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The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend 22nd / 23rd February 2025

Saturday 22/02	6pm	Battle	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Veronica Molloy, RIP
Sunday 23/02	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 23/02	11am	Battle		Intention of Rose-Marie O'Brien
Monday 24/02	NO MASS			
Tuesday 25/02	6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of week 7 in Ordinary Time	Intention of Tony White
Wednesday 26/02	10am	Battle	Wednesday of week 7 in Ordinary Time	Douglas Ashing, RIP
Thursday 27/02	6.30am	Battle	Thursday of week 7 in Ordinary Time	Constance Cane, RIP (FM)
Friday 28/02	10am	Battle	Friday of week 7 in Ordinary Time	Paul Weller, RIP
Saturday 01/03	6pm	Battle	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Patricia Mary Knight, RIP
Sunday 02/03	9am	Northiam		No Intention
Sunday 02/03	11am	Battle		People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27;5-8**

What we say reveals who we are and what we feel.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

The resurrection of Jesus Christ has robbed death of its sting – we give thanks to God for giving us the victory of his Son.

- **Gospel: Luke 6:39-45**

Our words flow out of what fills our heart – the challenge is that our heart is a store of goodness.

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, Fr Wilson, Dilys Fraser.


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, Paul Weller RIP.

- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday morning, in the Parish Room at 10am 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 battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are:- Tinned Meat Pies; Red and Brown Sauce; Vegetable or Sunflower Oil; Bottles of Squash or cartons of Juice; Jars of Coffee; Packets of Sweet Biscuits; 500gm bags of Sugar and Cat food please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Paul Weller, RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Weller who sadly died recently. Many of you will have wonderful memories of Paul and he will be greatly missed by everyone, especially his devoted wife Flora, so please remember her in your prayers also.
- **First Aid Course:** If you are interested in renewing your certificate or taking part in this Parish funded course, please e-mail Maggie in the office on battle@abdiocese.org.uk. It will be a three hour certified Emergency First Aid Course held in the Parish Room at Battle during an evening in March. We need at least eight people to be first aid trained, and we need people at both Battle and Northiam please.
- 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 news/events

- **The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from 10th -18th March 2025 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are at 10am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is 11am. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. The Novena Prayer Booklet is available on request for a suggested donation of £1 per booklet to cover costs. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena Prayer Booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ or email novenamhm@gmail.com.
- **Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year**
You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese (Worth, Arundel Cathedral, St Joseph's Guildford) as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> Thank you for your support.
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- **Young Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: 28th July – 4th August, cost £995**
Join our pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate the special Jubilee year. Celebrate with other like-minded people, travelling to the beautiful city of Rome for opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of Hope. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information. *Closing date 31st March.*
- **Applications for this summer's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (25-31 July by air or own transport, 24 July-1 August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>**
Our pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual Diocesan calendar. Pope Francis has declared 2025 is a Jubilee year, the Lourdes theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. We are invited to set out on our pilgrimage journey with our Lady and St Bernadette, in the 'hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ.' (Pope Francis, Spes non Confundit 2025). Lourdes is a place of renewal, unlike tourists, visiting a popular attraction, we are pilgrims, making the journey together, we laugh together, break bread together, and we enter a space in which we can be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in ways that, perhaps, we would never have thought possible before.

Vatican News

Pope Francis is being treated for double pneumonia at Rome's Gemelli Hospital.

"The results of the medical tests carried out over the past few days and today have shown a polymicrobial infection of the respiratory tract, which has led to a further change in therapy. All tests carried out to date are indicative of a complex clinical picture that will require appropriate hospitalization." This was the



communicate of the Holy See Press on Monday updating journalists on the health of Pope Francis who was hospitalized with bronchitis on 14 February at Rome's Gemelli Hospital. As a result of this, the Press Office has noted the Pope's General Audience, this week, was therefore cancelled.

Pope in good spirits, called Gaza parish: The Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, also told journalists on Monday that the Pope is in good spirits. On Friday and Saturday, the Holy Father called the parishioners of the Holy Family Parish in Gaza, led by Argentine-born Father Gabriel Romanelli and his assistant, Egyptian-born Father Yusuf Asad. The Holy Father, who has frequently spoken with Fr. Romanelli throughout the nearly 15 months of massacres, violence, fear, and hunger, called to check in, as he does daily, to see how everyone was doing. Speaking to Vatican Media's Salvatore Cernuzio, Fr. Romanelli noted, "The Holy Father called us the first two days of hospitalization, people were waiting at 8 p.m. Gaza time as always. Although we had a blackout in the whole area of Gaza City, he insisted and managed to contact us with a video-call," he shared. As the Pope checked in on the parishioners and imparted his blessing, the people expressed their closeness to him.

Prayers and blessings: "We heard his voice. It is true, he is more tired. He himself said, 'I have to take care of myself.' But you could hear the clear voice, he listened to us well," the Argentine priest stressed. Last night, on Sunday, however, "Pope Francis sent a written message to my cell phone," Father Gabriel recounts. "There was no expectation in the Holy Family people for the Pope's call. Yet the Pope, regardless, sent the pastor of the parish a message saying he thanked Fr. Romanelli for the parish's closeness and prayers, and reciprocated with his blessing. Finally, Fr. Romanelli expressed, "We hope that the recovery will happen soon, and that he can return to St. Peter's to continue his mission and work."

Thursday morning "Pope Francis has had a restful night and this morning, got out of bed and had breakfast in an armchair," the Holy See Press Office stated in a note to journalists. Wednesday evening, the Holy See Press Office statement noted the Holy Father's clinical condition "is stable," and that "the blood tests, evaluated by the medical staff, show a slight improvement, particularly in the inflammatory indices." It noted that after breakfast, the Pope read some newspapers then went about his work with his closest collaborators, and that before lunch, he received the Eucharist. In the afternoon, Pope Francis received a visit from Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, with whom he spent 20 minutes in private. Earlier this week, the Holy See Press Office released statements provided by the doctors who noted that due to the Pope's complex clinical picture, a longer hospitalization would be required.