

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,
BATTLE**
with
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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
Weekend 27th / 28th April 2024

Saturday 27/04 6pm	Battle	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Peggy Barnes, RIP
Sunday 28/04 9am	Northiam		Amelia Brasier & Annie Wood, RIP (FM)
Sunday 28/04 11am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 29/04	NO MASS		
Tuesday 30/04 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of the 5th Week of Eastertide	Monica Lees (Jane) Bergin, RIP (FM)
Wednesday 01/05 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 5th Week of Eastertide	No Intention followed by The Rosary
Thursday 02/05 6.30am	Battle	Saint Athanasius	No Intention
Friday 03/05 10am	Battle	Saints Philip and James, Apostles	No Intention
Saturday 04/05 6pm	Battle	6th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
Sunday 05/05 9am	Northiam		No Intention followed by coffee & cake
Sunday 05/05 11am	Battle		No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter

- **First Reading: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48**

We are all invited, regardless of our background, to discover a life of love in God.

- **Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10**

Everyone who loves knows God because God is love.

- **Gospel: John 15:9-17**

Our joy comes from knowing that we have been chosen, called, and sent.

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 Youlten.

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.

- **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** – needs this week are Tins of Custard; Jars of Peanut Butter, Honey and Marmite; Bottles of Squash; 500gm bags of sugar; Cat and Dog Food (both wet and dry) please - Toiletries, Baby items and household items are always welcome thank you so much.
- **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.
- **There will be Coffee & Cake at St Teresa's after the 9am Mass on Sunday 5th May** – everyone is very welcome!
- **Rwanda Action Bring and Buy Plant and Cake Sale Tuesday 7th May 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
At The Old Cottage, Mackerel Hill, Peasmarsh, TN31 6TB
David and Sally look forward to welcoming you!
- **Christians in Battle – United Pentecost Service, Sunday 19th May, 4pm at Battle Baptist Church:** If anyone would like to get involved, please let Kate know and she can pass your name on. Here are potential roles:
 - Musicians/singers; Welcomers/stewards; Help with refreshments;
 - Readers (bible reading); To lead Intercessions
- 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, 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

- **Mental Health Awareness Seminar** –Saturday 15 June in Burgess Hill. Cost £30 (subsidised by Diocese): Do you work in public Ministry in your Parish? Do you work or support people in your day to day lives? The number of people experiencing the challenge and suffering of poor mental health is a growing reality in the UK. The course is led by a Member of the Mental Health First Aid England team and is suited to those involved in pastoral activities, leading events and those who work and support youngsters. The aim of this seminar is to help you to understand the impacts and realities of mental health on the individual. To help you identify the early signs and symptoms and to signpost the individual effectively. Places can be booked through the attached links [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(13-Apr-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#) or [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)
If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking, please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June:** A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite](#)
- **Santa Marta Group – Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation – Sat 29 June at St Peter’s Hall, Shoreham:** By kind invitation of Bishop Richard Moth all are invited to attend a presentation and discussion on Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking – Communities and Parishes. In 2014 Pope Francis instructed Cardinal Vincent Nichols to lead the work of the Santa Marta Group as an important mission for the Catholic Church. The Group's origins come from partnerships between religious sisters and police in London, and a meeting at a Hertfordshire Church Parish Hall. It now has partners in over 40 countries; from acorns oak trees grow. Places can be booked through the attached link [Santa Marta Group - Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation \(29-Jun-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#). If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Tessa Ricketts, Diocesan Advisor E: tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Mass for Engaged Couples:** Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Join us afterwards for a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. Please book here: [Mass for Engaged Couples \(05-Jul-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)
- 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>

External Events

➤ **Live Life to the Full Summer Camp for young people in School years 7-11**

The Lay Community of St Benedict are running a residential event for young people. With opportunities for inspiring talks, uplifting prayer, fun activities and space to just be this Summer camp will help your faith soar! 20-24 August at Worth Abbey. Contact Pete for more information E: lcsb.pete@gmail.com. Early bird prices available before 30th June

- **Worth Abbey June Gathering:** The Abbott and Community invite you to Worth Abbey from 11.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 1st June for a social and spiritual day. Share monastic prayer in the Abbey Church and enjoy the beauty that is Worth. Enjoy a guided walk through the woods and fields and visit St Bruno's retreat centre. Families welcome, there will be activities for children. www.worthabbeypilgrims.com

Vatican News

Pope: 'A negotiated peace is better than an endless war'

Referring in particular to the wars in Ukraine, in Gaza and others that continue to ravage the world, Pope Francis said "Please, countries at war, all of them... Stop the war. Look to negotiate. Look for peace. A negotiated peace is better than a war without end." The Pope was speaking during an interview granted to the US radio-television broadcaster CBS, on Wednesday afternoon at Casa Santa Marta.



Some excerpts from the hour-long interview conducted by Norah O'Donnell, director of "CBS Evening News," were broadcast shortly after. An extended version of the conversation will be aired on Sunday, May 19, on the eve of World Children's Day, which will take place in Rome on May 25 and 26.

The Pope, who has invited all countries at war to stop the conflicts and choose the path of negotiation was asked to comment on the term "genocide" being used by some in relation to what is happening in Gaza. The Pope repeated the word and said he maintains daily contact with that reality. "I pray a lot" for a ceasefire in Gaza, he said, recalling that every evening at 7:00 pm he calls the only Catholic parish in the Strip for news: "There are about 600 people there. And they tell me what's going on. It's very hard. Very, very hard. Food goes in, but they have to fight for it. It's very hard."

Asked about the consequences for children of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Pope Francis replied: "Those children don't know how to smile. I tell them something, but they have forgotten how to smile. And this is very hard when a child forgets to smile. That's really very serious. Very serious."

Pope Francis also spoke about climate change, which "exists," and regarding World Children's Day, he said: "Children always bear a message. They bear a message. And it is a way for us to have a younger heart." To a question about his health, he replied with a smile: "I'm fine."

And reiterating that there is room for everyone in the Church he said: "I would say that there is always a place, always. If in this parish the priest doesn't seem welcoming, I understand, but go and look, there is always a place. Do not run away from the Church. The Church is very big. It's more than a temple. ... You shouldn't run away from her."