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6th Sunday of Easter
Weekend 24th / 25th May 2025

Saturday 24/05	6pm	Battle	6 th Sunday of Easter	Intention of Alan & Anne Gavin
Sunday 25/05	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 25/05	11am	Battle		Intention of Elizabeth Salter
Monday 26/05	NO MASS			
Tuesday 27/05	6.30pm	Battle	Saint Augustine of Canterbury	No Intention
Wednesday 28/05	10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 6 th Week of Eastertide	No Intention
	7pm	Battle	Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Ascension	No Intention
Thursday 29/05	10am	Battle	The Feast of Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	No Intention
	7pm	Northiam		No Intention
Friday 30/05	10am	Battle	Friday of the 6 th Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Saturday 31/05	6pm	Battle	7 th Sunday of Easter	Intention of Alan & Anne Gavin
Sunday 31/05	9am	Northiam		No Intention
	11am	Battle		People of the Parish

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for
Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (Gift Aid)

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for World Communications Sunday

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 7th Sunday of Easter

- **First Reading: Acts 7:55-60**

I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.

- **Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20**

Come, Lord Jesus!

- **Gospel: John 17:20-26**

May they become perfectly one.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, 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, Michael Conroy RIP, Fr Wilson RIP, Maureen Shaw RIP.

**** Important Notice ****

The church will be completely closed and not available from
Monday 16th June until Friday 20th June inclusive,
due to building works on the access path from the pavement to the office
door. Weekend Masses will be on as usual.

- **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 e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Battle Foodbank:** our needs this week are Tins of Tomato Soup; Tins of Spaghetti Hoops; Tins of Baked Beans; packets of Sweet Biscuits and packets of Sweets and Chocolate please - any toiletries, household and baby items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
- 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

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The National Churches Survey: giving every church a voice | National Churches Trust

The National Churches Trust is carrying out a survey to help politicians, the media, and the wider public better understand the challenges churches, like yours, face and to highlight the vital work they do. They want to hear from staff and volunteers at churches in the UK. Your response will provide essential evidence to build a clearer picture – to tell a stronger, more informed story about your church, and others like it, and help to address some of the biggest challenges facing churches and ensure their future. The survey closes on Monday 30 June 2025.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey>

Grandparents' Pilgrimage - Worth Abbey - 11 June 10am - 3.30pm

You are warmly invited to join the Grandparent Parish Groups at our annual day of reflection and friendship. Join us for Mass, time to pray together and the wonderful opportunity to talk to fellow grandparents, sharing your experience and the joys and challenges of family life. To register your place go to the Diocesan website events calendar, through which places for events can be booked. This can be found at W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> and then follow the Grandparents' Pilgrimage link. We look forward to seeing you there. For more details contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk, M: 07415 306222

Have you ever thought of becoming a Foundation Governor?



Would you like to make a positive contribution to children's education?
Would you like to preserve and develop the Catholic Ethos of a school?
Our growing Trust would like anyone interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at one of our wonderful schools across Sussex to contact Alice Mackay, Office Manager, by email E: info@boscocet.org.uk or telephone T: 01444 221 770 or by providing your details through our

website <https://www.boscocet.org.uk/become-a-governor/>

Vatican News

Pope Leo XIV: Now is time for dialogue and building bridges

Pope Leo XIV held a special audience on Monday for ecumenical and interreligious delegations that took part in the Solemn Mass for the Inauguration of his Petrine Ministry.

In his address, the Holy Father highlighted Pope Francis' emphasis on universal fraternity, continuing the initiatives of previous popes, especially St John XXIII.



Pope Francis, “the Pope of *Fratelli tutti*, promoted both the ecumenical path and inter-religious dialogue,” Pope Leo said, “above all by cultivating interpersonal relations, in such a way that, without taking anything away from ecclesial bonds, the human trait of the encounter was always valued. May God help us to treasure his witness!”

True unity is unity in faith

Speaking first to other Christian Churches and ecclesial communities, Pope Leo XIV took note of the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea, emphasizing that unity among Christians “can only be unity in faith.” He added that the pursuit of full and visible communion of all Christians is one of his priorities as Bishop of Rome.

At the same time, he recalled the close links between ecumenism and synodality, and assured the delegations of his commitment to follow Pope Francis in “promoting the synodal character of the Catholic Church.”

A common path in the spirit of human fraternity

Turning to representatives of non-Christian religious traditions, Pope Leo XIV said our “common path” can and must be understood to involve everyone, “in a spirit of human fraternity.” Today, he said, “is the time for dialogue and building bridges.”

Pointing again to his immediate predecessor, the Holy Father called to mind “the remarkable efforts made by Pope Francis in favour of interreligious dialogue.”

Citing the Document on Human Fraternity, Pope Leo said, “Through his words and actions, [Pope Francis] opened new avenues of encounter, to promote ‘the culture of dialogue as the path; mutual collaboration as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard.’”

Relations with Judaism, Islam, and other religious traditions

Following the path laid out by Vatican II’s document on interreligious relations (*Nostra aetate*), Pope Leo also highlighted the “spiritual heritage shared by Christians and Jews,” and emphasized the importance of theological dialogue between the communities, even in times of “conflicts and misunderstandings.”

The Pope went on to note “the growing commitment to dialogue and fraternity” that marks relations between the Catholic Church and Muslims, saying an approach based on “mutual respect and freedom of conscience” is “a solid basis for building bridges between our communities.”

Finally, addressing representatives of other traditions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and others, Pope Leo expressed gratitude for their contributions to peace “in a world wounded by violence and conflict.”

At the same time, he conveyed his hopes that, by working together, religious believers can help to say “no” to war, to the arms race, and to an unjust economy; and “yes” to peace, to disarmament, and to integral development.

Building a more peaceful world

Pope Leo XIV concluded his discourse by sharing his conviction that “the witness of our fraternity... will certainly contribute to building a more peaceful world, something that all men and women of good will desire in their hearts.”

And he invited the delegations to “invoke God’s blessings in our hearts,” praying that “His infinite goodness and wisdom help us to live as His children and as brothers and sisters to each other, so that hope may grow in the world.”