

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

**Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**Palm Sunday of  
the Passion of the Lord  
Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

<b>Saturday 23/03 6pm</b>		<b>Battle</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	<b>For those suffering dementia &amp; all who care for them</b>
<b>Sunday 24/03 9am</b>		<b>Northiam</b>		<b>Anton &amp; Vivienne Galea, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 24/03 11am</b>		<b>Battle</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 25/03</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 26/03 6.30pm</b>		<b>Battle</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 27/03 10am</b>		<b>Battle</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>No Intention followed by The Rosary</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday 28/03</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord’s Supper</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Good Friday 29/03</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	
<b>Holy Saturday 30/03</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil &amp; First Mass of the Resurrection</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 31/03</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>Paulo Acconci, RIP</b>

**There will be a Retiring Collection on Good Friday for Holy Places of Palestine**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

- **First Reading: Acts 10:34.37-43**

God does not have favourites: the resurrection is for everyone.

- **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

Now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

- **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

Jesus has risen from the dead – nothing will ever be the same again.

### **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.

- **Easter Readers Please:** This coming weekend Kate will be putting up the notices for volunteer readers for Palm Sunday and Easter week. We encourage people to sign up!
- **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** – we are quite well stocked at the moment but could do with 500 gm Bags of Sugar; Sponge Puddings; Dog and Cat Food both wet and dry and Toilet Rolls please - other toiletries, household and baby items are always welcome thank you all your donations are much appreciated.
- **Rwanda Action Easter Cards and Gifts –**  
**on sale this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Beautiful cards and gifts, fresh from Rwanda, will be on sale after the 9 a.m. Mass at Northiam and after the 11a.m. Mass at Battle. Please support the disabled young people in our Craft workshop. (The photo is of Jean who is deaf and learning to make cards)
- **The Gift:** An Eastertide series of 6 inspiring sessions on the role and gifts of the Holy Spirit. A great way to prepare together for all the important changes as the Deanery becomes a single new Parish in the coming months. Rooted in Scripture, Church Teaching and reflections from Pope Francis. Weekly on Thursdays from 11 April - 16 May, in Our Lady of Ransom Parish Hall (Eastbourne) from 11.45am – 1.15 pm, with refreshments, after the 11.00 am Mass. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend!
- **Save the Date – Memorial Service for Lawrence Youtlen, RIP:** Many of you have asked whether there will be a Memorial Service for Lawrence, well your prayers have been answered! Please save the date: **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm at St Teresa's**, followed by tea and cake – everyone will be very welcome.



- **Knights of St Columba:** Stephen Bradshaw will be handing out Holy Week posters after Mass this weekend at Battle, please feel free to take one. If you are able, he would be very grateful of any donations towards the Charity. Thank you.
- 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.
- If you wish to follow a live Mass please follow this link from our Diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/>
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm.  
**Easter Closure** – the office will be closed from Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April inclusive. If you need to contact Fr Richard urgently please call 07721 397895 or e-mail: [richard.blythen@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:richard.blythen@abdiocese.org.uk).
- Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes for a Happy and Holy Easter.

### News from our Diocese

#### Diocesan run events/news

- **A Parish Community?:** One of the aspects of the Pastoral Plan and the components that give us encouragement and affirmation in our faith journey is the strength and inclusive heart of our Parish Community. Building this sense of belonging and welcome to all, founded in our faith, is something we can help and support you with over the coming months. To find out how you can build "Our Parish Community, a family for all" contact E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **Catechists and Youth Group Leaders:** The Diocesan Youth Adviser is keen to provide support to anyone who works with young people in our Church communities, and to do this she wants to hear more about what your needs are. To enable this, she has created a very quick questionnaire that will take two minutes to complete. You can find it here <https://forms.office.com/e/BY5LhvDGZD> or E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **Children's Liturgy Saturday 18 May:** Please note that we have had to move the date of this training from April to Saturday 18 May. Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are repeating the training. This will take place at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(18-May-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- **Big Church Festival 25-26 May 2024:** A Christian music festival in the heart of our Diocese. Join with 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together on the Wiston estate in West Sussex. With Mass on Sunday morning being celebrated by our very own Bishop Richard. Save up to 52% by booking with this link <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>

- **Mental Health Awareness Seminar – A choice of two dates. Saturday 13 April in Crawley or 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](#) or use the QR code below to take you to the registration page.
- **Adoremus 2024 – Cost £40 per person:** Join Bishop Richard at Adoremus 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress at Oscott, Birmingham and the place where the first Eucharistic procession took place after the restoration of the Church in Britain. The day will include a keynote address, Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction and a range of campus activities including an Acutis presentation, Rosary walk and Adoration in the Chapel. Parking is available at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley but please arrive in good time to board the coach which will depart promptly at 6.45am. The coach will depart Birmingham at 6pm. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information and to book your ticket please see the attached link [Adoremus 2024 \(14-Sep-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

### **Vatican News**

#### **Pope expresses relief over kidnapped released in Haiti, prays for those still held**

Addressing the crowds in Saint Peter's Square during Sunday's Angelus, Pope Francis expressed his relief over the freeing almost a week ago of a teacher and four of six religious following their kidnapping in Haiti. Two remain in captivity, and the Pope appealed for their release as soon as possible, as well as for all those still held in the "beloved country, so fraught with violence." The six religious, members of the Congregation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, were kidnapped last 23 February.



**Unite for the common good:** The Pope called on all political and social leaders in Haiti to abandon narrow interests and "engage in a spirit of solidarity in the pursuit of the common good, supporting a peaceful transition to a country that, with the help of the international community, may be equipped with solid institutions capable of restoring order and tranquillity among its citizens."

**Pray for war-torn peoples:** Pope Francis also asked everyone to continue praying for the war-torn populations of Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, and South Sudan. And he recalled the people of Syria, asking that we not forget their plight as the nation there "has suffered greatly for a long time because of war."