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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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**Weekend 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2023**

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday 09/09 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mr Epiphany Fernandes, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 10/09 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>Lawrence Youlten, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 10/09 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 11/09</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 12/09 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Tuesday of week 23 in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 13/09 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>St John Chrysostom</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 14/09 6am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	<b>Intention of Thomas Mulligan</b>
<b>Friday 15/09 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	<b>No Intention</b>

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

## Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9**

Despite the hardships of his calling, Jeremiah allows himself to be seduced by God.

- **Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2**

Paul encourages the Christians of Rome to model their lives on Christ.

- **Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27**

The paradox of the cross: this is the way to life.

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

*From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael:* Margaret Thunder, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Ruth Ayres, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

*From St Teresa's:* Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Felicity Youlten.

**Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:**

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons.

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office on 01424 773125 if you would like these visits to recommence, with a Minister or with Fr Richard direct on 07578 725914 or email [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), thank you.
- If you wish to follow a live Mass please follow this link from our Diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/>
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are Tins of Potatoes or Instant Mash; Tins of Hot Meat and Pies; Tins of Fish; Jars of Peanut Butter, Marmite and Honey and Children's Cereals please - any toiletries, household products and nappies are always appreciated - thank you so much.
- **Rwanda Action Quiz Night - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Venue:** Vinehall School    **Time:** 6:30 pm for 7 pm start  
There will be a bar and an exciting raffle; competitors may bring their own snacks or picnic. Each table of 8 players costs £100, or individuals wanting to join a table £12.50 each (please contact Sally if you want to join a table at [sceasmash@hotmail.com](mailto:sceasmash@hotmail.com) and she will arrange it). **Payment:** Rwanda Action    Sort code: 20-27-91    Account No: 50874531
- **Hastings-Bexhill Catenians:** The Catenians are a Charitable Group who, as well as supporting Catholics to keep their faith in sociable, friendly groups, can also offer some financial assistance with the costs for going to Lourdes or similar faith related events for those between 16-24 years. They are always looking for new members, please take a leaflet from the back of the Church or look at their website [www.sussexcatenians.org](http://www.sussexcatenians.org) for more information. They are a true fellowship believing a friend in need is always a friend indeed.

- **Janet Brodrick-Ward** is making marmalade for charity and would like any clean, empty jam jars with lids 370g size. If you have any, could you please leave them at the back of the Church for Janet to collect, thank you.
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

### News from our Diocese

#### **Diocesan run events**

➤ **Day Retreat for Discerning the Priesthood - Saturday 14 October at St Pius X Church in Guildford**

Have you considered that Christ may be calling you to serve Him as His priest? Join the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Tristan Cranfield, for a day of reflection, prayer, and to find out more about this beautiful and essential vocation. Contact E:

[vocations@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@abdiocese.org.uk) to register your place and find out more.

➤ **Anti-Slavery Day – Slavery on Your Doorstep - Wednesday 18 October 6.30 - 8pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, 2 Bristol Road, Kemptown, Brighton BN2 1AP**

Come and find out how modern slavery is very much here in our local area, and how we can respond.

**Marriage Catechists Day – Saturday 18 November 11am – 3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley**

Please join us for our Annual Day of Formation. Bishop Richard looks forward to welcoming you to celebrate all that you offer in your Ministry and to share how marriage preparation will continue to develop under the revised Pastoral Plan. Anyone interested in supporting marriage in their parish is very welcome.

➤ **Do you have an empathetic ear and a calling to accompany those most in need of the Lord's Consolation?** The course runs on Wednesdays from 10 January 2024 through to and including 21 February 2024 via Zoom.

We are recruiting our next group of candidates to join our Ministry of Consolation Team. You will be joining a wonderful team of over 120 volunteers across the Diocese who extend the consoling hand of Christ when people are most in need. The sessions will include listening skills, accompanying those effected by loss, supporting those who have been given a terminal prognosis or are experiencing challenging health issues, supporting parents who have lost a child and an exploration of Church teaching on suicide, euthanasia, palliative care and organ donation. It will be on Zoom from 9.30-1.30pm and you will need to be available to attend each session. If you would like to find out more, please email E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk) for more details. In the interim, do speak with your Parish Priest about the idea of the Ministry within your Parish and your interest in being involved.

#### **Externally run events**

➤ **A Quick Journey through the Bible - free study course at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, Guildford – Saturday 23 September - no need to book**

A new Chilworth Abbey Study Morning is starting at the living Benedictine monastery of St Augustine's Abbey. It's led by Fr John Seddon OSB and will focus on Part 1 of Jeff Cavin's 'A Quick Journey through the Bible'. Catholic Holy Mass with Chilworth's Benedictine monks is at 9am followed by Video and Talks from 10.30am-12.15pm. Bring

a friend if possible. Visit the monks online at W: <http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com>

➤ **Who cares? We do. Let's Grow Together – beginning 7 October**

A free support group for people going through divorce and separation. This is a self-help group run by others who have experienced this loss and change in their lives and are on a recovery journey. We meet monthly in various locations in West Sussex and Surrey. Contact one of our group leaders Caroline or John: E: [whocares.team@outlook.com](mailto:whocares.team@outlook.com) We will be running our next set of 'Restored Lives' sessions at St Joseph's Dorking, beginning on 7 October, and meeting monthly thereafter.

➤ **Beginning Experience Weekend - 13-15 October**

If you have suffered a divorce, separation, or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex (easily reached by road or by the new Elizabeth Line). For more details, please contact Maura M: 07795 498445, Mary T: 020 8647 4760 or E: [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com).

➤ To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

### Vatican News

#### **Pope to Mongolians: 'You are in my heart'**

Ending the celebration of Holy Mass on Sunday in the "Steppe Arena" winter sports stadium in Ulaanbaatar, Pope Francis warmly thanked Mongolian authorities and all the Mongolian people for their hospitality, and reiterated "how dear the People of God in Mongolia" are to him.



#### **Go forward gently and without fear**

"I embarked on this pilgrimage with great anticipation, with the desire to meet all of you and to get to know you," he said. "Now I thank God for you, since, through you, He loves to use what is little to achieve great things."

The Pope encouraged this small flock of faithful to move forward fearlessly, conscious that the Lord and the entire Church is beside them.

*"Go forward, gently and without fear, conscious of the closeness and the encouragement of the entire Church, and above all the tender gaze of the Lord, who forgets no one and looks with love upon each of his children."*

#### **Gratitude to those who have supported the young Mongolian Church**

Greeting the bishops, priests, religious men and women and all the faithful who have come to Mongolia for his visit from different countries, Pope Francis conveyed his special gratitude to all

those who have assisted the young Mongolian Church in these years with their “spiritual and material support.”

He also offered a warm greeting to members of other Christian confessions and religions in Mongolia, whom he met earlier on Sunday,

He expressed his hope that “closer fraternity” may grow, as “seeds of peace in a world tragically devastated by all too many wars and conflicts.”

**'Bayarlalaa!'**

Thanking all the Mongolian people for their “gift of friendship” and witness, Pope Francis recalled that “Mass is itself a way of giving thanks”, namely to God, as the Greek word *Eucharistía* (thanksgiving) tells us.

He quoted the powerful words the French Jesuit theologian and scientist Teilhard de Chardin, penned 100 years ago not far from the Mongolian capital in his famous “Mass for the World”, in which he expressed his oblation to the Lord for His wonderful works: “Receive, O Lord, this all-embracing host, which your whole creation, moved by your magnetism, offers you at the dawn of this new day.”

“This priest, often misunderstood,” the Pope said, “had intuited that ‘the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world’ and is ‘the living centre of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life’, even in times like our own, marked by conflicts and wars.”

He therefore asked the faithful to pray with his words: “Radiant Word, blazing Power, you who mould the manifold so as to breathe life into it, I pray you, lay on us those your hands – powerful, considerate, omnipresent.”

Pope Francis concluded, amid applause, with the Mongolian word for thank you, “*Bayarlalaa!*”, reiterating that the Mongolian people will always remain in his heart.

*“Bayarlalaa! [Thank you!]. May God bless you. You are in my heart, and in my heart you will remain”.*