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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend 2nd / 3rd November 2024

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| Saturday 02/11 2pm | Northiam | All Souls | Blessing of Graves followed by hot refreshments |
| Sunday 03/11 9am | Northiam | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Francesca (Fronsia) Macradonna, RIP |
| Sunday 03/11 11am | Battle | | People of the Parish followed by Coffee & Cake |
| Monday 04/11 | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday 05/11 6.30pm | Battle | Tuesday of week 31 in Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Wednesday 06/11 10am | Battle | Wednesday of week 31 in Ordinary Time | Intention of Deceased Catenians & Widows |
| Thursday 07/11 6.30am | Battle | Thursday of week 31 in Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Friday 08/11 10am | Battle | Friday of week 31 in Ordinary Time | No Intention |
| Saturday 09/11 6pm | Battle | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday | Veronica Molloy, RIP |
| Sunday 10/11 9am | Northiam | | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 10/11 11am | Battle | | No Intention |

Next weekend there will be a Retiring Collection for the Retired Priests Fund (GA)

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16**

God rewarded the hungry widow's generosity to Elijah.

- **Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28**

Jesus' death triumphed over sin and brought redemption to humanity.

- **Gospel: Mark 12:1-12**

An elderly widow has prepared to give all that she had.

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.

- **This Saturday 2nd November - Mass at Northiam at 2pm, followed by Blessing of the Graves, please note there will NO 6pm MASS during the evening.**
- **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.
- **Battle Foodbank Thanks you so much for your continued support this year.** Following a significant amount of donations from the Harvest Festivals held at local schools and churches I think we will be ok for a couple of weeks - once all the donations have been received and we have sorted them all out I will update you on what we are short of - thank you so much.
- **Rwanda Action Christmas Card & Craft Sale, this Sunday 3rd November:** Sally Chaplin will be selling gorgeous handmade cards and crafts from poor and disabled young people in Rwanda after the Sunday Masses at Northiam and Battle on Sunday 3rd November. Please stay behind and take a look, it's never too early to prepare for Christmas!
- **Catenians:** Lizzie Wakeling, the Diocesan Youth Leader, shall be joining the Catenians for our meal at 7.45 pm, Tuesday 26th Nov at Bannatynes Spa Hotel. She will briefly talk about the FAITH IN ACTION AWARDS. Would any of the parishioners wish to join us? The meal is £22 for two courses. To ensure everyone is catered for, we would need to know numbers by 2nd November.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Congratulations to the winners of the October draw!
£12 – Lucy Clare £24 - Anthony Black

A Big 'Thank You' from Ros Vinall:

Dear Parishioners, The 7 Pilgrims returned last week after our 115 kilometre walk from Ferrol in North Spain to Santiago De Compostela. We walked the Camino Ingles in 6 days. Tired, but all survived very well, and found it a wonderful experience. I always said I wanted to do it in silence to meditate and take in all the lovely scenery on route. They laughed (if you know me, I'm usually a chatterbox!) but I did it, and enjoyed the silence most of the time. We had quite a lot of rainy and cloudy conditions but some lovely sun too. The first 2 days we followed a large estuary and the sea and even had a wild swim and beach picnic at the end of the second day! It had been raining but the sun came out in the afternoon in time to enjoy that special time with the other 6 wonderful women I walked with.

Arriving in Santiago was very special, tired but exhilarated at what we had achieved and cheered on by the crowds for our final steps. Bagpipes played to us under the arch to the main square, then the fabulous sight of the amazing Cathedral, and lots of happy Pilgrims. They said most days see over 2000 Pilgrims arrive from different routes and from all over the world. We met many Americans, some Australians, Asians and Europeans.

We stayed in a converted monastery that night and finished with the Pilgrims Mass at the Cathedral in the evening. What a journey, and we raised over £10,000 between us for the small Kent charity that supports families who have been victims of Domestic Abuse. So, a big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported me with donations and good wishes. It means a lot to this small charity. Thank you again, Ros Vinall

• Rwanda Action Quiz Night Friday 22nd November at Vinehall



Parishioners, friends and families are warmly invited to join us for our Quiz Night. We ran this event last year and it was great fun; there is a beautiful silver cup to be won!

You can come as a single or as a pair and we can add you to a friendly (and terribly clever!) table... or you can make up your own table of 8.

Either way, we would love to welcome you.

For more information contact

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• Battle Baptist Church are looking for 3 More Church Community Workers to assist Churches in the Circuit

Bexhill – full time, Hastings – 14 hours per week, and Broad Oak – 7 hours per week

Please pass on this information to anyone you think might be interested.

Further details are to be found on the circuit Website - hbrmethodists.org.uk

The closing date for applications is November 17th.

- 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 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

- **Annual Volunteer Forum – Saturday 9 November 10am -12pm – Zoom Webinar**
This Finance Forum webinar includes presentations from Property, Health & Safety, Finance and Gift Aid teams from the Diocese. Participants are welcome to attend the whole session or join just one part. To register your place [click here](#) or go to the Diocesan website Events calendar.
- **Mental Health Awareness Seminar – Saturday 16 November 10am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley**
The Diocese is pleased to be working with Mental Health First Aid England to provide a Mental Health Awareness Course focused on being able to identify the early symptoms, and warning signs, of mental ill health in those around you. Attendees will also learn how to signpost people to resources, networks, and appropriate medical professionals. To book your place you can use the attached link [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(16-Nov-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.
- The Diocesan website events calendar can be found at
W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>
- The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist – it's a great way to stay in touch!

Externally run events

- **Your help is needed to safeguard 'The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPWGS)' which allows churches to reclaim VAT on works to listed churches.**
The scheme is up for renewal in March 2025, with an extension not yet announced. Our churches will experience a considerable financial impact if the scheme is not renewed. CBCEW have set up an e-campaign so that people can send (pre-written) letters to their local MPs in support of continuing the LPWGS. There is very little time to do this before the government announces the autumn budget. You can find more information here: www.cbcew.org.uk/listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme/. Thank you for your support.

Worth Abbey

- **Advent Talks** on Saturday 23 November and Saturday 7 December. Abbot Mark will speak at the first talk, and Fr David will speak at the second. There will be an opportunity for quiet reflection in the Church, followed by Midday Prayer and lunch.
- **Advent Carol Service** will take place on Sunday 15 December at 3:30pm. This wonderful event features an hour of carols, readings, and music, followed by a reception in the Narthex for all guests.

For more details on events please get in touch with Worth Abbey. Join the database to receive regular updates about events and activities throughout the year. Visit W: worthabbeypilgrims.com or email E: pilgrims@worth.org.uk or telephone T: 01342 710370.