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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 6th / 7th September 2025

Saturday 06/09	6pm	Battle	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Paul Weller, RIP
Sunday 07/09	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish followed by Coffee & Cake
Sunday 07/09	11am	Battle		No Intention
Monday 08/09	NO MASS			
Tuesday 09/09	6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time	Norman Joseph Heaney, RIP (FM)
Wednesday 10/09	10am	Battle	Wednesday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time	Rev Canon Bernie Schroeder, RIP
Thursday 11/09	9.45am	Battle	Thursday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 12/09	10am	Battle	Friday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time	Cilla Wintle, RIP
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
	11am	Battle		James Fraser, RIP

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Education Sunday

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- **First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9**

If anyone were bitten by a serpent, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

- **Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.

- **Gospel: John 3:13-17**

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

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 Youtlen.

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.
- **Coffee & Cake after Mass at Northiam this Sunday** – everyone is very welcome!
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Tins of Cold Meat; Jars of Chocolate Spread and Peanut Butter; Packets of Sweet Biscuits and Cartons of Whole (Blue) Long Life Milk please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Donations - Harvest Festival:** With the cost-of-living crisis continuing, physical donations are down by around 50% on average. We are now having to buy about half of the items that we give out to our clients. As such, anything you can do to help with the food/ toiletries/ cleaning items/ pet food/ nappies, etc coming into the foodbank would be greatly appreciated. There is a shopping list attached with suggested items to donate.
Volunteers needed: Driver - We would like to recruit another volunteer driver to join our Bexhill team if you know of anyone over 25, comfortable driving our small van and able to lift donations and deliveries.
Church Ambassador – Is there anyone in your church who is passionate about eliminating poverty and the need for emergency food? If yes, please ask them to get in touch with us as we'd love to create a closer link and share more information regularly. Ideally, we'd like an ambassador in every church.
- 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

- **Education Sunday 2025 - 14 September:** Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It offers an opportunity for us to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead. We have a wide range of Christ-centred, nurturing and successful schools in our Diocese. They include sixty-two state-funded schools, comprising fifty-one primary schools and eleven secondary schools, ten independent schools and one independent non-maintained specialist school. Catholic schools are central to the Church's mission in education, to place Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church at the centre of people's lives. Please pray for our schools and all who work and learn in them, that this academic year is full of blessings.
- **Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist – 11-4pm Saturday 1 November at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge:** Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Parking is available in the church car park but we suggest that you car share, if at all possible. To book a place follow this link [Day of](#)

News from the Vatican

Pope Leo XIV appeals to international community to respond to crisis in Sudan

“Dramatic news is coming out of Sudan, particularly from Darfur. In El Fasher, numerous civilians are trapped in the city, victims of famine and violence,” Pope Leo XIV said during his General Audience on Wednesday. The Pope called for a humanitarian response for the hundreds of thousands of suffering people there. His appeal



included prayers for victims of a natural disaster, in which a devastating mudslide triggered by floods this week killed over a thousand people in Sudan’s Marra Mountains in the east of the country. Speaking in Italian and referring to the death and massive displacement caused by a 29-month civil war in Sudan, the Pope said, “I make a heartfelt appeal to those responsible and to the international community to ensure humanitarian corridors and implement a coordinated response to stop this humanitarian catastrophe.” Decrying the suffering of hundreds of thousands of people who are trapped by war and famine and a cholera epidemic, he appealed for diplomatic efforts to end the conflict: “It is time to initiate a serious, sincere and inclusive dialogue between the parties to end the conflict and restore hope, dignity and peace to the people of Sudan.” His request for prayers for the victims of the landslide was pronounced in English: “In Tarasin, a devastating landslide has caused many deaths, leaving behind pain and despair. And, as if that were not enough, the spread of cholera threatens hundreds of thousands of people who are already exhausted,” he said. “I am closer than ever to the Sudanese people, especially families, children and displaced persons. I pray for all the victims. I ask all of you to join me in praying for those affected by the recent mudslides in the Marra Mountains of Sudan.” And invoking the eternal peace of the Lord for those who have died, as well as solace and strength for their loved ones, Pope Leo concluded: “Even in the midst of such tragedies may we never lose hope in God’s love for us.”

The war in Sudan: The war in Sudan erupted in April 2023, triggered by a power struggle between the Sudanese Army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces as the nation prepared to form a transitional government after the ousting of longtime dictator Omar al-Bashir. It is estimated that the conflict has killed up to 150,000 people and caused some 12 million to flee their homes. Humanitarian organisations say it has created one of the world’s largest humanitarian crises, with some 30 million people needing assistance. Homes, hospitals and schools have been destroyed across the country, and basic services have ceased, while malnutrition and food insecurity are on the rise, with some 680,000 in a state of catastrophic food insecurity. El Fasher, the North Darfur capital, which has been under siege, is also in the grip of a deadly cholera epidemic. Two other cities – Kadugli in South Kordofan state and El Obeid in North Kordofan – are also under siege, and UN agencies say it is impossible to deliver aid. Soldiers on both sides of the conflict have been accused of blatant disregard for International Law and war crimes, allegedly perpetrating rape, torture and the killing of civilians.