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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 25th / 26th January 2025

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| Saturday 25/01 | 6pm | Battle | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God) | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 26/01 | 9am | Northiam | | Intention of Maureen Webster |
| Sunday 26/01 | 11am | Battle | | No Intention |
| Monday 27/01 | NO MASS | | | |
| Tuesday 28/01 | 6.30pm | Battle | Saint Thomas Aquinas | No Intention |
| Wednesday 29/01 | 10am | Battle | Wednesday of week 3 in Ordinary Time | Jadwiga Stawowska, RIP |
| Thursday 30/01 | 6.30am | Battle | Thursday of week 3 in Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Friday 31/01 | 10am | Battle | Saint John Bosco | No Intention |
| Saturday 01/02 | 6pm | Battle | Feast of The Presentation of the Lord | No Intention |
| Sunday 02/02 | 9am | Northiam | | Emily Sheila Fry, RIP (FM) followed by coffee & cake |
| Sunday 02/02 | 11am | Battle | | People of the Parish |

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

- **First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4**

The Lord will send the Christ as he promised; be patient and faithful.

- **Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18**

The sinless Christ shares fully in the human condition and takes away the sins of the world; trust in him.

- **Gospel: Luke 2:22-40** (*longer form*).

The Christ Child is presented in the Temple and is the light for both Gentiles and Jews. We rejoice.

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, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford.

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.

- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday morning, in the Parish Room at 10am with Lindsey. New members always welcome! Please stay for a relaxed coffee and chat afterwards too. Contact the office for more information: 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Battle Foodbank:** Tinned Meat Pies; Tins of Spaghetti Hoops and Cat and Dog Food dry and wet please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Coffee and cake at St Teresa's next Sunday 2nd February, after the 9am Mass,** it is Candle Mass and the Presentation of Our Lord and will be lovely to celebrate. Everyone is very welcome. It is also the Foundation Mass Intention for Emily Sheila Fry, the famous novelist and founder of St Teresa's, who is buried in the cemetery.
- **First Aid Course:** We are looking to run an Emergency First Aid Course at Battle during March. This is a 3 hour certified course, and will be held during the evening. If anyone is interested in gaining this very useful training, please let Fr Richard or Maggie know and we will add your name to our list. Everyone that completed this training three years ago is encouraged to sign up again - we need first aid trained people at both Battle and Northiam.
- **Parish 100 Club:** There is still time to join or renew your membership of the 100 Club, renewal forms are attached to this newsletter. It is the only regular form of fundraising we do as a Parish – and you could win your subscription back or even make a few pounds! The cost stays at £12 per ticket and prizes are £12 and £24 monthly with two extra prizes of £50 each at Easter and Christmas. If you want to be included in the first draw for 2025, get your application form in quick!

- 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 Parish Office will close on Thursday 23rd January and reopen on Monday 3rd February. If you need to contact Fr Richard urgently please call 07746 223651 or e-mail: richard.blythen@abdiocese.org.uk ****

Diocesan run news/events

- **Diocesan Youth Project Worker - Part time**

The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP

Join the diocesan Central Office Team as our new P/T Youth Project Worker. The successful applicant will be responsible for two major projects - coordination of the CYMFed Faith in Action Awards across the Diocese, and the newly developing Young Adults programme. They will also be required to assist with engaging young people from across the Diocese in the ASCENT process (a three-year discipleship process for young people) and offer support to the Youth Adviser in enabling diocesan attendance at national and international events such as Flame and World Youth Day.

E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

- Closing date: Wednesday 5 February 2025
- Shortlisting: Thursday 6 February 2025
- Interviews: Thursday 13 February 2025, Crawley
- Here is the job url: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/ypw

- **Exploring the vocation to teaching in our diocesan schools**

If you are interested in hearing more about the vocation to teaching and what teaching in a Catholic school involves, Dave Legrand, Diocesan Secondary RE Advisor, will be running an online information event on Wednesday 12th February from 5.30-6pm.

This event would be suitable for anyone considering a career change or simply interested in finding out more about the role of teachers in our Catholic schools for any age group or for any subject specialism. To book a place, please use the link:

[Exploring the vocation to teaching in our diocesan schools \(12-Feb-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

- **Join Us for Vivaldi's Gloria at Worth Abbey!**

We are delighted to invite you to an afternoon of music at Worth Abbey. Please join us for a "Come and Sing" day where you can participate in the performance of Vivaldi's renowned *Gloria* with the Worth Abbey Choir and a professional orchestra. Guest who are keen to sing are invited to arrive for 1.30pm and those who wish to enjoy the concert should arrive at 3.15pm for refreshments followed by the performance.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, 1st March 2025
- **Time:** 1:30pm for those wishing to participate in the performance
- **Time:** 3.15pm for those wishing to enjoy refreshments followed by the concert.
- **Location:** Worth Abbey Church

- **SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 20 September 2025 Festival of Hope:** Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year with your family and friends

this September. We pray that this inspirational and uplifting event will ignite a spiritual renewal in our own lives and across our communities. Put the date in your diary now, because tickets will be allocated to Parishes in the new year! The event is taking place at Ardingly South of England Event Centre, tickets will be free of charge, with talks and activities suitable for all ages.

- **Are you involved in Children's Liturgy?** We are looking to build a network across the Diocese of those involved in this wonderful ministry to share learnings, ideas and support each other. To find out more details please contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser – Deacon Simon South E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Vatican News

Pope to President Trump: 'I invoke divine blessings upon beloved American people'

"I ask God to guide your efforts in promoting peace and reconciliation among peoples."

Pope Francis expressed this prayer in a message he sent on Monday to the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, on the occasion of his inauguration as 47th President in the nation's history.



"On the occasion of your

inauguration as the forty-seventh President of the United States of America," the Pope began, "I offer cordial greetings and the assurance of my prayers that Almighty God will grant you wisdom, strength, and protection in the exercise of your high duties."

"Inspired by your nation's ideals of being a land of opportunity and welcome for all, it is my hope that under your leadership the American people will prosper and always strive to build a more just society, where there is no room for hatred, discrimination or exclusion."

"At the same time," the Pope noted, "as our human family faces numerous challenges, not to mention the scourge of war, I also ask God to guide your efforts in promoting peace and reconciliation among peoples."

"With these sentiments," the Holy Father concluded, "I invoke upon you, your family, and the beloved American people an abundance of divine blessings."