

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,  
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**Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities**

**Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Weekend 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Saturday 13/07 6pm	Battle	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Sunday 14/07 9am	Northiam		Maureen Slack, RIP
Sunday 14/07 11am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 15/07	NO MASS		
Tuesday 16/07	Battle	Tuesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Wednesday 17/07	Battle	Wednesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Thursday 18/07	Battle	Thursday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Friday 19/07	Battle	Friday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Saturday 20/07 6pm	Battle	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	No Intention
Sunday 21/07 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 21/07 11am	Battle		No Intention

**There will be a Retiring Collection this weekend for Sea Sunday – Stella Maris**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

God promises, through Jeremiah, a shepherd who will care for his sheep, take away their fears and bring home those which are missing from the flock.

- **Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18**

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus has united humanity and offered us peace.

- **Gospel: Mark 6:7-13**

Jesus had compassion on the crowd because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

**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.

*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:**

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

- **We need more Readers for the Sunday 11am Mass at Battle please.** It doesn't have to be every week, but we are very short of people to cover if our regular readers are away, and it would be lovely to give new people a chance if they wish. Please let Fr Richard, Kate or the office know, if you would like to put your name down. Very many thanks.
- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday 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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- **Battle Foodbank** - we are quite well stocked at the moment, so wondered whether we could request food items for our Summer Picnic Project as follows please: Multipacks of Small Juice Cartons; Multipacks of Crisps, Savoury Snacks, Biscuits, Muesli/Cereal bars; Long life small cakes; Tins of Tuna and Sweetcorn; Mayonnaise; Tins of Hot Dogs; Packs of small raisin boxes.
- **Churches together in Bexhill are seeking to appoint Foodbank Administrators**  
We would welcome applications from those who prefer a job share, with one post for 3 days (18 hours) and one for 2 days (12 hours). Actual days by arrangement but to cover Monday to Friday between the two posts.  
£23,790 PA (pro-rata) 2 Year Fixed-term contract in the first instance.  
Are you a gifted administrator with exceptional organisational skills, who'd enjoy working for the Project Manager and Advice Service Manager of the Bexhill & Battle Foodbanks? Your role will be integral to the successful running of the foodbanks and the advice service, freeing up time of the key managers to ensure that our vision for the end to the need for foodbanks is at the forefront. You'll be experienced at working on your own initiative, a strong communicator, and have a heart to serve local people in crisis. Your strong bias for organisation and suite of IT skills will allow you to help the foodbank become a more

efficient service, putting our clients first and tackling the causes of their underlying issues that lead them to be in crisis. One role will focus mostly on working with the Project Manager on general foodbank initiatives. The other role will focus on working with the advice service.

Closing Date: 4pm Tuesday 30th July 2024 Interviews: 12th & 13th August 2024

You can download the job description, person specification, and application form here - <https://bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/about/job-vacancy/>

If you have any questions about the role, please email Michelle on [manager@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:manager@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk). Please submit a completed application form, CV, and covering letter to Michelle Pannell, Foodbank Project Manager on [manager@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:manager@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk). (Please state how many hours you wish to apply for).

- 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.
- 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/news

- **Adoremus - Saturday 14 September Cost: £40pp**; includes coach travel and entry to the event – there are just 13 tickets remaining. Join Bishop Richard as part of our diocesan Adoremus group journeying to St Mary's College Oscott. Adoremus 2024 will be an important moment in the life of the Church in England and Wales with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and a range of opportunities for renewal and a deepening of devotion to the Eucharist in preparation for next year's Jubilee. Each diocese has just 44 places, with tickets including coach travel from Crawley and entry to the day-long event. To book your place please use the attached link **Adoremus 2024 (14-Sep-2024) · ChurchSuite Events** or book through the Diocesan website or contact  
E: [communications@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:communications@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **CCRS – South – beginning Tuesday 24 September 2024 – Fee payable**: The CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) will be run at Cardinal Newman School in Hove on Tuesdays from 3.45-5.45pm. Each module (5 sessions) will be delivered over a term and the course will complete in 2 academic years. There is a £20 registration fee which enables us to register you with the national administrator of this course. Additionally, £30 is charged for each of the 8 modules. This may be paid by the student, or they may be sponsored by their school/parish. Teachers, TAs, Catechists and anyone wishing to develop their understanding of the Faith are welcome. To book your place please use the attached link **CCRS - South (24-Sep-2024) · ChurchSuite Events** or book through the Diocesan website.
- You can also find out about, and book events hosted by the Diocese, through the Diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

## Vatican News

### **Pope in Trieste: Catholics called to heal 'wounded heart' of democracy**

On the final day of the annual Italian Catholic Social Week, Pope Francis travelled to the northern Italian city of Trieste on Sunday to share his thoughts on the crisis of democracy.

Speaking to over 900 delegates from dioceses and associations across Italy, the Pope appealed for a democratic process that engages personal and community involvement.

In his address, he recalled that the first Italian Catholic Social Week was held in 1907 and that later editions helped galvanize the Italian democratic process after World War II.

The annual event, which was restarted in 1988, draws on the Social Doctrine of the Church and seeks to offer a Gospel vision of social phenomena. "Just as the crisis of democracy crosses various realities and Nations," he said, "so too does the attitude of responsibility towards social transformations call all Christians, wherever they live and work, in every part of the world."

**Participation built on solidarity and subsidiarity:** Pope Francis then offered an image of the crisis of democracy as "a wounded heart," in which corruption and social exclusion can abound and power becomes self-referential and incapable of serving its constituents. "The very word 'democracy' does not simply coincide with the vote of the people but requires creating the conditions for everyone to express themselves and participate," he said. Democratic participation, he added, must be instilled at a young age, so that citizens embrace a critical sense "regarding ideological and populist temptations." The Pope called on Christians to promote a fruitful dialogue between religion and society, while upholding the dignity of the person. "The principles of solidarity and subsidiarity," he said, help build the bonds of democracy, since they encourage participation and overcome indifference, which he said is "a cancer of democracy."

**Fraternity fosters collective aspirations:** The Pope went on to uphold the goal of democratic participation with the image of a "healed heart."

"If we look around," he said, "we see many signs of the Holy Spirit's action in the lives of families and communities, even in the fields of economics, technology, politics, and society." Fraternity, added Pope Francis, "makes social relationships flourish," and engenders a spirit of collective aspiration. "A democracy with a healed heart," he said, "continues to cultivate dreams for the future, engages, and calls for personal and community involvement."

**Political love holds politics to higher standard:** Catholics, said the Pope, must look beyond quick fixes for democracy's ills and never retreat into a "marginal or private faith."

"This means not so much demanding to be heard," he said, "but above all having the courage to make proposals on behalf of justice and peace in the public debate." Christian engagement in politics must take on the aspects of "political love" or "political charity," which allows politics to "rise to its responsibilities and move beyond polarizations".

"Let us train ourselves in this love to circulate it in a world short of civil passion," concluded Pope Francis. "Let us learn to better walk together as God's people, to be leaven of participation among the people to which we belong."

