Sacramental Programmes (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA etc), and [2] working on coordinated new Hub Mass Schedules that provide all our churches with a better thought-out and sustainable range of Mass times. In the coming days we will be launching a New Parish Website that will provide lots of detail of what's happening and how you can be involved [<https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk>]. Please continue to keep all this important work in your daily prayers. Many thanks. Fr Kevin Dring (Moderator – on behalf of the Clergy Team)

- **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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Tins of Fish (not Tuna); Jars of Marmite, Peanut Butter, Chocolate Spread and Jam please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Remembering the late Lawrence Youlten:** Please find attached a copy of the eulogy by his son, read out at his recent memorial service. This will be of particular interest to those of you who loved and remember Lawrence, if you didn't know him that well this eulogy will still be a very interesting read and insight into a lovely man.
- 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)
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

### **Diocesan Vacancies**

#### **Head of Finance, full-time, permanent**

- Salary: £60,000 to £65,000
- Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (on site)
- Application deadline: 18 August 2025 at 5pm
- Interviews: 26 August 2025

The successful applicant will 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, treasury and investment management, tax compliance, 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.

#### **Communications Officer, part-time, permanent**

- Salary: £17,500 for 0.5 FTE (Based on a full-time salary of £35,000)
- Location: Based in Crawley, with hybrid working & travel across the Diocese required
- Application deadline: 13 August 2025 at 5pm
- Interviews: 19 August 2025

The successful applicant will attend events, and produce and edit accurate, well-written online and offline content across diocesan platforms, telling the Church's story and its contribution to society. They will be expected to support the Head of Communications in managing the digital and print presence of the diocese, including content management for the Diocesan website and social platforms.

To find out more and to apply, go to the Diocesan website: [abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications](https://abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications)

## News from the Vatican

### **Pope speaks with Palestinian President, urges respect for Humanitarian Law**

Amid continuing violence in the Holy Land, Pope Leo XIV held a telephone conversation on Monday morning with Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine.

According to a statement released by the Holy See Press Office, the Pope received the call from President Abbas during which they discussed recent developments in the conflict in the Gaza Strip and violence in the West Bank.



“During the telephone call, the Holy Father repeated his appeal for International Humanitarian Law to be fully respected, emphasising in particular the obligation to protect civilians and sacred sites, the prohibition of the indiscriminate use of force and of the forced transfer of the population,” the statement reads. “Given the tragic humanitarian situation,” it continues, “emphasis was placed on the urgent need to provide assistance to those most vulnerable to the consequences of the conflict and to allow the adequate entry of humanitarian aid.” Finally, the Pope recalled “the auspicious” tenth anniversary of the Comprehensive Agreement between the Holy See and the State of Palestine, signed on 26 June 2015 and in force since 2 January 2016.

### **Pope Leo calls for ceasefire in Gaza during phone call with Israeli PM Netanyahu**

Amid the ongoing turmoil in the Holy Land, Pope Leo XIV and Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu spoke by phone on Friday. The Holy Father renewed his appeal for negotiations and a ceasefire in Gaza, according to the Holy See Press Office. “This morning, in his residence at Castel Gandolfo, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV spoke by telephone with His



Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, following yesterday’s military attack by the Israeli army that struck the Church of the Holy Family in Gaza, killing three people and injuring others, including some seriously,” said the Press Office in a statement. “During the conversation,” it noted, “the Holy Father repeated his appeal for a renewed push for negotiations, a ceasefire and an end to the war.” Moreover, it added, Pope Leo “again expressed his concern about the tragic humanitarian situation of the population in Gaza, whose children, elderly, and sick are paying an agonizing price.”

“Finally,” the statement concluded, “the Holy Father reiterated the urgent need to protect places of worship and, especially, the faithful and all people in Palestine and Israel.”

The Holy Family Church, the only Catholic Church in Gaza, was struck by Israel on Thursday morning, resulting in three deaths and 10 injuries, including the parish priest, Father Gabriel Romanelli. In a statement, the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem appealed to leaders “to raise their voices and to do all that is necessary in order to stop this tragedy, which is humanly and morally unjustified.”