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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

<b>Saturday 07/02</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 08/02</b>		<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Tony Gould, RIP</b>
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Intention of Elizabeth Salter</b>
<b>Monday 09/02</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>			
<b>Tuesday 10/02</b>	<b>Saint Scholastica</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Katie Spall, RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 11/02</b>	<b>Wednesday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Marie &amp; John Shepherd, RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 12/02</b>	<b>Thursday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Friday 13/02</b>	<b>Friday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 14/02</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Paul Weller, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 15/02</b>		<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>

**There will be a Second Collection this weekend for  
Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund (Gift Aid)**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20**

He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly.

- **Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory.

- **Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37**

It was said to those of old; but I say to you.

### **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, Helena Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser, Claire and Peter Bates, Helen Ashing.

**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:**

Jean Douglas RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP.

### **Advance Notice – change to Mass weekday times:**

Starting the week after the First Sunday of Lent, weekday Mass times will change with following effect:

**New mass** every Monday at 10am at Battle

**No mass** on Thursday mornings at Battle

- **Parish 100 Club:**

Congratulations to our winners of the January draw!

£12 – Madeleine Salter £24 – Stephen Bradshaw

It is now time to get your applications in for 2026 as this is the last draw of the year for the present 100 Club. Your £12 subscription is divided, half for prizes and half for Church maintenance. The forms are now available at the back of the Church and I have attached one to this newsletter as well. Please pop completed forms in the mailbox outside the office marked for the attention of Maggie, or e-mail them back to [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk) and pay your £12 by bank transfer using the following details

Account name: RCD Arundel & Brighton, Our Lady & St Michael

Sort code: 40-05-20

Account number: 71077120

Thank you!

- **Would any parishioner be interested in becoming a member of the Ecumenical team for the World Day of Prayer**, a single service usually held in March of each year. Please contact Vikki Cook on 01424 773720 or e-mail: [cvcook26@gmail.com](mailto:cvcook26@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Battle Pantry:** The pantry opened yesterday and is being advertised as a helping hand for those who live in TN33 postcode. It will be for members, but there is no requirement to use the pantry each week. Members just pay as they turn up to use it.

Clients can choose to pay £2.50 or £5.00, and for that they get four times the value in food and other essential items. They get to pick what they want, and everything is fresh and in date. Our pantry is not a waste minimisation initiative; it is there to help those struggling with the cost of living.

- **New opening times - from Weds 4th February 2026**

Pantry - 12noon - 1pm

Foodbank - 1.30pm - 2pm with a referral voucher

#### **Venue**

St Mary's Church, Upper Church Hall (back of the car park)

Upper Lake, Battle, TN33 0AN

#### **Can clients use both the pantry and the foodbank?**

No. These are both initiatives of the same charity, and we can only support people using one avenue. The logic of the pantry is to help people before they get to the crisis stage and need a foodbank. Also, it may be that once a foodbank client has worked with our advisor, it is appropriate for them to then become a pantry client and stop using the foodbank, as their disposable income has improved/ is more stable. Our financial capability advice service is available to help clients of both the pantry and the foodbank.

Do get in touch if you have any questions, and share this with other colleagues who may need this information.

Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468

Email: [info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk)

Website: [www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk)

- **Battle Foodbank needs this week :** Tins of Hot Meat, Cold Meat, Fish and Potatoes; Tomato Ketchup and Pasta Sauce please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated
- **Mary's Meals is looking for volunteers:** Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. We are very much a

volunteer-led movement, so any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey ([roy.peachey@marysmeals.org](mailto:roy.peachey@marysmeals.org) or 07593 447297) if you can help. To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk). Thank you for your support!

- **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)
- 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 1.30pm.

### **Diocesan run events/news**

#### **CYMFed Flame Congress 2027 - Saturday 6 March 2027 at the OVO Arena**

**Wembley:** Clergy, Youth Ministers and young people are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton at CYMFed's Flame Congress. Our Diocesan Youth Project Officer, Bex Driver, will be purchasing tickets for the Diocese from CYMFed this week and Parishes will then have the opportunity to purchase tickets from the Diocese for the event, this allows the schools and groups from Arundel and Brighton Diocese to sit together in a designated A&B section of the arena.

Flame Congress is the largest Catholic Youth event in England and Wales and is organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMDFed), designed for young people aged 14 and over to share their faith with over 10,000 others! This bi-annual gathering aims to inspire and empower youth through faith, community and engaging activities, with input from world-renowned speakers, charities, Christian groups and youth ministry teams. The event is expected to attract over 10,000 participants across England and Wales and beyond, making it a significant occasion in the Catholic Youth calendar! To get an idea of what the day involves please see the following link [FLAME – CYMFED](#)

If you are interested in bringing a group, please contact Bex Driver at E: [bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk) with an estimated number of tickets you wish to reserve. The ticket cost is £35 per person; this includes the price of the ticket and a free A&B T-shirt. As you can imagine, the event is very popular so booking as soon as possible is essential.